

May 5, 2013

The Great and Holy Pascha (Passover)
The Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

Greeters and Ushers are our *Parish Council*: Sandy Abueita, Basil Andoni, Ronald Haddad, Troy Farah, Wael Hayek, Dannie Jones, Aida Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, Ric Shahin, and Michael Silpoch

Please follow the **Pascha Bilingual Service** {white sheets}. When Divine Liturgy begins (*Red Service book*, p.91 and *Bilingual books*), all special Hymns are in the Pascha Bilingual Service.

Welcome to St. George: Every Sunday in the Orthodox Church, we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim the Good News of Salvation through the Divine Liturgy. For those who have committed themselves to the Orthodox Faith (through Baptism and Chrismation) it also means if prepared, the reception of Holy Communion. Preparation includes the Sacrament of Repentance (Confession) within the last 2 months, prayer, and fasting {no food or drink from a light noon day meal}. If you are not prepared or not Orthodox, everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread {*antidoron*} at the end of Liturgy.

Holy Bread Offerings

- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially **Fred, Omar** and **Salam**.
- Janet Abueita for the health of her family especially **Anwar** on the occasion of his Namesday and **Tony, Chrissy, Haleena, Maliyah, Anthony, Jacqueline, Jenny, Tony**, and **Anthony Daoud** on the occasion of his graduation -- *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of mother **Alice** (1 year).
- Muna Abuaita and Family for the health of their family especially husband and father **George** and sister-in-law **Abeer** on the occasion of their birthdays and parents **Souad** on the upcoming Mother's Day and **Fouad** -- *May God grant them many years!*
- Emile and Hiam Bathish for the health of their family especially their children and grandchildren and in loving memory of **Yacoub** and **Marie Farah, Naif** and **Julia Bathish**, and **Hani Farah**.
- **George, Hiam, Nida, Nidal** and **Samer Ishaq** for the health of their family both in America and in Beit Sahour, Palestine.
- St. George Parish Council for the health of their families and the community of St. George -- *May God grant them many years!*

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for those students who are celebrating their birth {Baptism/Chrismation} into the Church this week:

◆ **Mario and Melissa Ibrahim** – May 9th

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things.

- This morning we also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Haile Garrison** (+April 4th, brother of Tracy Farah), **Neyjma Helal** (+April 17th, grandmother of Rodny Helal), **Frieda Maloof** (+April 21st, aunt of Leslee Abud), and **Matia Alatrash** (+April 22nd).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita, Angel Abuaita, Lana Abu-Aita, Emil Abueita, Wadia Albaba, Michael Al-Khoury, Ceasar Banna, Evelyn Delbridge, Micheline El-Chaer, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Mary Ibrahim, Kamel Kheirallah, Betty Khouri, Jean Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen, Laura Nassar, Debbie Salim, Elaine Salim, Widad Salomon, Elaine Shaheen, Marie Skafi, William Sophiea Jr., and Kinan Turjman** (Sahar Abdallah's nephew).
- Remember in your prayers those who are with child: **Kristen** (Abraham) **Baradihi, Angela Haddad, Nadeen Jaraysa, Katrin Mitri, Marlen Odeh**, former parishioners: **Amanda** (Daoud) **Alyatim** and **Jennifer** (Peera) **Khoshaba**, and **Alexa Nassif** (daughter-in-law of Jeanette Nassif).

Reception of Holy Communion

If you are planning to take Communion and have a special need or circumstance, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you. Thank you -- St. George Ushers

Announcements

- For the next forty days, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on June 13th we greet each other with ***Christ is Risen!*** and respond ***Indeed He is Risen!***
- Our Ladies Auxilliary invites everyone to our **Paschal Breakfast** immediately following the Paschal Liturgy. Let us *break* the *fast* together! Thank you to **Issa and Vera Daoud and Family** for donating the breakfast in honor of their son Anthony's graduation from the University of Michigan-Flint with a major in Operation Management and a minor in Economics!
- At **Vespers of Love {Baa'ooth or Agape Vespers}** and **Egg Hunt**, today at 1pm, the Holy Gospel is read in many different languages. If you would like to read one of the languages, come to church about 12:45pm so we can organize who is reading. **Kids: BRING YOUR BASKETS!!!**
- May God bless all who donated toward flowers, palms, Pascha eggs, and all the other items during the Great Fast, the Great and Holy Week, and Holy Pascha. Without their generosity we could not fully express our Orthodox Faith and celebrate this Feast of Feasts!
- Fr. Joe will be out-of-town May 9th to May 14th. ***For emergencies only*** while he is away, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-771-4611), Fr. Paul Jannakos (St. Mary

Magdalene, 810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070).

- **Thank you** to the members of our **Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Ushers, Khaled Al-Khoury and Anwar Abueita** (for “enlightening” us), **Laura Nichols**, our office secretary, and **Jim Rozier**, our custodian, for all of their hard work which enabled everything to be done properly and in order.

<u>Bright Week – No Fasting</u>	
TODAY	<i>Vespers of Love {Baa’ooth or Agape Vespers}</i> and Egg Hunt 1pm
Monday	Bright Monday Paschal Liturgy at St. Nicholas 10am
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 5pm
Wednesday	Paschal Liturgy and Feast of St. George at St. George 6pm
Friday	Bright Friday Paschal Liturgy at Assumption 10:30am
Saturday	No Great Vespers

LADIES AUXILIARY MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER This wonderful activity is Tuesday, May 14th at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth beginning at 5:30pm. For more information and to make reservations (cost: \$21 per person / deadline: May 9th), please contact Naila Banna (810-238-4582) or Aida Raffoul (810-742-0207).

Paschal Greeting and Response used for 40 days

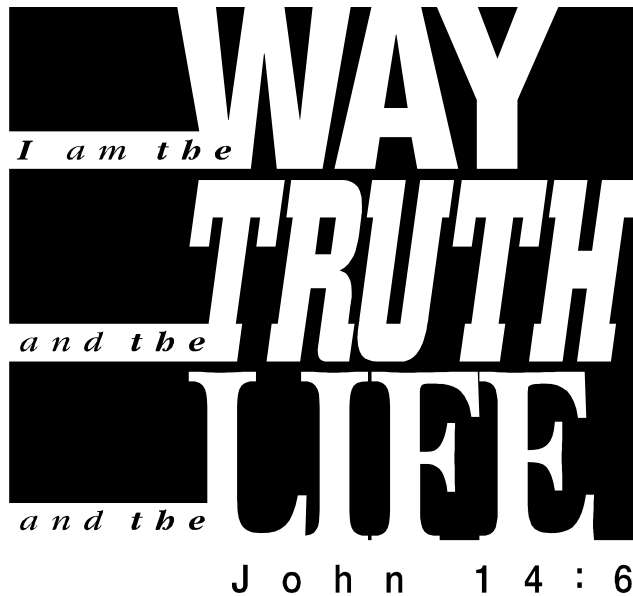
Until Ascension on June 13th

English: *Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

Greek: *Christos Aneste! Alethos Aneste!*

Arabic: *Al-Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!*

Slavonic: *Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!*



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Pascha 2013

Dear Beloved clergy, brothers and sisters in Christ:

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

May God's blessings and my joy at His Resurrection be given, first, to our beloved Metropolitan Philip and to the local Synod of this God-protected Archdiocese!

"In the flesh Thou didst fall asleep as a mortal man, O King and Lord. Thou didst rise on the third day, raising Adam from corruption and destroying death: O Pascha of incorruption, the salvation of the world!" (The hymn of Light)

Salvation is so much more than redemption. It is a reunion given to us by Love Himself in His love of us and all that He made to reflect the love He has with His Father. I have always, somehow, experienced Christ's new morning of Resurrection in the garden as our waking up with the innocent and bright eyes of Adam the first time he was in Eden, the true garden of delight.

Salvation is synaxis; it is the gathering of loved ones with the Loving One in the Spirit of Love from the font of Love, "for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him (1 Jn. 4.8b - 10)."

Christ is the "first fruits of those who have fallen asleep," and in Him, "all shall be made alive (1 Cor. 15.20,22)." We celebrate, on Pascha, a family reunion: "And the angel said to me, 'write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19.9).'"

As we are together in Church to receive on Easter, at Pascha, the Holy Communion, celebrating the festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; and, then, bless the baskets and end the fast and socialize together, we join our loved ones who have entered the heavenly rooms and are already at the banquet table of Our Lord. Our loved ones sit down with the Theotokos and all the saints, because, for us, they are saints. Because as God loved us first, we experienced their love for us first. With them we are always first.

Remember those Sunday meals after Church when everyone came over the house, when love lingered through successive rounds of food and fun? It is good for us to stay here, in Church, "in the never ending day of His Kingdom."

In the Love of the Risen Lord,

+Bishop ANTHONY

**Bishop of Toledo and the Midwest
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America**

"...the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch!" ACTS 11:26

The Great Fast, Holy Week, and Pascha

Incense (2 pounds):

- **Ayman** and **Wafaa** Elias for the health of their family especially **Joselyn, Christine,** and **John** and in loving memory of **Elias, Ibrahim, Salim, Badia,** and **Ghayth.**

Holy Week Items:

- *Bridegroom Icon* offered by Deacon David and Norma Lazar for the health of the **Lazar, Good, Salim,** and **Landsgaard Families** and in loving memory of **Norman, Betty, Dr. Fred, Norman Paul,** and **David Landsgaard.**
- *Crucifixion Icon* offered by Robert Teunion for the health of his family especially **Lois Teunion** and **Megan Meade** and in loving memory of granddaughter, **Catherine Webb.**
- *Crown of Thorns* offered by Drs. Ronald Shaheen and Kathy Kudray for the health of their family and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice,** and brother **Kenneth Shaheen.**
- *Taking Christ from the Cross Icon* offered by Betty and Robert Khouri, Jr. for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband and father **Robert, Sr.**
- *Entombment Icon* offered by Najwa Joubran for the health of all her family and for the peace and safety of all **Christians in Syria.**
- *Flowers for the Tomb of Christ* offered by the Ghattas Family for the health of their families and in loving memory of **George, Lucy, Salwa, Yousif, Freida, Elia, Ajaeb, Skander, Daad, Kamelia,** and **Fouad.**

Resurrection Icons:

- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family and in loving memory of grandmother **Rahma** and Aunt **Mary.**
- Dn. David and Norma Lazar for the health of the **Lazar, Good, Salim,** and **Landsgaard Families** and in loving memory of **Norman, Betty, Dr. Fred, Norman Paul,** and **David Landsgaard.**
- Evette Rishmawi for the health of **Fadi, Evette, Caroline, Mariane, Amany,** and **Christina** and in loving memory of **Nassim, Odeh, Nahil, Issa, Nazek,** and **Farah.**

Azaleas:

- Jeaneen Campbell for the health of mother **Shirley,** daughter **Dallas,** son **Bobby,** daughter **Kristina** and husband **Scott, G.D. Raylee,** and **G.S. Brodie** and in loving memory of father **Paul** and grandmother **Helen.**
- Issa, Vera, and Daniel Daoud and Amanda Alyatim for the health of their family especially son and brother **Tony** on the occasion of his graduation from the University of Michigan-Flint.
- Ronald Haddad for the health of **Louie** and **Kathy Haddad** and **Family, Roland, Jackie, Bebe, Richard, Beverly, Ron,** and **Jeaneen** and in loving memory of **Gilbert, Lettie, Joretta,** and **Ronald Jr.**
- Leland Harris for the health of his family especially mother **Daisy Issac.**
- Donald and JoAnn Hawkins for the health of the **Hawkins, Shadeed, Shahin,** and **Rhinehart Families** and in loving memory of the deceased members of the **Brackett, Shahin, Hawkins,** and **Rhinehart Families.**
- John Isaac for the health of his family and in loving memory of wife **Helen.**
- Katrina Khouri for the health of her family and in loving memory of mother **Salwa.**
- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially sons **Fred, Omar,** and **Salam** and in loving memory of **Nicola, Rasmiah, Farid,** and **Houda.**
- George and Jeanette Nassif for the health of their family.
- Roger and Claire Saadeh for the health of their family especially **Karen Burnett** (Claire's mother) and in loving memory of **Sami** and **Rosette** (Roger's parents) and **Kevin Burnett** (Claire's grandfather).
- John Salomon for the health of his family especially wife **Widad.**

Paschal Floral Arrangements:

- Timothy Beers for the health of his family especially Godchildren **Branden, Tanner,** and **Sofie** and in loving memory of **George, Lourice, Sam, Sadie, Handoumi, Harry, Louise,** and **Fred.**

Paschal Candles:

- Roger and Claire Saadeh for the health of their family especially **Karen Burnett** (Claire's mother) and in loving memory of **Sami** and **Rosette** (Roger's parents) and **Kevin Burnett** (Claire's grandfather).

Paschal Eggs:

- The **Isaac, Delbridge,** and **Silpoch Families** for the health of their families.