

St. George Orthodox Church

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HIEROMARTYR PHOCAS OF SINOPE THE WONDERWORKER

Tone – 4

2nd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}

Altar Servers: **St. Nicholas** team {Nicholas Shahin, captain} Next Week – **St. George** 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,

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4

When the women disciples learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, they cast away parental sin, and proudly told the message to the disciples proclaiming that death hath been spoiled and Christ our God hath risen granting the world great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4 (*as above*)

Troparion for St. Phocas—Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; By teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to 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 وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَبِهَا الْعَظِيمِ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاوَرِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ 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.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرؤدة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك صالحه، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 16:13-24* { 13th Sunday after Pentecost }

Gospel Reading: *Luke 5:1-11* { 1st Sunday of Luke }

Holy Bread Offerings

- St. George Ladies Auxiliary for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Yousef Sharif** (40 day).
- Olga Nassar and Family for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Khader** (15 years), mother **Salwa Shaheen** (12 years), and sister **Majada** (14 years).
- Zahra Hayek for the health of her family especially **Wael** and **Evan** on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them 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:

◆ **Nicholas Abdallah** – September 22nd

◆ **Reem, Qusta, and Steven Hayek** – September 26th

◆ **Elias Abueita** – September 27th

◆ **Yasmeen Haddad** – September 28th

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: **Samir Ishak** (+August 14th, Vera Farah's cousin), **David Tome** (+August 19th, brother of Joe from St. Nicholas), **Elaine Hernwick** (+September 2nd, Leslee Abud's cousin), **Issa Odeh Sawalha** (+September 7th, Jordan, Nayfeh Alshahouri's brother), and **Marie Skafi** (+September 11th).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita, Hanna Abuaita, Housam Abousamra, Evelyn Delbridge, Ayman Elias, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Donald Hawkins, Mary Ibrahim, Betty Khouri, Edward Khouri, Jean Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Khoury, Janet Lakis, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Danny Mortensen, Elaine Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, William Sophiea Jr., and Lois Teunion** (Bob's wife). **Jennifer** (Peera) **Khoshaba** (daughter of Situ Najwa Joubran) and the newborn **Emma** (August 31st). **Alexa Nassif** (daughter-in-law of George and Jeanette) and the newborn **Genevieve Adele** (Sept. 3rd).
- We pray for those who are with child: **Kristen** (Abraham) **Baradihi** and **Nadeen Jaraysa**. Former parishioners and friends: **Amanda** (Daoud) **Alyatim** and **Lisa Thomas** (daughter-in-law of Doug and Sandy Thomas).

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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *St. George Ladies Auxiliary*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 20th and 27th -- 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.

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE!

At last Sunday's Special General Assembly, it was unanimously approved to move forward on fixing the Church Dome and Roof on our entire complex (Church, Lounge/Offices, Church School, and Hall) and Replacing our Air Conditioning Units at an approximate cost of \$69,900. THANK YOU to the 32 parishioners who pledged \$1,000 each toward this. To all our parishioners of St. George, please help however you can. Whether it is \$500, \$100, \$50, or \$5, every check that you write for the roof is less money we have to borrow, and less interest we have to pay. What a great opportunity for the Community of St. George to complete a project without debt! **Every** contribution counts! Just ask Christ about the widow's contribution. If you can, please also consider helping to reach our Maintenance Matching Fund goal. We are halfway there; the Ladies' Auxiliary will match all donations. This money will be put aside for future Maintenance needs, so we do not have to come to you in a panic every time we need to fix something around the church. Just like you do, the Parish Council is trying to plan for the future by investing in the present. Please ask, call, or e-mail me or any Parish Council member if you have questions. We're proud to serve our God and our St. George Family! Your Brother in Christ, Ric Shahin, Parish Council Chairman (989-631-3696 or ricshahin@sbcglobal.net)

FUNDRAISING DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION This major fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, October 5th. Tickets include 2 dinners and a chance for the top cash prize of \$3,000 and are available from any Parish Council member for \$150. Help is needed from our parishioners for donating Silent Auction items and/or donating money toward items that will be bought – please see Michael Silpoch as soon as possible. Get your tickets TODAY!

COLLECTION BOXES Did you know that we have collection boxes at St. George for *BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION, *pop can TABS, *VG's receipts, *eyeglasses, and *FOOD for Catholic Charities? Items can be put in these boxes at any time!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,800 to meet our 2013 Budget. On September 15th our offerings were \$2,560 so we were short \$2,240! ☹ If you haven't already, fill out your 2013 Offering Form and support the work of St. George!

ST. GEORGE BOOKSTORE New items purchased at the Archdiocesan Convention in Houston, TX – Postage Stamp Jewelry! Check it out in the Bookstore Case 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 as normal.
TODAY	Teen SOYO Election Meeting <i>after Church School</i>
Monday	Bible Study: <i>Gospel of St. Luke</i> 3-5pm
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study: <i>Gospel of St. Luke</i> 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

SEPTEMBER 22ND – ST. PHOCAS OF SINOPE

The Hieromartyr Phocas was born in the city of Sinope. From youth he led a virtuous Christian life, and in his adult years he became Bishop of Sinope. St Phocas converted many pagans to faith in Christ. At the time of a persecution against Christians under the emperor Trajan (98-117), the governor demanded that the saint renounce Christ. After fierce torture they enclosed St Phocas in a hot bath, where he died a martyr's death in the year 117.

In the year 404, the relics of the saint were transferred to Constantinople (July 22).

The Hieromartyr Phocas is especially venerated as a defender against fires, and also as a helper of the drowning.