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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NATIVITY OF THE PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

Tone – 2

3rd Matins Gospel {*Mark 16:9-20*}

Altar Servers: **St. George** team {George David, captain} Next Week – **St. Michael** 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:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One. Then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee, O Christ Thou giver of Life, Glory to Thee O our God.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2 (*as above*)

Troparion for the Birth of St. John the Baptist—Tone 4

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we cannot praise you worthily, we honor you in love at your birth. For by it, you ended the silence and broke the barrenness; preaching to the world, the Incarnation of the Son of God!

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.

بِمَا أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَبِهَا الْعَظِيمِ فِي الشَّهْدَاءِ جَاوِرِ جَبُوسِ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion for the Virgin Mary (on a normal Sunday)—Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee. Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Epistle Reading: *Romans 13:11-14:4* {St. John}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80* {St. John}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Luai and Amani Helal for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Attaf Helal** (9 days, Amani's mother).
- The Farah Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of father and grandfather **Lotof** (40 days).
- Najwa Joubran for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Emil** (1 year).
- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially son **Fred** and niece **Heather** on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them many years!*
- Donald and JoAnn Hawkins for the health of their family especially daughter **Cindy Rhinehart** on the occasion of her birthday -- *May God grant her many years!*
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Metropolitan Constantine** (+May 21st, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA), **Khouriya Liliya Vreeland** (+May 27th), **Alice Salomon** (+May 28th, mother of Janet Abueita), **Gabrielle Peera** (+June 9th, friend of Najwa Joubran), **Naim Farah** (+June 11th, father of Gisele Farah), **Attaf Helal** (+June 17th, mother of Amani Helal), and **Delores Gray** (+June 18th, neighbor).
- 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.**, and **Reemy Abuaita** and the newborn **Angelina** (June 16th).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Huda Abusaada** and **Ivy Khoury**.

Communion Hymn (for St. John)

(*Refrain*) The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings

(*Verse*) His heart is ready to hope in the Lord; his heart is established. (*Refrain*)

(*Verse*) He shall not be afraid, until he looks down upon his enemies. (*Refrain*)

(*Verse*) He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor, his righteousness abides unto ages of ages; his horn shall be exalted with glory. (*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.
 - 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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *The Farah Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: 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.

FEED GENESEE Next Sunday, July 1st, the Soup Kitchen truck will be here to pick-up our donations. They are especially looking for Large cans of Green Beans, Egg Noodles, and Spaghetti Sauce. Items needed are on a flier in the Lounge. All of the Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint are supporting the work of Catholic Charities in Genesee County by helping to feed the hungry. Remember you may bring your items at any time to be put it in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. May God be with the needy and may He bless those who help them.

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe will be out-of-town attending the Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference in Palos Heights, IL June 26th-June 30th. Sunday Divine Services (*Matins* at 8:50am and *Liturgy* at 10am) will be celebrated as normal on July 1st. ***For emergencies only while Fr. Joe is away***, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-732-2660), Fr. Paul Jannakos (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-629-4427), or Fr. Matthew Butrie of St. Nicholas (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070). Please pray for Fr. Joe's safe travels.

Middle Eastern 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! 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 is on the insert and hanging in the Lounge – please sign-up with them).

POP NEEDED We are in need of donors for canned POP or bottled water. If you are interested in donating these items or making a donation to purchase these items, please contact Basil Andoni (basil487@hotmail.com or 810- 814-1076).

IT'S TIME TO COOK!!! Please come and lend a hand with making Food. The Cooking Day this coming week is Monday at 10am.

June 24th — NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of St John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, St Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that St Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.

St Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. St John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

Soon St Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked St Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and St Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, St Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. St Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The Apostles' (Peter and Paul) Fast began on June 11 th and continues until their feast day on Thursday, June 29 th . The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, or olive oil</i>) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, while <i>fish, wine, and olive oil</i> are allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
Monday	Festival Cooking: Grape Leaves 10am
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Weds.-Sun.	Midwest Diocesan Parish Life Conference in Oakbrook, IL NO SOYO Wednesday – (<i>Leslee is at the PLC</i>)
Thursday	Vesperal Liturgy for Saints Peter and Paul at St. Nicholas 6pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers

2012 St. George Middle Eastern Festival Committee Chairs

August 3rd, 4th, and 5th

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