

St. George Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS GREAT MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED

Tone – 6

4th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:1-12}

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:

First Antiphon - Psalm 21

Verse 1. O God, my God, look on me; why hast Thou forsaken me?

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

Verse 2. The words of my transgressions are far from my salvation. *Refrain*

Verse 3. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not. *Refrain*

Verse 4. But Thou, the praise of Israel, dwellest in the sanctuary. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ... , now and ever Amen. *Refrain*

Second Antiphon - Psalm 73

Verse 1. O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?

Refrain: O Son of God who was crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Verse 2. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old. *Refrain*

Verse 3. This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. *Refrain*

Verse 4. God is our King of old: working salvation in the midst of the earth. *Refrain*

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

Third Antiphon - Psalm 98

Verse 1. The Lord reigneth, let the people rage: He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved.

Verse 2. The Lord is great in Zion: and He is high above all the people.

Verse 3. Let them give thanks to Thy great name: for it is holy.

Troparion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross – Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thy inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

خَاصُّ يَارَبُّ شَعْبِكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاتِكَ وَامْنَحْ عِبِيدَكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الْغَلْبَةَ عَلَى الشَّرِيرِ. وَاحْفَظْ بِقُوَّةِ صَلْبِيكَ جَمِيعَ الْمُخْتَصِّينَ بِكَ.

Entrance Hymn

Verse: Exalt ye the Lord our God. Worship at His footstool for He is Holy.

Refrain: O Son of God, who was crucified in the flesh, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia!

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 the Holy Cross—Tone 1 (as above)

Troparion for St. Euphemia—Tone 4

Thy lamb, O Jesus, does cry unto Thee with a loud voice, saying, “My bridegroom, I long for Thee and in struggles seek Thee. I am crucified and buried with Thee in thy Baptism, and for Thee I do suffer until I reign with Thee. I die for Thee that I may live in Thee.” Then, as a sacrifice without blemish, receive her who for Thy sake was slain. Through her intercessions, therefore, since Thou art merciful, save our souls.

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 مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاوِرِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفْرَ تَسْقَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion for the Holy Cross—Tone 4

Do Thou, who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by Thy Name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 2:16-20* {Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross}

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:34-9:1* {Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross}

Flower and Basil Offerings for the Elevation of the Holy Cross

- The Shaheen Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.

- **Karam and Aida Nassar** and **Emile and Hiam Bathish** for the health of their families.

Holy Bread Offerings

- The Bathish children, their spouses, and children for their health and especially for parents and grandparents **Emile** and **Hiam Bathish** on the occasion of their 55th anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony -- *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of **Naif** and **Julia Bathish** and **Yacoub** and **Marie Farah**.
- **Jamil** and **Victoria Nassar** for the health of their family on the occasion of their 41st anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony especially daughters **Alexandra**, on the occasion of her birthday, and **Heather** – *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of **Issa Abulail** (Vicky's father).

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:

- ◆ **Cecilia Rishmawi** – Sept. 19th
- ◆ **Nicholas Abdallah** – Sept. 22nd

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: **Paul Saba** (+August 15th, Cleveland, friend of a number of parishioners), **Lamar Williams** (+August 16th, friend of Dr. Lindsey Farah), and **Mariam Abuaita** (+August 21st, mother of Androlla Abuaita).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Khouriya Janet Peters**, **Nayef Aboujamra**, **Cesar Banna**, **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother) and **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), **Elaine Shaheen**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Robert Teunion**, **Ivy Alkhoury** and the newborn **Simon** who were brought back into the life of our parish through the Prayers of Churching, and **Huda Abusaada** and the newborn **Layan** (August 17th).

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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *The Bathish Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 14th, 21st, and 28th -- 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.

September 16th — GREAT MARTYR EUPHEMIA

The Holy Great Martyr Euphemia the All-Praised was the daughter of Christians, the senator Philophronos and Theodosia. She suffered for Christ in the year 304 in the city of Chalcedon, on the banks of the Bosphorus opposite Constantinople. A majestic church was afterwards built over the grave of the Great Martyr Euphemia. At this temple the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council took place in the year 451. At that time, the holy Great Martyr Euphemia confirmed the Orthodox confession in a miraculous manner, and exposed the Monophysite heresy. Details of this miracle are related under July 11.

With the taking of Chalcedon by the Persians in the year 617, the relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia were transferred to Constantinople (in about the year 620). During the Iconoclast heresy, the reliquary with the relics of St Euphemia appears to have been thrown into the sea. Pious sailors recovered them. They were afterwards taken to the Island of Lemnos, and in the year 796 they were returned 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.
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm Post Festival Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday	Ladies Cooking for Middle Eastern Lunch 10am Altar Society Dinner Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
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	Altar Server Mandatory Meeting <u>POSTPONED</u> No Great Vespers



LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE

COLLEGE
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SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012



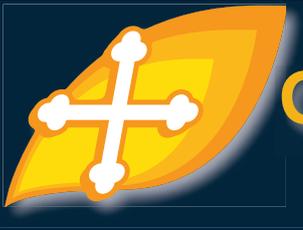
Registration Dates:
College Conference, Monday, September 17, 2012.
Real Break, Monday, October 15, 2012.

For more information see www.ocf.net
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Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Keeping our College Students Connected to Christ and His Church

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

is the official inter-Orthodox campus ministry program under SCOBA. Our mission is to support fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others and study of the Faith.

What comprises OCF?

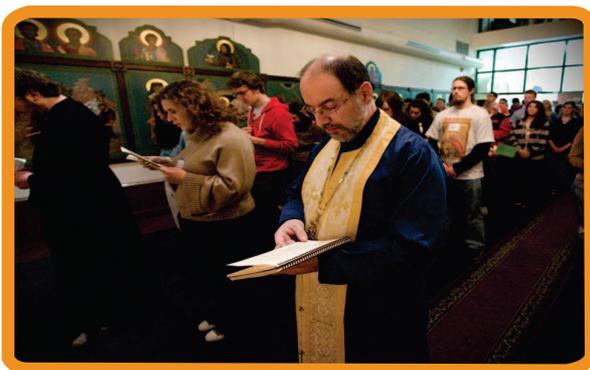
- Thousands of Orthodox College Students
- 300 local university/college chapters across the United States and Canada
- Board of Directors, made up of members and eight jurisdictional representatives, student advisor and the North American Chaplain
- Regional chaplain and student representatives who serve as a communication network and the voice of the students.
- A variety of educational and innovative programming, including regional training, annual conferences, and domestic and international service-learning programs.



What has made OCF a success?

Local OCF chapters have exploded from 50 active chapters to 300 across North America in ten years.

The Student Advisory Board (SAB), established in 2002 serves as the student voice to the North American OCF Office. These students/alumni serve in multiple leadership capacities throughout our Orthodox community.



OCF Chaplaincy Program was developed four years ago in North Carolina. This program serves nearly 300 college students on the campuses of Duke University, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

Chaplains Conference was instituted in 2005 to provide training and support for local OCF chaplains, who are in the trenches with the students. To continue in this effort, the establishment of Regional Chaplains under the direction of the national chaplain occurred in 2010.

Real Break, an alternative spring break service-learning program, gives students an alternative to “traditional” spring breaks. In ten years, hundreds of students have traveled to Constantinople, Guatemala, Mexico, Alaska, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Canada, and San Francisco.

College Conference affords students the opportunity to gather and grow in their faith annually. Since 2001, we have added three additional locations to the original site. Growing the number of participants from 200 to 400 with conferences in the east, south and west.

Day of Prayer initiated by the first SAB during Great Lent 2003; students across North America participate in 24 hours of continuous prayer beginning on the first day of Great Lent.

Essential resources provided to thousands of students such as: the North American Chaplain, educational curricula, like the *Transition* DVD, chapter and regional speakers, [OCF.net](http://ocf.net), *The Witness* (formerly *The Basil Leaf*) student review, *The Headliner* newsletter, local chapter start up resources such as the OCF Connect Kit and design of custom chapter logos.

College Student Sunday, the Sunday following the Elevation of the Cross, was declared by SCOBA to honor Orthodox college students throughout North America in 2003.

OCF Alumni Association formation will take place in 2010. The alumni will become a critical component in the future work of OCF.



The ministry of OCF is unique – fostering a love for Christ in places where He is ridiculed, questioned, and abandoned on a daily basis. Banning together as a community, OCF presents a witness on college campuses that Orthodox Christianity is alive and available to students. OCF sustains them through their challenging college years, and helps ensure the future strength of our Holy Orthodox Church.