

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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April 29, 2012

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODEMOS

Tone – 2

4th Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:1-12*}

Altar Servers: **St. George** team {George David, captain} Next Week – **St. Michael** team

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Welcome to St. George! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* which means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. For those who have committed themselves to the Orthodox Faith (through Baptism and/or Chrismation) it also means, if prepared, the reception of Holy Communion. Preparation includes the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, prayer, being on time for church, being at peace with others, attending the Divine Liturgy regularly, and fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before). If you are new, just visiting, or have any questions, please introduce yourself to Father Joe. Please know that everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Gospel and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. All are welcome to our Coffee Fellowship in the hall after Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*The Golden-Mouth*}, we sing these special hymns:

First Paschal Antiphon

Verse 1 -- Make a joyful noise to God, all the Earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

V. 2 -- Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! {Refrain}

V. 3 -- Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!
{Refrain} then Glory to the Father...now and ever... then {Refrain}

Second Paschal Antiphon

V. 1 -- God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: *O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.*

V. 2 -- That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! {Refrain}

V. 3 -- Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! {Refrain}
Glory to the Father...now and ever... then "*Only begotten Son...*"

Third Paschal Antiphon

V. 1 -- Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered! Let those who hate Him flee from before His face!

Refrain: *Christ is Risen...*

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V. 2 -- As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. Refrain

V. 3 -- So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! Refrain

V. 4 -- This is the day, which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Refrain

Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who hast risen from the dead save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One. Then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee, O Christ Thou giver of Life, Glory to Thee O our God.

Troparion for St. Joseph of Arimathea—Tone 2

Pious Joseph having brought down Thy pure body from the tree, and wrapped It in pure linen, embalmed It with ointment, prepared It, and laid It in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Troparion for the Myrrh-bearing Women—Tone 2

Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment bearing women: the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ hath been shown to be remote from corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Troparion of St. George—Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عايد وناصر وللمرضى شافي وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس الاليس الظفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Pascha—Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory, Thou arose from the dead, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the Myrrh-Bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Epistle Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7* {3rd Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: *Mark 15:43-16:8* {3rd Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Anwar and Janet Abueita for the health of their family especially daughter **Jenny** on the occasion of her 23rd birthday -- *May God grant her many years!*
- The Abud Family for the health of their family especially son **Nicholas, Steven Ayoob, and Tanya Milkie** on the occasion of their birthdays -- *May God grant them many years!*
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Fr. Michael**

Shahin (+March 31st, brother-in-law of JoAnn Hawkins), **Harold Kallis** (+April 9th, from Assumption, friend of parishioners), **George ‘Nick’ Nickola** (+April 14th), **Roy Shehab** (+April 18th, brother of Laila Abud), and **Hermous Khoshaba** (+April 22nd, father-in-law of Jennifer Peera Khoshaba).

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Blanka AbuAita, Jonathan Bassett, Awatef Deligorges, Gisele Farah, Lotof Farah, Samira Gantous, Camille Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Betty Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortenson, Nawal Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, Marie Skafi, Norma Sophiea, William Sophiea Jr., Lisa Thomas** (daughter-in-law of Doug and Sandy) and the newborn **Laney Marie** (March 21st).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Reemy Abuaita, Huda Abusaada, Linda Gantos, Ghadeer Ibrahim, and Ivy Khoury.**

Instead of “It is truly meet...” , we sing:

Verse: The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people.

Hymn: Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn for Pascha

(Refrain) Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality.

(verse) Great is the mystery of Thy resurrection, O Christ. *(refrain)*

(verse) From the supper, the Immortal One willingly cometh to the passion. *(refrain)*

(verse) Then was Hades, who accounted and demanded of souls, embittered at the encounter.

(refrain)

(verse) Then was Mary, who anointed and worshipped God before the tomb, made glad. *(refrain)*

(verse) Tell Peter and the other apostles that the Immortal One hath risen from the dead. *(refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

- Please remember **ONLY ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS** who have **PREPARED THEMSELVES** may partake of Holy Communion.

Instead of “*We have seen the True Light...*”, we sing **Christ is Risen...** {once}.

After the Paschal Dismissal, Fr. Joe will say, *Glory to His holy third-day Resurrection*, and everyone responds, *We adore His third-day Resurrection*. We then sing, **Christ is Risen...** {twice}.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY the men of our Parish Council invite everyone to our annual **WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST** in honor of all of the women of St. George! Men are \$5, Church School Children 3-17 years old are \$3, and the wonderful women of St. George are **FREE!** Everyone is invited!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 20th, June 3rd, 17th, and 24th -- sign-up poster is in the Hall. Hosting information is in the Hall and Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25.

FEED GENESEE Next Sunday, May 1st, the Soup Kitchen truck will be here to pick-up our donations. Items needed are in the May issue of The VOICE and on a flier in the Lounge. Remember you may bring your items at any time to be put in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer.

WHO ARE THE 7 MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN? **Mary Magdalene, Mary** (the wife of Cleopas), **Joanna** (the wife of Herod's steward), **Susanna; Salome** (the wife of Zebedee and the mother of James and John), and **Mary and Martha** (the sisters of Lazarus).

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE Please return your boxes and canisters that you filled over the course of the Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha.

- ❖ **25TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR JOURNAL** In celebration of Fr. Joe's Anniversary, a Souvenir Journal is being put together. Information has been sent to all parishioners. Please remember the deadline is THIS Tuesday, May 1st.
- ❖ **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR. JOE'S ORDINATION TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD-MAY 26TH** His Grace Bishop Anthony of our Midwest Diocese and His Grace Bishop Basil (Fr. Joe's Godfather) of the Wichita Diocese will be with us. Information has been sent to all parishioners for the Banquet. **The cost for the Banquet is \$35** (the wrong price was in the Arabic letter). Please respond as soon as possible and no later than May 18th so plans can be made for a wonderful celebration!

LADIES AUXILIARY MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER Mark your calendars for this wonderful activity on Tuesday, May 8th at the Redwood Lodge beginning at 5pm. For more information and to make reservations (cost: \$20 per person / deadline is May 4th), please contact Aida Nassar (810-584-0575/karam@charter.net) or Aida Raffoul (810-742-0207).



ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC On Saturday, June 9th at The Jewel of Grand Blanc Golf Course, we are having our Golf Classic to have fun and raise money for our *Boiler Fund*. Sponsorship of Holes are needed – great publicity of your business for only \$100!!! If you are interested or would like more information, please see Mike or Brian Silpoch, Roger Isaac, or Amjad Ishak.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	Bible Study <i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans</i> 10am-12pm
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 5pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers