

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

May 20, 2012

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HEALING OF THE BLINDMAN

Tone – 5

8th Matins Gospel {*John 20:11-18*}

Altar Servers: **St. Peter** team {Branden Jones, captain}

Next Week – **Captains & Assistants**

Confessions

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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 5

Let all us believers give praise and worship to the Word. Of one essence with the Father and with the Spirit, and who is eternal. Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He did willingly ascend in the flesh to be hung from the cross and to suffer pain and death, and to lift up the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 مُحررٌ ومُعْتِقٌ، وللْفُقراء والمساكين عاضِدٌ وناصِرٌ وللمَرْضَى سببٌ وشافٍ وعن المؤمنين مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشهداء جاورجيوسُ اللابسُ الظفرُ تُشَقَّعُ إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Blind Man—Tone 4

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes and call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

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 16:16-34* {6th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: *John 9:1-38* {6th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

◆ **Maya and Natalia Awwad** – May 23rd ◆ **Julia Qazaha** – May 24th

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **George 'Nick' Nickola** (+April 14th), **Roy Shehab** (+April 18th, brother of Laila Abud), **Hermous Khoshaba** (+April 22nd, father-in-law of Jennifer Peera Khoshaba), **Michael Maloof** (+April 22nd, relative of

Leslee Abud), **Salwa Kharoubeh** (+April 30th, mother of Randa Farah), **Elia Dahdal** (+May 12th, Nazareth, grandfather of Raghda Farah), and **Lotof Farah** (+May 14th).

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Khouriya Janet Peters, Blanka AbuAita, Hanna Abuaita, Jonathan Bassett, Awatef Deligorges, Samira Gantous, Camille Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, George Ishak** (nephew of Amira Hanna), **Betty Khouri, Jean Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortenson, Nawal Odeh, Elaine Shaheen, Norma Sophiea, William Sophiea Jr., Ghadeer Ibrahim** and the newborn **Maryanna** (April 25th), and **Linda Gantos** and the newborn twins **Landon** and **Laela** (April 29th).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Reemy Abuaita, Huda Abusaada, 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...** .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: 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.

- ❖ 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.

A RESERVATION TABLE IS IN THE LOUNGE (OR HALL)

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR YOUR PAID RESERVATIONS!

- ❖ WE ARE LOOKING FOR **SPONSORS** TO HELP COVER THE COSTS OF OUR BISHOPS AND A NUMBER OF CLERGY WHO WILL BE ATTENDING. ALL SPONSORS WILL BE LISTED AND GIVEN SPECIAL THANKS. PLEASE SPEAK WITH FR. JOE FOR MORE INFORMATION
- ❖ **PARISH BREAKFAST** Our Ladies Auxiliary will be honoring Bishop Anthony and Bishop Basil with a breakfast next Sunday, May 27th. ALL are invited to break bread with our bishops and guests. Adults - \$5 Children 10 years old and Under – \$3.

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 Silpoch TODAY!!!

MIDWEST DIOCESAN 2012 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE This coming summer, June 27th-July 1st, our conference will be hosted by the Church of the Virgin Mary in Palos Heights, IL. Hotel and Conference Registration information is available at their website: <http://www.2012midwestplc.org/>. Bishop Anthony is encouraging all of our parishioners to attend! Some deadlines have passed and other deadlines are fast approaching. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

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	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	NO Arabic/English <i>Study of the Divine Liturgy</i> Evening Liturgy for our Lord's Ascension on the 40th Day 6pm SOYO Wednesday follows Liturgy
Saturday	Combined Great Vespers 5pm 25th Anniversary Banquet with Bishop Anthony and Bishop Basil 6pm
Next Sunday	Parish Breakfast with Bishop Anthony and Bishop Basil

Greeting Clergy in Person

Kiss (Don't Shake) a Bishop's or Priest's Hand

Did you know that the proper way to greet bishops and priests is to ask their blessing and kiss their right hand? How do you do this? Approach the priest or bishop with your right hand over your left hand and say "*Master*" (or "*Father*" in the case of the priest), *bless.*" [He will make the sign of the cross, place his right hand over yours, and you kiss his hand.] This is much more appropriate (and traditional) than shaking their hands. After all, the priest and bishop are not just "one of the boys." When you kiss their hands, you show respect for their office — they are the ones who "bless and sanctify" you and who offer the holy gifts on your behalf. So next time you greet your priest or bishop, don't shake his hand, ask for his blessing.

When we address Deacons or Priests, we should use the title "*Father*". For Bishop Anthony and Bishop Basil we should address them as "*Your Grace*", "**Sayidna**", or **سيدنا**. Though all Bishops (including Patriarchs) are equal in the Orthodox Church, they do have different administrative duties and honors for their rank. Thus, "Your Eminence" is the proper title for Metropolitan's and Archbishops). "Your Beatitude" is the proper title for Patriarchs and Metropolitans who are the head of a self-governing (autocephalous) church. The only exception is for the Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople, who is addressed as "Your All-Holiness"). When we approach an Orthodox Bishop or Priest (but not a Deacon), we make a bow by reaching down and touching the floor with our right hand, place our right hand into our left hand (palms upward), and say: "*Bless, Master*" (or for a priest "*Bless, Father*"). The Bishop or Priest then answers, "*May the Lord bless you*" (or some form of God's blessing be upon you), blesses us with the Sign of the Cross, and places his right hand in our hands. We then kiss his hand.

We should understand that when the Bishop or Priest blesses us, he forms his fingers to represent the *Christogram* "ICXC" a traditional abbreviation of the Greek words for "Jesus Christ" (i.e., the first and last letters of each of the words "IHCOYC XRICTOC"). Thus, the Bishop's and Priest's blessings are in the Name of Christ, as he emphasizes in his response to the believer's request for a blessing. Other responses to this request are used by many clergy, but the antiquity and symbolism of the tradition which we have presented are compelling arguments for its use. We should also note that the reason that a lay person kisses the hand of a Bishop or Priest is to show respect to his Apostolic office. More importantly, however, since both hold the Holy Mysteries in their hands during the Divine Liturgy, we show respect to the Holy Eucharist when we kiss their hands. In fact, Saint John Chrysostom once said that if one were to meet an Orthodox Bishop/Priest walking along with an Angel, that he should greet the Bishop/Priest first and kiss his hand, since that hand has touched the Body and Blood of our Lord. For this latter reason, we do not normally kiss the hand of a Deacon. While a Deacon in the Orthodox Church holds the first level of the Priesthood (Deacon, Priest, Bishop), his service does not entail blessing the Mysteries. When we are to say "goodbye" to a Bishop or Priest, we should again ask for a blessing, just as we did when we first greeted them.