

St. George Orthodox Church

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7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AND SUNDAY AFTER THE 40-DAY ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN

Tone – 6

10th Matins Gospel {John 21:1-14}

Altar Servers: **St. Michael** team {Karim Al-Khouri, captain}

Next Week – **St. Elias** 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 the reception of Holy Communion, if prepared. 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 Cross 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 Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 46*)

Verse 1 Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

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

Verse 2 For the Lord Most High is terrible, a great King over all the earth. *Refrain*

Verse 3 He hath subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. *Refrain*

Verse 4 God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen. *Refrain*

Second Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 47*)

Verse 1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountains.

Refrain: O Son of God who didst ascend in glory from us to Heaven, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Verse 2 The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. *Refrain*

Verse 3 God is known in her towers, when He cometh to help her. *Refrain*

Verse 4 For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *O only-begotten Son ...*

Third Antiphon (*verses from Psalm 48*)

Verse 1 Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world.

Verse 2 My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Verse 3 I will incline mine ear unto a parable, I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

Refrain: Troparion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 4

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in glory, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit! Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

لقد صعدت بمجدٍ أيها المسيحُ إلهنا. وفرحتَ تلاميذك بموعِدِ الروحِ القدسِ. إذ أيقنوا بالبركةِ أنك أنت هو ابنُ اللهِ مُنقِذِ العالمِ.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6

Angelic powers did stand above Thy tomb, and they that guarded were as dead, and Mary stood at Thy grave searching for Thy precious body. Thou didst conquer Hades and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst bestow life. O Thou that art risen from the dead, O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Troparion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 4

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

لقد صعدت بمجدٍ أيها المسيحُ إلهنا. وفرحتَ تلاميذك بموعِدِ الروحِ القدسِ. إذ أيقنوا بالبركةِ أنك أنت هو ابنُ اللهِ مُنقِذِ العالمِ.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers—Tone 8

Most glorified art thou, O Christ our God, who hast established our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to thee.

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، وللْفُقراءِ والمساكينِ عاصِدٌ وناصِرٌ وللْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وشَافٍ وعنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشَّهادَةِ جاورجيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خِلاصِ نُفوسِنَا.

Kontakion of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven—Tone 6

When Thou did fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven: Thou did ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

لما أتممتَ التدبيرَ الذي من أجلنا. وجعلتَ الذين على الأرض متحدين بالسموايين. صعدتَ بمجدٍ أيها المسيحُ الإله. غير منفصلٍ من مكانٍ بل ثابتاً بغيرِ افتراقٍ وهاتفاً بأحبائك. أنا معكم وليس أحدٌ عليكم.

Epistle Reading: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36 {7th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13 {7th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Michael and Nancy Silpoch for the health of her family especially **Michael** on occasion of Father's Day -- *May God grant him many years!* -- and in loving memory of their fathers **Frank** and **Rudolph** and their grandfathers; **Elias**, **Nickola**, **Joseph**, and **Anthony**.

- **Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud** for the health of their family on the occasion of their 29th anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony -- *May God grant them many years!*

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:

♦ **Isabella Ibrahim and Christina Rishmawi** – June 20th

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: **Khouriya Soad Estephan** (+May 26th, wife of the late V. Rev. Fr. John Estephan), **Toufic Farah** (+May 18th, cousin of Emil Bathish), and **Gabriel “Gabe” Kassab** (+June 6th, friend of Fr. Joe).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita, Angel Abuaita, Hanna Abuaita, Lana Abu-Aita, Nader Abufarha, Michael Al-Khouri, Ceasar Banna, Evelyn Delbridge, Micheline El-Chaer, Roy Farah, Said Farah, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Barbara Green, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Mary Ibrahim, 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). **Marlen Odeh** and the newborn **Jowelle** who were brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Kristen** (Abraham) **Baradihi, Angela Haddad, Nadeen Jaraysa,** and **Katrin Mitri,** Former parishioners: **Amanda** (Daoud) **Alyatim** and **Jennifer** (Peera) **Khoshaba,** and **Alexa Nassif** (daughter-in-law of Jeanette Nassif).

Communion Hymn (for the Lord’s Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

- Since Church School is not in session our children and their parents can receive Holy Communion together! Everyone should wait in their pew until an usher comes to dismiss them to the Communion Line.

Instead of *We have seen the True Light...*, we sing the **Troparion of the Ascension** {see above}.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Teen SOYO*. The officers, Bible Bowl, and Oratorical participants will be heading to Louisville for the Parish Life Conference this Wednesday...and are hoping to raise some last-minute funds to offset this expensive trip! **BAKE SALE, BALLOONS, AND BOP CANS...**all donations welcome!!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 30th 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.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **Everyone** that came, helped, and supported the St. George Teen SOYO *Relay for Life* Team! We couldn't have done it without you! We made a total of \$1,293, beating our \$1,000 goal! YAYY! What a great year, and it barely even rained! Love, Laila Abdallah, Angel Abuaita, and Hazar Abu-Aita

... **John Elias** who donated the remaining \$150 toward a new \$250 Coffee Pot for our Coffee Fellowships and meals!

GRAVE BLESSINGS Our custom is to bless the graves of our departed family and friends the Saturday before Pentecost. Since Fr. Joe will be at the Midwest Diocese Parish Life Conference in Louisville, KY, please contact him to set-up a time to do this.

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe, Dn. Mike, and other parishioners will be attending the Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference in Louisville, KY this week. **For emergencies only while Fr. Joe 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). Please pray for everyone's safe travels.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,800 to meet our 2013 Budget. Last Sunday, our offerings were \$1,987 so we were short \$2,813! ☹ Please keep up with your offerings during the summer months! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2013 Offering Form and support the work of St. George!

➤ **MAINTENANCE MATCHING FUND** All of us are asked to participate in a Matching Grant program (donors will match up to \$2,000)! For example, you donate \$100 and another \$100 is donated by our anonymous donors! Please respond TODAY!

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.
Weds.-Sun.	Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference in Louisville, KY
Saturday	No Great Vespers

St. George parish picnic, Sunday, August 25th!

Sunday, August 25th from 12 Noon to 8pm

at Flint Swim and Racquet Club

Admission FREE!!!

Come and have a GREAT TIME with all of your St. George Family!

ST. GEORGE
will be CLOSED
Pentecost Sunday,
June 23rd

Please attend Divine Liturgy and the
Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost at:

Assumption (*Grand Blanc*) beginning at 9am

2245 E Baldwin Road

810-771-4611

(between Holly and Fenton Roads)

or

St. Mary Magdalene (*Fenton*) beginning at 10am

2439 South Long Lake Road

(¼ mile east of Torrey)

810-750-1401

or

St. Nicholas (*Burton*) beginning at 10am

2143 South Center Road

(½ mile south of Lippincott)

810-744-0070

GREEK FESTIVAL

JUNE 21-23

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Road, Grand Blanc



- Homemade Greek Food and Pastries
- Family Entertainment
- Face Painting & Much More!

Friday, June 21	Noon — 11 pm
Saturday, June 22	Noon — 11 pm
Sunday, June 23	Noon — 8 pm
Pre-admission	\$1.00
At-the-door	\$2.00
Children under 12	FREE!