

# St. George Orthodox Church

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – ALL SAINTS

أحد جميع القديسين

Tone – 8

1<sup>st</sup> Matins Gospel {Matthew 28:16-20}

Altar Servers: **St. Paul** team {Devin Jones, captain}

Next Week – **St. Peter** team

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

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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:

**Third Antiphon** (during the Little Entrance)

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel**

**Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8** (*as above*)

**Troparion of All Saints—Tone 4**

In all the world, O Christ our God, Thy Church is adorned with the blood of Thy martyrs as with a robe of royal purple and crimson. Through them She cries to Thee: have mercy on Thy people, O Lord, and grant our souls great mercy!

المجد للآب والابن والروح القدس: أيها المسيح الإله إن كنيسةك متسرلة بدماء شهدائك الذين في كل العالم كبرفيرة وأرجوان. وبهم تهتف إليك صارخة. وجّه رأفتك لشعبك وامنح السلامة لعبيدك. وهب لنفوسنا الرحمة العظمى.

### **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 مُحرراً ومُعْتِقاً، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشافياً  
وعن المؤمنين مكافحاً ومُحَارِباً أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس الأيسُّ الظفر تشقُّع إلى  
المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

### **Kontakion for All Saints—Tone 8**

As to creation's Planter, all the world offers to Thee as nature's first-fruits the God-bearing martyrs, O Lord, for they bare witness to Thee. Therefore preserve Thy Church by their entreaties in the profoundest peace, O Savior, through the pure Mother of God, O Thou who are greatly merciful.

**Epistle Reading:** *Hebrews 11:33-12:2* {1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost}

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 10:32, 33, 37, 38, 19:27-30* {1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Matthew}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Jamil and Victoria Nassar for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Walter Steiner** (Vicky's brother-in-law).
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Metropolitan Constantine** (+May 21<sup>st</sup>, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA), **Khouriya Lilija Vreeland** (+May 27<sup>th</sup>), **Elia Dahdal** (+May 12<sup>th</sup>, Nazareth, grandfather of Raghad Farah), **Lotof Farah** (+May 14<sup>th</sup>), and **Alice Salomon** (+May 28<sup>th</sup>, mother of Janet Abueita).
- 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.**
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Reemy Abuaita, Huda Abusaada, and Ivy Khoury.**

### **Communion Hymn** (for All Saints Sunday)

(Refrain) Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise is meet for the upright.

(Verse) Give praise to the Lord with the harp, chant unto him with the ten-stringed psaltery.

(Refrain)

(Verse) Sing unto Him a new song, chant well unto Him with jubilation. (Refrain)

(Verse) For the word of the Lord is true, and all His works are in faithfulness. (Refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Reception of Holy Communion**

- Please remember **ONLY ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS** who have **PREPARED THEMSELVES** may partake of Holy Communion.
- If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you.
- As a friendly reminder, please do not talk in church, especially in the Communion Line. When people talk and greet each other, it is distracting to those who are praying or

preparing themselves for HOLY COMMUNION. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say hello and visit with one another. The only people who should be talking are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH SCHOOL END-OF-THE-YEAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST** All are invited! Adults \$5, teachers and students FREE! Please congratulate our teachers and children for a GREAT year while having a GREAT time!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: June 24<sup>th</sup> and all Sundays in July-- 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. *During the St. Peter and St. Paul Apostles' Fast (this year from June 11<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

# **Festival Needs**

**SPONSORS** We are still in need of sponsors to advertise during our Festival. Businesses and Individuals can show their support of St. George while you look for support for your business! If interested, please see any Festival Committee member!!!

**WORKERS** HELP!!! We are in need of LOTS of parishioners to work the Festival! The Sign-Up Sheet is in the Lounge – ALL work areas have open slots. Put your name on 1, 3, or 5 slots. If you have any questions, please speak with the chair of that committee (the list of chairs are hanging in the Lounge).

**POP NEEDED** We are in need of donors for canned POP. If you are interested in donating the POP or making a donation to purchase the POP, please contact Basil Andoni ([basil487@hotmail.com](mailto:basil487@hotmail.com) or 810- 814-1076).

**IT'S TIME TO COOK!!!** Please come and lend a hand with making Food. The Cooking Days this coming week are Wednesday and Thursday at 10am.

**MIDWEST DIOCESAN 2012 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE** This month, June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. We hope that as many of our parishioners as possible will participate. Fr. Mousa Haddad and the faithful of St. Mary's have been working very hard and we are very thankful for their efforts.

## COMING EVENTS

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| This Week | The <b>Apostles' (Peter and Paul) Fast</b> begins tomorrow, June 11 <sup>th</sup> and continues until their feast day on Thursday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> . The traditional fasting discipline ( <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, or olive oil</i> ) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while when <i>fish, wine, and olive oil</i> are allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. |
| Monday    | <b>Bible Study</b> <i>St. Paul's Letter to the Romans</i> 10am-12pm  |
| Wednesday | <b>Festival Cooking: Kibbee</b> 10am<br><b>Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy</b> 1pm-2:30pm<br><b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm  |
| Thursday  | <b>Festival Cooking: Grape Leaves</b> 10am   |
| Saturday  | <b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm   |

### June 10<sup>th</sup> — ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "*be holy, for I am holy*" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints lists six categories of saints: "*Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous.*" Some of the saints are described as *Confessors*, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. St Maximos the Confessor (January 21<sup>st</sup>) is such a saint. The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death. Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament. The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example. The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. The last category, the Righteous, is those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Sts Joachim and Anna, St Joseph the Betrothed, and others.