

St. George Orthodox Church

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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY AFTER THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Tone – 2

11th Matins Gospel {*John 21:15-25*}

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:

First 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 – O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples. {Refrain}

V. 3 – In the city of the Lord of hosts, In the city of our God; His sanctuary is in peace; and His dwelling in Zion. {Refrain}

Glory to the Father...now and ever...{Refrain}

Second Antiphon

Verse 1 – The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Refrain: *O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.*

V. 2 – God has laid her foundation unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. {Refrain}

V. 3 – The Most High has sanctified His tabernacle. {Refrain}

Glory to the Father...now and ever...*Only begotten Son...*

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

V. 1 – My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; I will sing and give praise in my glory. What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has given unto me?

V. 2 – I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

/Refrain/ Troparion for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary—Tone 1

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity! In falling asleep, you did not forsake the world O Theotokos! You were translated to Life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

في ميلادك حفظت البتولية وصنيتها وفي رقادك ما أهملت العالم وتركته يا والدة الإله. لأنك انتقلت إلى الحياة بما أنك أم الحياة. فيشفاعتك أنقذي من الموت نفوسنا.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

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.

Troparion for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary—Tone 1 (as above)

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 محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر وللمرضى طبيب وشاف وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary—Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death, had power over the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercession and whose protection is an unchanging hope; for being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:2-12* {11th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:23-35* {11th 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:

♦ **Marina Elia** – August 24th

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: **Robert Crum** (+July 9th, friend of Janet Lakis), **Richard Delbridge** (+July 13th, brother of Jim), **Juanita Sophiea** (+July 21st, sister-in-law of Norma Sophiea), **Raymond Shahin** (+July 24th, brother-in-law of JoAnn Hawkins), and **Kaukab Haddad** (+July 28th, aunt of Fr. Joe).
- 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**, **George**

Damouni (brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Samira Gantous**, **Camille Ghantous**, **Nadera Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **George Ishak** (nephew of Amira Hanna), **Gabby Joubran** (brother-in-law of Najwa Joubran), **Betty Khouri**, **Jean Khouri**, **John Khouri**, **Mariam Khoury**, **Norma Lazar**, **Lourice Matta**, **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen**, **Elaine Shaheen**, and **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Erica Shamma** and the newborn **Jacob** (July 22nd), **Ivy Alkhoury** and the newborn **Simon** (July 31st), **Landon** and **Liela Gantos** who were brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of their First Communion, and **Zayna** and **Leyla Andoni** who are to be brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of their First Communion.

- We also pray for the servant of God who is with child: **Huda Abusaada**.

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: August 26th, September 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS from Janet Abueita, Director (810-691-0956)

Dear parents, we need to set a good example for our children. We need to send them the right message about our Divine Services. We will continue giving on time slips for the children when they come on time for Divine Liturgy on Sunday as in the past. At the end of the year when we give out awards for Perfect and Excellent Attendance, it means that the child was in church and then went back to Church School. We all need to work together as a team to teach our children how important it is to come to Divine Liturgy and other Divine Services. They need to know that the church school is an extension of what they learn in church. If you have any questions or concerns please talk with me or Father Joe. Thank you and God Bless.

August 20th (tomorrow) — St. SAMUEL THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET

The Prophet Samuel was the fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, living more than 1146 years before the Birth of Christ. He was descended from the Tribe of Levi, and was the son of Elkanah from Ramathaim-Zophim of Mount Ephraim. He was born, having been besought from the Lord through the prayers of his mother Hannah (therefore he received the name Samuel, which means "besought from God"). Even before birth, he was dedicated to God. Her song, "My heart exults in the Lord," is the Third Ode of the Old Testament (1 Sam/1 Kings 2:1-10).

When the boy reached the age of three, his mother went with him to Shiloh and in accord with her vow dedicated him to the worship of God. She gave him into the care of the High Priest Eli, who at this time was a judge over Israel. The prophet grew in the fear of God, and at twelve years of age he had a revelation that God would punish the house of the High Priest Eli, because he did not restrain the impiety of his sons. Eli's whole family was wiped out in a single day.

The prophecy was fulfilled when the Philistines, having slain in battle 30,000 Israelites (among them were also the sons of the High Priest, Hophni and Phinees), gaining victory and capturing the Ark of the Covenant. Hearing this, the High Priest Eli fell backwards from his seat at the gate, and breaking his back, he died. The wife of Phinees, upon hearing what had happened in this very hour, gave birth to a son (Ichabod) and died with the words: "*The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God is taken away*" (1 Sam/1 Kgs 4: 22).

Upon the death of Eli, Samuel became the judge of the nation of Israel. The Ark of God was returned by the Philistines on their own initiative. After returning to God, the Israelites returned to all the cities that the Philistines had taken. In his old age, the Prophet Samuel made his sons Joel and Abiah judges over Israel, but they did not follow the integrity and righteous judgment of their father, since they were motivated by greed.

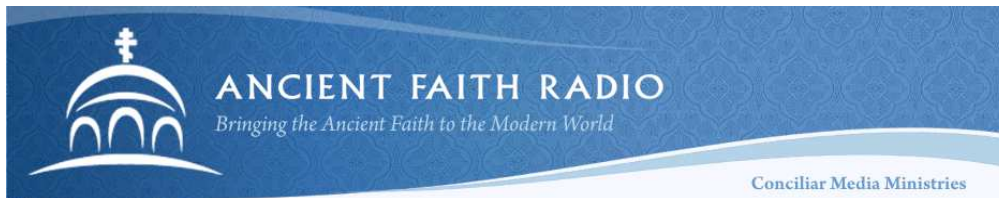
Then the elders of Israel, wanting the nation of God to be "like other nations" (1 Sam/1 Kgs 8: 20), demanded of the Prophet Samuel that they have a king. The Prophet Samuel anointed Saul as king, but saw in this a downfall of the people, whom God Himself had governed until this time, announcing His will through His chosen saints. Resigning the position of judge, the Prophet Samuel asked the people if they consented to his continued governance, but no one stepped forward for him.

After denouncing the first king, Saul, for his disobedience to God, the Prophet Samuel anointed David as king. He had offered David asylum, saving him from the pursuit of King Saul. The Prophet Samuel died in extreme old age. His life is recorded in the Bible (1 Sam/1 Kgs; Sirach 46:13-20).

In the year 406 A.D. the relics of the Prophet Samuel were transferred from Judea to Constantinople.

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.
Today	Andoni Baptism 2pm
Wednesday	SOYO Wednesday <i>Whaley Girls Bowling</i> (see Facebook page for details!)
Saturday	SOYO at Michigan's Adventure (see Facebook page for details!) Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm



Ancient Faith Today with Kevin Allen* live broadcast tonight on Ancient Faith Radio. *Speaking of the New Age Movement. . . will be the topic of discussion.

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Speaking of the New Age Movement. . . with guest Veronica Hughes, author of *The Pearl of Great Price: The Spiritual Journey of a New Age Seeker to the Light of Christ and the Eastern Orthodox Church*.

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