

St. George Orthodox Church

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7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARY MAGDALENE THE MYRRH-BEARER AND EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES

Tone – 6

7th Matins Gospel {*John 20:1-10*}

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

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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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 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.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6 (*as above*)

Troparion for St. Mary—Tone 1

You did follow Christ who for our sakes was born of the Virgin, O Mary Magdalene, keeping His precepts and statutes. Wherefore, as we celebrate your holy memorial on this day, we receive, through your prayers, forgiveness of our sins.

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 محررٌ ومعتقٌ، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضدٌ وناصيرٌ وللمرضى طبيبٌ وشافٍ وعن المؤمنين مكافحٌ ومُحاربٌ أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس الأيس الطفر تُشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

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 15:1-8* {7th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:27-35* {7th Sunday of Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

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:

♦ **Fadi El-Chaer** – July 25th

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: **Archpriest Peter Gillquist** (+July 1st), **Attaf Helal** (+June 17th, mother of Amani Helal), **Delores Gray** (+June 18th, neighbor), and **Robert Crum** (+July 9th, friend of Janet Lakis).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Khouriya Janet Peters**, **Nayef Aboujamra**, **Philip Abuaita**, **Jonathan Bassett**, **Samira Gantous**, **Camille Ghantous**, **Nadera 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 Mortensen**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Rimi Abuaita** and the newborn **Angelina** (June 16th), **Majeda Abuaita** and the newborn **Anthony** (June 19th), and **Marco Abuaitah** and **Majd Abdallah** who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Huda Abusaada** and **Ivy Khoury**.

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

- 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 not hosted today ☹️.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: July 29th, August 12th, 19th, and 26th -- 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 Dormition of the Virgin Mary Fast (August 1st-14th), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Would you like to volunteer in feeding the hungry this coming Tuesday, July 24th from 9am-12:30pm? If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim or Evelyn Delbridge (jimdelbridge@charter.net or 810-630-2353). Since our children are out of school, this is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to follow our Lord's command of "feeding the hungry"!

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. Do not leave church today without putting your name in 1, 3, or 5 slots. The sign-up sheets are in the Lounge. If you have any questions, please speak with the chair of that committee (the list of chairs is hanging in the Lounge).

DONATIONS NEEDED We are in need of donors for a number of items that are listed in the Lounge. If you are interested in donating these items or making a donation to purchase these items, please contact Basil Andoni (basil487@hotmail.com /810-814-1076).

July 22nd — SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

On the banks of Lake Gennesaret (Galilee), between the cities of Capernaum and Tiberias, was the small city of Magdala, the remains of which have survived to our day. Now only the small village of Migdal stands on the site. A woman whose name has entered forever into the Gospel account was born and grew up in Magdala. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but Tradition informs us that Mary of Magdala was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke. 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a true disciple of the Savior.

The Gospel relates that Mary followed after the Lord, when He went with the Apostles through the cities and villages of Judea and Galilee preaching about the Kingdom of God. Together with the pious women Joanna, wife of Choza (steward of Herod), Susanna and others, she served Him from her own possessions (Luke 8:1-3) and undoubtedly shared with the Apostles the evangelic tasks in common with the other women. The Evangelist Luke, evidently, has her in view together with the other women, stating that at the moment of the Procession of Christ onto Golgotha, when after the scourging He took on Himself the heavy Cross, collapsing under its weight, the women followed after Him weeping and wailing, but He consoled them. The Gospel relates that Mary Magdalene was present on Golgotha at the

moment of the Lord's Crucifixion. While all the disciples of the Savior ran away, she remained fearlessly at the Cross together with the Mother of God and the Apostle John. As the Evangelist Matthew relates, she was present at the Burial of the Lord. Before her eyes Joseph and Nicodemus went out to the tomb with His lifeless Body. She watched as they covered over the entrance to the cave with a large stone, entombing the Source of Life.

Faithful to the Law in which she was raised, Mary together with the other women spent the following day at rest, because it was the great day of the Sabbath, coinciding with the Feast of Passover. But all the rest of the peaceful day the women gathered spices to go to the Grave of the Lord at dawn on Sunday and anoint His Body according to the custom of the Jews.

Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing the strange message that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. Here in this dark tomb so recently lay her lifeless Lord. Wanting proof that the tomb really was empty, she went down to it and saw a strange sight. She saw two angels in white garments, one sitting at the head, the other at the foot, where the Body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, "*Woman, why weepest thou?*" She answered them with the words which she had said to the Apostles, "*They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.*" At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognize Him. He asked Mary, "*Woman, why weepest thou? Whom dost thou seek?*" She answered thinking that she was seeing the gardener, "*Sir, if thou hast taken him, tell where thou hast put Him, and I will take Him away.*" Then she recognized the Lord's voice. This was the voice she heard in those days and years, when she followed the Lord through all the cities and places where He preached. He spoke her name, and she gave a joyful shout, "*Rabbi*" (Teacher).

Holy Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalene visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 A.D.) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. According to Tradition, she brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "*Christ is Risen!*" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle-worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate.

Thanks to Mary Magdalene, the custom to give each other Paschal Eggs on the day of Pascha, the Radiant Resurrection of Christ, spread among Christians over the entire world and continues to this day.

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.
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm