

October 13, 2019

**HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**أحد آباء المجامع المسكونية السبعة**

**HIEROMARTYR JACOB OF HAMATOURA**

Tone - 8 6<sup>th</sup> Matins Gospel {Luke 24:36-53}

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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 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 الغلو يا مُنحَن. وقبِلت الدفنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيام، لكي تُعَفِّقنا من الآلام. فيا حياتنا وقيامتنا يا ربُّ  
المجدُّ لك.

**Troparion for the Holy Fathers—Tone 8**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

أنت أيها المسيح إلهنا الفائق التسبيح، يا من أسست آباءنا القديسين على الأرضِ كواكبَ لامعة. وبهم هديتنا  
جميعاً إلى الإيمان الحقيقي. يا جزيلَ الرحمةِ المجدُّ لك.

### Troparion for St. Jacob—Tone 3

As a cedar of Lebanon, you grew without fear of martyrdom and death and became a true victor, O Father Jacob. For you did conquer death in thy body when by humility you controlled the passions. And while burning like incense as a true sacrifice, you interceded with Christ to grant our souls the great mercy.

مِثْلُ أَرْزَةِ لُبْنَانَ تَنْمُو، غَيْرَ هَيَابٍ مَوْتِ الشَّهَادَةِ، هَكَذَا عَدَوْتُ يَا يَعْقُوبُ مُنْتَصِرًا، إِذْ غَلَبْتَ الْمَوْتَ فِي جَسَدِكَ، حِينَئِذٍ صَبَّطْتَ الْأَهْوَاءَ بِتَوَاضُعِكَ، وَبِاشْتِعَالِكَ كَالْبَخُورِ دَبِيحَةً، تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ، أَنْ يَمُنَحَنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

### 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.

بِمَا أَنْكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكْفَاحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوِرِجِيُوسُ اللَّابِسِ الظُّفْرِ، تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

### Kontakion for the Virgin Mary—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.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرِ الْخَازِيَةِ الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرِ الْمَرْدُودَةِ لَا تَعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ نَحْوَكُ بَايْمَانٍ، بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَاسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْمَتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمَكْرَمِيكَ.

**Epistle Reading:** *Titus 3:8-15* {Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council}

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 8:5-15* {4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke}

### Holy Bread Offerings

- Emil and Mary Rishmawi for the health of their family and in loving memory of **George Rishmawi** (9 day, Emil's cousin).
- Issa and Adam Odeh for the health of their family and in loving memory of wife and mother **Nawal** (6 month), son and brother **Jamie, Saman, Farah, Nassim, George, Odeh Georgette, Katrina, Nahil,** and **Nazeek**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Maxine** Konkle (+September 6<sup>th</sup>, mother of Fr. John from Dormition Monastery), **Daad** Mukarker (+September 23<sup>rd</sup>, mother of Katrin Mitri), **John** Salomon (+September 24<sup>th</sup>), and Dr. **Roger** Monsour (+September 26<sup>th</sup>, cousin of Nancy Silpoch, Deb Salim, and Richard Shaheen).
- 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, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Georgette** and **George** Abueita, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Roland** and **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **Olga** Nassar, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophia Jr., and **Lois** Teunion.

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jennifer** (Michael) Habbo {daughter of James and Maggie David}, **Dina** (Laith) Maymoun, and **Kari** (Panayiotis) Mikroudīs {daughter of John and Theresa Farah}.

### 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is hosted by *Issa and Adam Odeh*.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

### Parish Council Vacancies

- If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate qualified (see below) parishioners for the 3 expiring terms on the Parish Council, please submit names to a member of the **Nominating Committee** (Emil Abueita, John Farah, Habeeb Ghattas, or Fr. Joe). The deadline to be a nominee is October 22<sup>nd</sup> and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8pm. If you will be attending, please let Fr. Joe know. If this day and time does not work for you, speak with Fr. Joe to reschedule another time before the deadline of October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Parish Council Qualifications (from our Parish Constitution)

- *No member of the Parish Council shall be under the age of 18 years of age (excluding any ex-officio member) and no Voting Member of the Parish shall be eligible to become a member of the Parish Council unless such person has been a voting member of the Parish for a period of one (1) year and has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox faith. Further, nominees must worship at St. George at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; shall be exemplary (model) members of St. George; participate in extracurricular ministries of the parish (such as: Fundraising, Parish Council committees, Educational, etc.); participate in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion on a regular/frequent basis; has signed the yearly Offering Form; and attend a Nominee Seminar.*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be \$4,792 to meet our 2019 Budget. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, our offerings were \$3,500 so we were short \$1,292 😞! Please support the work of St. George!

**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 (see below).

➤ **AUTOMATIC GIVING** Did you know most banks and credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. George for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.

<b><u>COMING EVENTS</u></b>	
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	<b>Bible Study</b> 6-8pm
Tuesday	<b>Altar Society Dinner Meeting</b> see <i>Theresa Farah for information</i> 6pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study</b> 12-2pm <b>Little Compline</b> 6pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	<b>Great Vespers and Confessions</b> 5pm

## **The River of Fire ~ An all-consuming fire / an illuminating light**

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

Upon Christ's Second Coming, everyone who has ever lived will see Him in His uncreated light, forever. For *"those who worked good deeds in their lifetime will go towards the resurrection of life, while those who worked evil in their lifetime will go towards the resurrection of judgment"* (John.5:29). All will be separated at the moment of the final judgement with the good experiencing paradise as exceedingly good and radiant, while those who have rejected His love, and whose lives ended without repentance, will look upon Christ as hell, the *"all-consuming fire"* spoken of in Hebrews 12:29.

It is from Christ's Second Coming that the river of fire will flow forth. For the saints, this river of fire will be a golden light, encompassing them as an eternal joy. Whereas, for the demons and the unrepentant, it will be as a burning hell fire. For this very reason we read in Luke 2:34, that Christ is *"as the fall and the resurrection of many"*.

For those who reject the healing that has been offered, Christ will be their hell, their separation from the eternal bliss. For the saints, Christ will be their resurrection into eternal life. This is why Saint John of the Ladder wrote the uncreated light of Christ is *"an all-consuming fire and an illuminating light"*. This is why we say heaven and hell are not about location, they are about relationship. Heaven and Hell are within the same realm, which is in the presence of God.

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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.

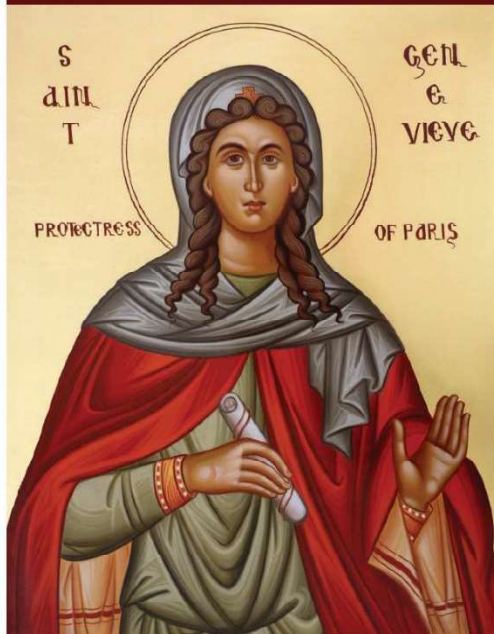
# *Special Olympics* AWARENESS DAY



As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to run and sponsor the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Nearly three hundred athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

## *Did you know?*

Special Olympics Sports Camp is a premier SOYO outreach program and is now in its 39<sup>th</sup> year of service to Special Olympic Athletes. In addition to the funds raised on Special Olympics Awareness Day, the teens provide at least half the coaching staff and many former teen volunteers, now adults, serve as adult leaders in the ministry.



Next Sunday, October 20, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2020.

As an expression of gratitude for your support of this ministry, you will receive an icon of Saint Genevieve, protector of Paris. In addition to the funds raised our teens travel from all over North America to serve as Special Olympic Coaches each year to bring the light and love of Christ to these Special Athletes.

*Thank you for your financial support.  
Please make checks payable to your local teen SOYO group.*

For More Information: <https://teensoyo.org/special-olympics>  
For online donations: <https://teensoyo.org/product/donate>

**ASSUMPTION'S ANNUAL  
HARVEST FEST &**

**Trunk  
or  
Treat**



**Saturday, October 26th!**

**6:00 to 8:00pm**

**2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI**

Join us for this **SPOOKTACULAR** event of costumes,  
treats, and community fun!

Get those trunks decorated and ready for the kids  
to visit for treats.

**Activities to include:**

**Kid Friendly Dinner**

**Bounce Houses**

**Basketball/Football Games**

**Crafts**

**Music by DJ Patsos**

**Trunk or Treating**

