

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

أحد آباء المجامع المسكونية السبعة

Tone - 3 9th Matins Gospel {John 20:19-31}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

Greeters and Ushers: **Members of Teen SOYO**

Confessions
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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**, we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm. He has trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades granting the world the great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3 (*same as above*)

لتفرح السماويات وتبتهج الأرضيات. لأن الرب صنع عزاً بساعده، ووطئ الموت بالموت، وصار بكاراً للاموات. وأنقذنا من جوف الجحيم، ومنح العالم الرحمة العظمى.

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 الأرض كواكب لأمعة. وبهم هديتنا جميعاً

إلى الإيمان الحقيقي. يا جزيلاً الرحمة المجد لك.

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 جارجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

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.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرذودة 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: *Titus 3:8-15* {Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council}

Reader: **Nataly Odeh**

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

Holy Bread Offerings

- Anthony and Carol Michael for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Mary** Salim.

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:

Mariann Hayek – October 14th

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: **Leland Harris** (+September 5th, father of Lee), **Michael Farah** (+September 14th, son of Sam and Tracy), and **Hetty Burnett** (September 22nd, grandmother of Claire Saadeh).
- 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**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal Abuaita**, **Cesar Banna**, **Pamela Mary Bassett**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex** and **Panayiotis Deligorges**, **Vera Farah**, **Betty Froberg**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Nawal** and **Nemer Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Karam Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Eva Saseen** (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Lois Teunion**, and **Vicki Toma** (sister of Fr. Joe); **Luai**, **Rasha** and newborn **Joy** (September 20th) Abuaita; **Andrew**, **Rachel** and newborn **Laila** (September 30th) Sackllah.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, and **Karen** (Nicholas) Shaheen {Drs. Ron and Kathy's son}.

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). If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, let one of the ushers know so they may assist you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 21st, November 4th, and 25th ~ 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. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

MATINS We celebrate Resurrection Matins on Sunday mornings at 8:50am in Arabic and English. Make it a point to come as often as you can to this beautiful service that "sings" the resurrection of Christ into our lives. Start by committing to both Saturday Vespers (5pm) and Matins on a once a month basis. As always, when we make an effort, God will bless it!

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and Dn. Mike will be attending the *Clergy Retreat* in Toledo, OH on Thursday and Friday, October 18th-19th. Fr. Joe will then stay for the *Fall Gathering* on Friday, October 19th to Saturday October 20th. For emergencies while Fr. Joe and Dn. Mike are away, please call Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for their safe travels.

HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION) If you are 8 years or older, have been away from the Church, or have not had Confession in the last 2 months and desire to come back and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, please remember you must offer a confession of your sins first. Father Joe is not the only Orthodox priest in the area and if you would prefer to go for confession to one of the other local priests, feel free to do so (*please just let Fr. Joe know*): Fr. Gabriel Bilas from St. Mary Magdalene (810-750-1401) or Fr. Matthew Butrie from St. Nicholas Church (810-744-0070). The important thing is not who hears your confession, but that you participate in this Holy Sacrament on a regular basis. **Blessed are those who wash their (baptismal) robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life (Christ in Holy Communion).** (*Revelation 22:14*)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On October 7th, our offerings were \$3,385, so we were short \$2,245 ☹ If you have not already, please support God's work at 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).

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.
TODAY	Kindergarten and 1st Grade Class with Fr. Joe
Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs-Sun	Midwest Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Fall Gathering -Toledo, OH
Saturday	No Great Vespers

OCTOBER 14TH ~ HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

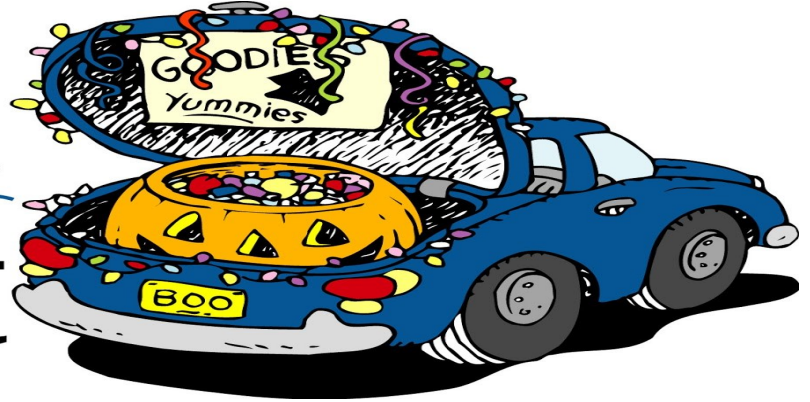
On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasios and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

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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 over the next few months in memory of a loved one, the occasion of a birthday, a wedding 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. In memory of a loved one, please state whether you would like to have a **Memorial Service** near the end of Divine Liturgy. It is always appropriate to have a Memorial Service on the 3rd, 9th, and 40th day after one's falling asleep along with the yearly anniversary. It may also be done on the 6th month anniversary. If you would like to make the Holy Bread, please see/contact Aida Nassar 810-433-1515.
- **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

**ASSUMPTION'S ANNUAL
HARVEST FEST &**

**Trunk
or
Treat**



Saturday, October 20th!

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 Potos

Trunk or Treating



Special Olympics AWARENESS DAY



ST. JOHN
CHRYSOSTOM
Patron Saint of Teen SOYO



NAC SOYO
50th Anniversary

As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to run and sponsor the 38th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Approximately three hundred athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. TeenSOYO 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 38th 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 21, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 38th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2019.

As an expression of gratitude for your support of this ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint John Chrysostom, the Patron Saint of Teen SOYO. The Year 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the North American Council of Teen SOYO. For this reason our teens have chosen to honor their Patron Saint as an expression of love and gratitude for the multitude of blessings they have received over these 50 years.

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

For More Information: <https://teensoyo.org/special-olympics>

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