

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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May 6, 2012

4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

Tone – 3

5th Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:12-35*}

Altar Servers: **St. Michael** team {Samer Abuaita, captain} Next Week – **St. Paul** 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 3

Let the Heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty thing with His own hand. He has trampled death by His death and has become the first-born from the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting to the people of the world His great mercy.

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 مُحَرَّرٌ ومُعْتِقٌ، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضِدٌ وناصرٌ وللمَرْضَى سببٌ وشفافٌ وعن المؤمنين مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس الألبس الظفر تُشَقِّعُ إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Paralytic—Tone 3

By Thy Divine intercession, O Lord; as Thou did raise up the paralytic of old, raise up my soul paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts! So that being saved, I may sing to Thee: Glory to Thy Majesty, O Bountiful Christ!

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 9:32-42* {4th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: *John 5:1-15* {4th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- The Elias, Hanna, and Joubran Families for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Ghaiz Hanna** (1 year).
- Muna Abuaita for the health of her family especially husband **George** and sister-in-law **Abeer** on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them many years!* – and **Issa, Olga, Lana, Lyla, Alee, Shouroq, Juliano, Jovani, John, Dina, and Lina**.
- St. George Parish Council for the health of their families and the community of St. George -- *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), **Hermous Khoshaba** (+April 22nd, father-in-law of Jennifer Peera Khoshaba), **Michael Maloof** (+April 22nd, relative of Leslee Abud), and **Salwa Kharoubeh** (+April 30th, mother of Randa Farah).

- 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, George Ishak** (nephew of Amira Hanna), **Betty 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...** {twice}.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *George and Muna Abuaita*.

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 TODAY Sunday, May 6th, the Soup Kitchen truck is 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 it in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer.

- ❖ **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. The deadline has been extended until THIS Tuesday, May 8th.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ 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

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, May 17th from 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from any Auxiliary member. Everyone is asked to help out – all profits benefit our church! **Cooking Schedule** (start time each day is 10am): May 10th-Kibbee, May 14th-Spinach Pies, May 16th-Cooking and Preparing Food. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, please contact Aida Nassar (810-584-0575). *Please bring your sweets to the church on Wednesday, May 16th or early on Thursday, May 17th.* Donations are being accepted to offset the cost of the food.

 **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	Mother/Daughter Dinner at Redwood Lodge 5pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Thursday	Michigan Clergy Deanery Meeting here at St. George 11am-3pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers