

# St. George Orthodox Church

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September 23, 2012

## CONCEPTION OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, PROPHET, AND FORERUNNER JOHN

Tone – 7

5<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {Luke 24:12-35}

Altar Servers: **St. Michael** team {Samer Abuaita, captain} Next Week – **St. Paul** 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, 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 7**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy; and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

### Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 7** (as above)

#### **Troparion for the Conception of St. John the Baptist—Tone 4**

Rejoice, O barren one, who had not given birth; for behold you have conceived clearly the one who is the dawn of the Sun who was about to illuminate the whole universe, blighted with sightlessness. Shout in joy, O Zechariah, crying in favor, “*Verily, the one to be born is a Prophet of the Most High*”.

#### **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، والفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر والمرضى طبيب وشاف  
وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر تشفع 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:** *Galatians 4:22-27* {Conception of St. John}

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 5:1-11* {1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke}

### **Holy Bread Offerings**

- Tawfiq and Androlla Abu Aita for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Mariam** (40 days) and **Andreas Abuaita** (parents of Androlla).
- Jamal, Manal, and Tamer Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Samir** and **Yara** on the occasion of their 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

♦ **Qusta, Reem, and Steven Hayek** – September 26<sup>th</sup> ♦ **Elias Abueita** – September 27<sup>th</sup>

*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 15<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland, friend of a number of parishioners), **Lamar Williams** (+August 16<sup>th</sup>, friend of Dr. Lindsey Farah), **Nabeel Ibrahim** (+September 14<sup>th</sup>, Canada, uncle of Ziyad Ibrahim), and **Victoria Khoury** (+September 17<sup>th</sup>, sister-in-law of Norma Sophiea).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Khouriya Janet Peters**, **Nayef Aboujamra**, **Lucy AbuAita**, **Najeb Abuaita**, **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**, **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), and **Huda Abusaada** and the newborn **Layan** (August 17<sup>th</sup>).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Sandra Mitri**, **Marlen Odeh**, and **Suhair Awwad**.

### **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 *Jamal and Manal Abuaïta*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> -- 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.

**IOCC EMERGENCY KITS** The International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief, and development programs to those in need worldwide. Our Teen SOYO is collecting donations in order to make emergency health kits. Please be generous and donate any of the supplies listed on the flier in the Lounge. You can place your donations into our IOCC collection box also in the Lounge! Thank you so much for your generosity and time. God bless ♥

### **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.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** Would you like to volunteer in feeding the hungry this coming Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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).

**MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE** Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends THIS Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from any Auxiliary member. Everyone is asked to help out – all profits benefit our church! If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, please contact Aida Nassar (810-584-0575). *Please bring your sweets to the church this Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> or early on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.* Donations are being accepted to offset the cost of the food.

**Participating in the Body and Blood of our Lord (Holy Communion)** Holy Communion is not just for children it is for ALL of us. Everyone should be

prepared by fasting from the evening before, praying to God that He accepts us, and always asking God to forgive our sins, along with the Sacrament of Confession at least every 2 months if you are taking Holy Communion every week. The Divine Liturgy **IS** the partaking of Holy Communion. All of the prayers before and after Holy Communion – from 10 am until the Liturgy ends – is focusing on one thing, the partaking of Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr. Joe.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> — CONCEPTION OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest St Zachariah and his wife St Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when St Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

St Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "*Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*" But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "*I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words....*"

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

**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	<b>Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark</b> 3-5pm
Tuesday	<b>North End Soup Kitchen</b> 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy</b> 1pm-2:30pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Thursday	<b>Middle Eastern Community Lunch and Bake Sale</b> 11am-3pm
Friday	<b>YAF Meeting</b> 6pm
Saturday	<b>Combined Great Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton</b> 5pm

# IOCC Kits

*“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving”- 2 Corinthians 8:7*

**What is it?** International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is the official humanitarian aid agency in North and Central America. It has delivered more than \$400 million in relief and development programs to families and communities in 50 countries.

**What Are We Doing?** With the help of all of you (the Orthodox Christians in the Flint area), we are planning to collect, construct and send out **Emergency Care Kits**( through IOCC) to developing countries so that when disaster strikes, these families will have something to lean on and at least keep themselves healthy.

**Who am I helping?** Your generosity will help in places like Syria, Gaza, Greece, Uganda and many others that are experiencing natural disasters, conflicts and crisis.

***“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”*** Matt. 25:40

What goes into an EMERGENCY HEALTH KIT???

- One gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure
- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One comb
- One metal nail file or nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size, new and wrapped in original packaging)
- One toothbrush (NO TOOTHPASTE)
- Six Band-Aids

So please look through the list of supplies and bring in one item, or many! (New items only, please!) Monetary donations will also be greatly appreciated.

**Let this beautiful challenge begin!**



Thank you all! God bless. Love, St. George Teen SOYO

JOIN US!  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH  
10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Schedule:

SATURDAY, 5:00PM, Great Vespers followed by Refreshments in the Hall.

SUNDAY, 10:00AM, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace, Bishop Alexander.

SUNDAY, 11:45 AM: Memorial (Trisagion) for the Departed Founders of the Parish.

SUNDAY, 12:30PM, Festal Banquet on the Property. (Free will envelopes will be offered).

SATURDAY & SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29TH & 30TH, 2012

WITH HIS GRACE,  
BISHOP ALEXANDER OF TOLEDO

MUSIC & DANCING BY SARENA TAMBURITSA ORCHESTRA

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by Sunday, September 23rd.