

St. George Orthodox Church

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

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

Χριστός Ανέστη! Ἀληθώς Ανέστη!

Greek: *Christos Aneste! Alethos Aneste!*

June 9, 2013

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

Tone – 5

8th Matins Gospel {*John 20:11-18*}

Altar Servers: **St. John** team {Goni Ishak, Captain}

Next Week – **St. Michael** team

Confessions
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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 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}*
Glorify 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...*
المسيح قام من بين الأموات ووطئ الموت بالموت ووهب الحياة للذين في القبور
- 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 5

Let all us believers give praise and worship to the Word. Of one essence with the Father and with the Spirit, and who is eternal. Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He did willingly ascend in the flesh to be hung from the cross and to suffer pain and death, and to lift up the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 ومعتقاً، وللفقراء والمساكين عاصداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشفافاً وعن المؤمنين مكافحاً ومُحارباً أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Blind Man—Tone 4

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes and call to Thee in repentance: Thou art the most radiant Light of those in darkness!

Epistle Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34* {6th Sunday of Pascha}

Gospel Reading: *John 9:1-38* {6th Sunday of Pascha}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Ayman, Wafaa, Joselyn, and Christine Elias for their health of their family especially son **John** on the occasion of his High School Graduation – *May God grant him many years!*
- Iman and Gabrielle David for their health of their family especially son and brother **George** on the occasion of his 19th birthday – *May God grant him 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:

- ♦ **Mariane Rishmawi** – June 9th

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), **Nada Fanous** (+May 2nd, mother of George and Boulos), **George Salsa** (+May 3rd, uncle of Rania Abuaita), and **Toufic Farah** (+May 18th, cousin of Emil Bathish).
- 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-Khoury, Ceasar Banna, Evelyn Delbridge, Micheline El-Chaer, Roy Farah, Said Farah, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, 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** (May 9th). Drs. **Ryan and Lindsey** (Farah) **Brunner** who were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- 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).

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. Joseph will say, *Glory to His holy third-day Resurrection,* and everyone responds, *We adore His third-day Resurrection.* We then sing, **Christ is Risen...** .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Anonymous.*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: June 16th and 30th -- 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, Hazar Abu-Aita ... **Anonymous** who donated \$100 toward a new \$250 Coffee Pot for our Coffee Fellowships and meals! We are in need of \$150. If anyone is interested in donating toward this, please speak with Fr. Joe.

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.

ST. GEORGE WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD

FR. JOSEPH, DEACON MICHAEL, & OTHER PARISHIONERS WILL BE AT THE PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

PLEASE ATTEND DIVINE LITURGY AT **ASSUMPTION IN GRAND BLANC (9AM)**, **St. MARY MAGDALENE IN FENTON (10AM)**, OR **St. NICHOLAS IN BURTON (10AM)**!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,800 to meet our 2013 Budget. Last Sunday, our offerings were \$4,310 so we were short \$490! ☹ 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!

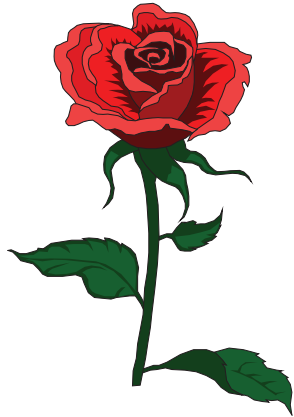
➤ **MAINTENANCE MATCHING FUND** All of us are asked to participate in a Matching Grant program (donors will match up to \$2,000)! You donate \$100 and another \$100 is donated by our anonymous donors! Please respond TODAY!

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.
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm
Wednesday	Combined Evening Divine Liturgy for our Lord's Ascension 6pm
Thursday	Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and also make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Saturday	Dormition Monastery Work Day 10am-4pm (see Dn. Mike for more info) Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

Mark your calendars: St. George parish picnic, Sunday, August 25th!

22nd Annual Monastery Work Day



Saturday, June 15, 2013
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
DORMITION MONASTERY
3389 Rives Eaton Road
Rives Junction, MI 49227
517-569-2873

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Please come and help hoe, garden, trim, cut, and beautify the grounds of the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery. Mother Gabriella and all at the Monastery deeply appreciate and need our labors. There is much work to do.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Hand tools
- Chain Saws
- Work gloves
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Sun Block

and a healthy appetite!!!

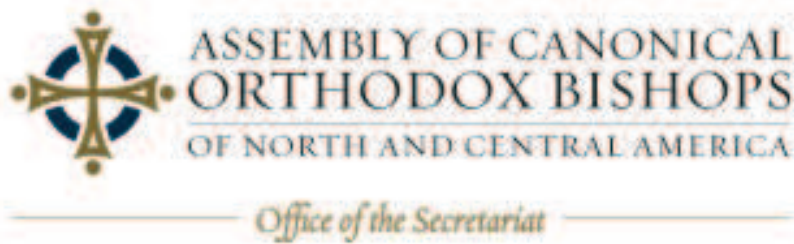
- Lunch at 12 Noon
- Dinner at 5pm
- PLEASE call and tell Mother Gabriella or Ruxy Shelden (517-569-2873) if you are coming to help and they can determine food preparation.



Previous participants!

Hope to see you there!

***For more information and to travel as a group from the Flint area,
contact Dn. Mike (frdnmike@gmail.com / 989-494-2050)***



2013 Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday Encyclical

June 9, 2013

Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me...only Luke is with me.
2 Timothy 4:9-11

To the Most Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and Devout Laity of the Orthodox Churches in North and Central America:

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

We greet you in the surpassing joy of the Risen Christ. By the grace of God, we are blessed to observe the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, which this year falls on June 9, as Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. We embrace the *diakonia* of prison ministry in keeping with the example of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician of our souls, who *did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance*; who ate in the houses of thieves and forgave the sins of harlots; and who said that, when we visit those in prison, we are in truth visiting Him, the Lord of Glory.

Rejection and isolation are experiences that are common to nearly everyone who is in prison. Even the Holy Apostle Paul was forsaken by his fellow ministers of the Gospel when he was imprisoned in Rome. The Lord has called us to take the part, not of Demas, but of the Beloved Physician Luke, and to stand by our brothers and sisters who are in prison, ensuring by our presence with them that they remain connected to the community of the Church.

We call on all Orthodox Christians--both clergy and laity-- to emulate the faithfulness of the Apostle Luke by participating in the Church's ministry to those who are in prison, and by offering support and encouragement to all those who bring the Gospel of hope and salvation to the incarcerated.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the official prison ministry of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops. OCPM provides books, bibles, icons and bible studies to people who are in prison, *all free of charge*. OCPM also provides support and training for Orthodox throughout the country who are participating in ministry to people who are in prison. On this Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday, we humbly ask each parish to take up a special collection for OCPM. We also ask all the faithful to pray fervently for all those who are visiting Christ in prison. With prayers and love in the Risen Christ,

+ Mark

+Bishop Mark of Baltimore, the Orthodox Church in America; *Liaison to OCPM for the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America*

Patrick Tutella, Chaplain, *Executive Director, OCPM*

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