

January 26, 2020

32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY

Tone - 7 10th Matins Gospel {*John 21:1-14*}

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom** {*the Golden-Mouth*},
we sing the following Special Hymns for today:

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 (*same as above*)

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلْبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّيِّفِ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نُوحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ أَنْ يُكْرَزَ وَأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

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

Kontakion of the Presentation 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.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعِ الْبَتُولِي، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيَّ سَمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَذْرَكُنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصَنَا. إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحَبَّبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُجِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

Epistle Reading: *1 Timothy 4:9-15* {32nd Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 19:1-10* {15th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Elias and Amirah Hanna for the health of their family especially **René** and **Natania** 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 celebrated their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this past week:

- **Eli** and **Julianna** Helal – January 31st

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Nicholas** (December 27th) and **Margaret** Butrie (December 29th, parents of Fr. Matthew at St. Nicholas), **Amal** Burbar (December 30th, mother of Issa), **Dennis** Perez (+January 8th, friend of St. George), **May** Woodward (January 9th, relative of JoAnn Hawkins), **Archpriest Patrick** Kinder (+January 14th, friend of Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee), and **Harry** Aydinian (+January 19th).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa and Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Housam** Abousamra, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Wadia** Albaba, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna** Hale, **Don** and **JoAnn** Hawkins, **Daisy** Isaac, **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Goni** Ishak, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **George** Alqazaha who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Renea** (Rakan) Bayouk and **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun.

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. *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread*

and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

- Since Church School is in session, please allow our Staff and then our Children to receive Holy Communion first! As always, please follow our Ushers' directions ~ thank you!
- If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.
- If you have a special need, please let one of our Ushers know so they may assist you.
- As a reminder, please do not talk in church. We are here to pray and worship God. When people talk and greet each other, we are being rude to God while distracting those who are praying and preparing themselves for HOLY COMMUNION. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say hello and visit with one another. In the communion line, the only people who should be talking are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another.

• فقط للتذكير بطريقة ودية: الرجاء عدم الكلام داخل الكنيسة. نحن هنا للصلاة وتقديم فروض العبادة لله. عندما نتحدث ونقدم التحية للآخرين داخل الكنيسة، فنحن نساهم في تقديم اهانة لله، ونشتت أولئك الذين يصلون ويهيئون أنفسهم لتناول القربان المقدس. يرجى الانتظار حتى الدخول الى صالة الكنيسة عندها يمكنكم تناول القهوة والقاء التحية على الآخرين، الاشخاص الوحيديين الذين يسمح لهم بالحديث هم فقط من يسألون ويقبلون المسامحة وطلب المغفرة قبل تناول.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Elias and Amirah Hanna*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: February 16th and 23rd ~ sign-up poster and 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, see Manal Abuaita.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick yours up (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them this week! If your name is not listed, call the church office. The calendars (please take one per family) are a gift from our Ladies Auxiliary, THANK YOU, LADIES! Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. **Parents**, please make sure your child has received their *Offering Envelopes*.

The Abuser:

Abusive behavior betrays a deep spiritual and psychological illness

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

There are people who insist on holding on to resentment, often inventing situations in their minds that never happened, justifying their bad behavior, and putting the blame on others. They see themselves as the abused party, always quick to take offense. Rarely are they able to have healthy relationships, for they are in reality, the abusers. Their world centers around them, and any attempt by others to appease them, only contributes to the anti-social behavior.

Such behavior betrays a deep spiritual and psychological illness, one that is not easily

healed. Such people feel empowered by making other people uncomfortable, and normal attempts at reconciliation often end in failure, for such people are always looking for ways to continue their control over others. Their illness is difficult to heal, for their pride and deep-seated sense of superiority makes repentance difficult, for they simply do not see themselves as having a problem.

One of the Desert Fathers tells us of a young monk who came to his elder, complaining that he'd been wronged by one of his brothers, and following the holy tradition of the desert, had gone to the one who had wronged him, asking for forgiveness. The erring brother refused, so the wronged brother wanted to know what he should do in response. The elder told the young monk that he had walked away justified in the eyes of God, and that there was nothing left for him to do, except to pray for his erring brother.

This true story from the Desert Fathers makes clear that we must always be quick to forgive others, even if they were at fault, not remembering the wrong done to us, nor depend on the other cooperating in the reconciliation. Their repentance is not required, for we will be held accountable only for our own response. Before God, we will be justified.

When another person refuses to accept our heartfelt apology, we must be willing to let it be, and walk away, knowing that we have done our part. Abusive people such as these, can, if we let them, prevent us from living our own life in Christ, for they keep our focus away from the forgiveness that comes from Christ. When we walk away from such negative people, we walk away having forgiven them, and we commit ourselves to praying for their repentance: there is nothing more we can do.

Keeping our focus on Christ, we do not react, do not resent, and do not lose our inner peace. The sickness that is at the basis of controlling, abusive people must not be allowed to take away from the inner joy and peace that comes from our personal relationship with Christ.

For your own soul's sake, and for the soul of the abuser, continue to pray for them, but go your own way, *"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:7)

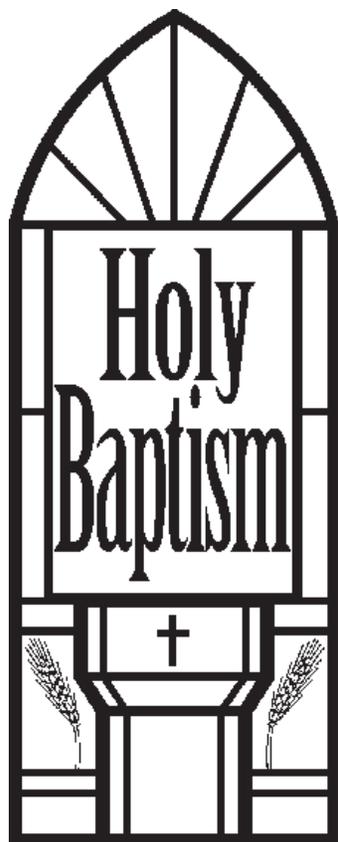
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COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
Monday	Aydinian Funeral 10am Bible Study: <i>Gospel of John the Evangelist and Theologian</i> 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: <i>Gospel of John the Theologian</i> 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling 810-732-0720 during Office Hours.

- 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.



GODPARENT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9TH

We are excited to announce the
20th Annual **Godparent Sunday**
sponsored by our Church
School.

This day will allow our Godparents and Godchildren to “reconnect” with each other and help us understand the joy and beauty of that special relationship! Please make note of the following:

2019-20 Church School Theme

- ❖ *Children (or parents) INVITE your Godparents to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents INVITE your Godchildren to Divine Liturgy and Meal as soon as possible!*
- ❖ *Godparents and Godchildren should prepare themselves with Confession before February 9th so they can participate in Holy Communion together!*

⇒ An **Invitation** (to be sent by Godparents to Godchildren or Godchildren to Godparents) is **in the Lounge!**



***A delicious meal for Godparents, Godchildren, and our
WHOLE parish is being planned!***

Adults -- \$5 Children under 10 years of age -- \$3
~~ All donations will go to our Christian Education Program ~~