

St. George Orthodox Church

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January 17, 2016

VENERABLE ANTHONY THE GREAT

Tone 8

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

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

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service

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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 and are members of 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 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 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8 (*same as above*)

انحدرت من العلو يا مُتَحَيِّن. وقبِلت الدفنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيام، لكي تُعَيِّننا من الآلام. فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا يا ربَّ المجدِّ لك.

Troparion for St. Anthony the Great—Tone 4

O Father Anthony, by your zeal you equaled Elijah, you imitated the life of John the Baptist, you founded a city in the wilderness. You established the Church on the firm foundation of your prayers. Pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

لقد اقتديت بإيليا الغيور في الطرائق. واقتفيت آثار المعمدان في سبله القويمة أيها الأب انطونيوس. فعمرت البرية واصبحت تؤيد المسكونة بصلواتك. فتسفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Troparion for 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 عاصد وناصر وللمرضى طبيب وشفاف وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومُحارب أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاور جيوس اللابس الظفر تسفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Meeting of Christ in the Temple—Tone 1

Thou sanctified a virgin womb by Thy birth and rightly blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast come, O Christ our God, and on this day hast saved us! Give peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom Thou has loved, O only lover of mankind.

يا من بمولدك أيها المسيح الإله للمستودع البتولي قدّست، وليدّي سمعان كما لاق باركت، ولنا الآن أدركت وخلصت،
احفظ رعينتك بسلام في الحروب، وأيد الذين أحببتهم، بما أنك وحدك محبٌ للبشر.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 13:17-21* {St. Anthony the Great}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 17:12-17* {12th Sunday of Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Archpriest Richard Peters** (+December 23rd, St. James-Williamston, MI), **Hanna Abueita** (+December 10th, uncle of Janet Abueita), **Mariam** (+December 10th) and **Soad Alhayek** (+January 1st, aunts of the Hayek Family), and **Mary Marino** (+January 11th, friend of parishioners).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Fr. Angelo Maggos** (Assumption), **Nadya Abdella**, **Housam Abousamra**, **Hanna Abuaita**, **Eman Abufarha**, **Jonathan Bassett**, **Emil Bathish**, **Evelyn Delbridge**, **Vera Farah**, **Nadera Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Areen Hutchins**, **Daisy Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Reema Khoury**, **Betty Khouri**, **Lourice Matta**, **Laura Nassar**, **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Salim**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Brian Silpoch**, and **William Sophia Jr.**
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Shrouq Abuaita** (daughter of Ibrahim and Eman Abufarha), **Ivy Alkhoury**, **Andrea Gazis** and **Sara Keller** (daughters of Bill and Sue Shaheen), **Jennifer Habbo** (daughter of Jimmy and Maggie David), **Suha Issac**, and **Erica Shamma**.

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 *Arab-American Heritage Council*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 21st and 28th ~ sign-up poster is in the

Lounge. Hosting information is in the 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. For more information, please see Manal Abuaita.

4TH ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER (SEE FLIER IN LOUNGE!) Thursday, January 28th All proceeds support the Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI. The Abbess (spiritual leader) Mother Gabriella is our guest speaker. We begin with **Vespers** sung by the Nuns at 5:30pm. **Social Hour** with *Displays and Gift Shop from the Monastery*, along with *visiting with the nuns* is at 6:15pm. **Dinner and Presentations** begin at 7pm with the **Benediction** at 8:30pm. The cost is \$35 for Adults and \$25 for Students. For more information and to make your reservation (deadline is January 22nd!), please see Deacon Michael.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB We will meet TOMORROW, Monday, January 18th from 6-8pm. Our next book will be *Thirty Steps to Heaven* by Archimandrite Vassilios Papavassiliou, a timely read as it is a guide to the Ladder of Divine Ascent which is traditionally read during Great Lent. The author of the Ladder on which the Thirty Steps is based, Saint John Climacus, is commemorated on the 4th Sunday of Great Lent. All are invited to join! If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Deacon Mike at 989-493-2050 or frdmike@gmail.com.

GODPARENT SUNDAY & BREAKFAST IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH Invitations for Godchildren to send to their Godparents (and Godparents to send to their Godchildren) are available from Church School or on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up an invitation to send to your Godchild (or Godparents). It will be a wonderful day and we want everyone to be here! When you know who will be attending (Godparents and/or Godchildren), please RSVP in the Church School office. Thank you!!!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,722 to meet our 2016 Budget.

On January 10th, our offerings were \$4,890 so we were ahead! ☺ If you haven't already, please fill out your 2016 Offering Form and support God's work at St. George!

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. John 3-5pm Book Club 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Gospel of St. Luke 12:30-2:30pm 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	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

JANUARY 17TH ~ VENERABLE ANTHONY THE GREAT

Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the




turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city.

The cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. Here he remained, as mentioned above, about twenty years. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says he came forth from that fortress *"initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God."* Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea, where he passed the remaining part of his life.

Saint Athanasius says of him that *"his countenance had a great and wonderful grace. This gift also he had from the Savior. For if he were present in a great company of monks, and anyone who did not know him previously wished to see him, immediately coming forward he passed by the rest, and hurried to Anthony, as though attracted by his appearance. Yet neither in height nor breadth was he conspicuous above others, but in the serenity of his manner and the purity of his soul."* So passing his life, and becoming an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17 in the year 356, having lived some 105 years.

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-  If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
-  If you would like to host Coffee Fellowship in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday or anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Manal Abuaita.
-  If you would like to offer Holy Bread (*Holy Oblation*) in memory of a loved one, for the health or safety of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion, you may phone the church office (810-732-0720) by 12 Noon of the Wednesday before. If you do not make the Holy Bread, Father Joseph will buy it from Balkan Bakery for a cost to you of \$35.



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Share the Light Sunday

January 17, 2016

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

Beloved Clergy, Godly Monastics, and Blessed Faithful:

We greet you during this great and joyous Feast of Theophany in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Christ's earthly ministry begins with His baptism by St. John the Forerunner and the proclamation of the Triune God, "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased." Today we write you to join Christ's ministry as disciples of the 21st Century.

Now more than ever, the next generation of Orthodox leaders, our Christian brothers and sisters in persecution, and faith seekers worldwide need a witness to Christ. People are lost in temptation with no hope of salvation. They need to hear the message of our Lord. **By the Grace of God we have the Orthodox Christian Network - to inspire the faithful everywhere; raise up our children; call back the wayward; and reach out to our cities and towns with the joyful, Christ-centered message of the Orthodox Christian Church.**

In parishes across the country and in homes around the world, millions of youth, families, priests, Bible Study groups, and those yearning to learn more about the Church visit the Orthodox Christian Network every day. **As an official agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, the Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) comforts, inspires, interacts and informs Orthodox Christians and seekers through Digital Media.** OCN invites you and your congregation to *Listen, Read, Watch, Learn and Interact* at www.myocn.net with our Internet radio stations, news programs, blogs, Live Bible Study, and popular social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

During the Orthodox Christian Network's 20th Anniversary, the Assembly asks every Orthodox parish in America to participate in a Share the Light Sunday. Please spread the word about this ministry, and remember OCN in your parish's charitable giving. OCN is not financially underwritten by any one organization, jurisdiction, or individual. Rather, OCN is supported entirely by parish and personal donations. When your parish supports OCN, you contribute to strengthening Orthodox evangelism and outreach in the Digital Age.

On behalf of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops, we thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry. Let us go forth and share the Good News.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Right Reverend Bishop Peter (Episcopal Liaison of OCN)

Nicholas Mavrack (Chairman of the Board)

Rev. Christopher T. Metropulos (Founding Father)