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October 15, 2017

HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

أحد آباء المجامع المسكونية السبعة

Tone 2 8th Matins Gospel *{John 20:11-18}*

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

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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.

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2

When Thou did submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou did destroy hell with Thy Godly power! And when Thou did raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ Thou giver of Life, Glory to Thee, O our God!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 2 *(same as above)*

عندما انحدرْتَ إلى الموتِ أيُّها الحياةُ الذي لا يموتْ. حينئِذٍ أمتَّ الجحيمَ بِبَرْقِ لاهوتِك. وعندَما أقَمْتَ الأمواتَ مِنْ تحتِ الثرى. صَرَخَ نَحْوكَ جميعُ القواتِ السَّماوِيين. أيُّها المسيحُ الإلهُ معطي الحياةِ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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 المسيحُ إلهُنا الفائقُ التسبيح، يا من أسَّستَ آباءَنا القديسينَ على الأرضِ كواكبَ لامعة. وبهِمِ هديتَنا جميعاً إلى الإيمانِ الحقيقي. يا جزيلَ الرحمةِ 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 جاورجيوس 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 غيرَ الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المردُودة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطأة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك صالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمانٍ، 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}
Gospel Reading: *Luke 8:5-15* {4th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Ayman and Wafaa Elias for the health of their family and in loving memory of children **Joselyn** and **Elias**.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord**: Bishop Antoun Khoury** (+October 2nd), **Clemence Bassett** (+September 19th, mother of Deacon Michael), **Cathern Henry** (+October 1st, former parishioner), **John McShosh** (+October 2nd, former parishioner), and **Samira Barham** (+October 7th, aunt of Janet Abueita).
- 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, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Salwa Abu-Aitah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Hanna Abuaita**, **Shafiqa Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Hiam Andoni**, **Ceasar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Tom David**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland** & **Ronald Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John** & **Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr**.; **Jeaneen Farah** and newborn **Georgio Aiden** (September 17th); **Chrissy Abueita** and newborn **Iliyana Sophia** (September 20th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Ola Alqazaha** and **Lameese** (Abu-Aitah) **Porada**.

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 22nd, November 5th, and 26th ~ 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, please see Jamal Abuaita. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Parents** Our annual Church School Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Please mark down the date, November 11th. Children (Kindergarten - 12th grades -- Preschoolers and their parents may join us at Great Vespers and dinner) are to be dropped off at 2pm sharp. They will prepare their part of the meal and do activities until Great Vespers at 5pm. We ask parents to PLEASE return by 5pm to sit with your children as families. Beginning this Sunday, we are collecting $5 per child who will be attending in order to help with the cost of food items to prepare our feast. Each family is asked to bring a can or a nonperishable item to be donated to our food drive on that Saturday evening. If you would like to help with this function, please contact me. Our parent coordinators, Anaam Abueita and Evette Rishmawi will be looking for donors (5 cooked turkeys that are to be dropped off to the church by 2pm) and volunteers to for our clean-up committee and kitchen committee. Thank you in advance. Janet Abueita (810-691-0956 / cooeita@aol.com)

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. The committee is composed of Dannie Jones, Fadi Rishmawi, Anwar Abueita, and Fr. Joe. The deadline to be a nominee is October 22nd. All nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Monday, October 23rd 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 (October 23rd).

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.

ARAB-AMERICAN HERITAGE COUNCIL *(AAHC)* **ENSURE THE LEGACY BANQUET** Takes place THIS Tuesday, October 17th, from 5:30pm-8pm at the Northbank Center Grand Ballroom 432 N

Saginaw St #507, Flint. Our life-long parishioner, **Vera Farah,** will be honored as *Arab-American of the Year*. In addition, college scholarships will be awarded. Tickets are $75. Please contact Devin Jones 810-235-2722 or devin@aahcflint.org with questions and to reserve your tickets.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We are now able to take Credit or Debit Card purchases and donations. If you would like to make a purchase or a donation, please come to the office during normal Office Hours (see below) or call to do it by phone.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be $4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On October 8th, our offerings were $1,787, so we were short $2,923 ☹!

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products*) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
TODAY	**3rd-5th Grades** *with Fr. Joe*
Monday	**English Bible Study: *Gospel of St. Mark*** 3-5pm
Tuesday	**Pan-Orthodox Book Club** 6-8pm
Wednesday	**Arabic/English Bible Study*Gospel of St. Mark*** *12:30-2pm*
	Parents and Teens with *Fr. Joe and Deacon Mike* 7-9pm
Thursday	**Parish Council Dinner Meeting** 6:15pm
	Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda.
Saturday	No Great Vespers

OCTOBER 15TH ~ HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Today, the Church remembers the 350 Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasios (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicaea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them was not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person or event shown). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because *"no man has seen God at any time"* (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, this remembrance takes place on October 11th (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11th.

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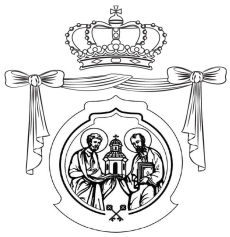
- **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm), Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached at the church office 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.
- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted 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, a wedding anniversary, or in thanksgiving to God, sign up on the poster in the Lounge or speak with Jamal Abuaita.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



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OF NORTH AMERICA

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TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND PUBLISHED IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN

To the Beloved Clergy and Laity of our Archdiocese:

Greetings and blessings in the Name of our Lord and God, and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray this letter finds you and your families in good health.

For the past Thirty-six years, our beloved teens have ministered to the Athletes of Special Olympics. Through the power and joy of sports, Special Olympics transforms lives. This coming summer, at the Antiochian Village Camp, our teens will host and serve at the 37th annual Special Olympics SOYO Sports Training Camp. Teen SOYO offers an important outreach ministry to the Special Olympic Athletes by providing them, free of charge, a week of sports training. This year they will host over 320 athletes and coaches. SOYO will help our guests feel welcome and develop a profound belief in themselves.

The web site of Special Olympics organization says the following about their mission:

> "Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

It seems clear that the time and energy that is given by our teens toward these goals are truly pleasing to our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, and deserves our enthusiastic support. He asked us and urged us to receive Him by receiving them "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me" (Mathew 18:4-5). Christ asked us to invite them also to our home "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" (Luke 14:12-13)

Through your generosity, our teens raise the money needed to pay more than $75,000.00 in expenses, so we ask you to be generous in supporting this vital ministry. As you leave Church this morning, the teen members of your parish will offer you an Icon Bookmark of St. Thekla. They offer this icon as an expression of their appreciation for your contribution. Your gift today will have a great impact on the lives of these athletes and the teens that minister to them.

May our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, continue to bless all of your good endeavors.

Yours in Christ,

+Joseph

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Special Olympics AWARENESS DAY

LIVING THE ORTHODOX FAITH IN CHRIST
WORSHIP • WITNESS • SERVICE • FELLOWSHIP

Troparion of Saint Thekla the Protomartyr

O Glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, you were enflamed with the love of your Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. You despised the passing earthly pleasures, and offered yourself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ your Groom to grant us His great mercy.

Thank you for supporting NAC Teen SOYO Special Olympics!

www.teenSOYO.org

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

As **NAC Teen SOYO** prepares to sponsor the **37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp**; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Approximately 345 athletes and coaches participate in our camp each year. 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)

Special Olympics Awareness Day is your opportunity to support this ministry and enrich the lives of our teens who participate in helping others. Your generosity makes this ministry possible.

Today, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in the summer of 2018. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of $74,000 to run this worthwhile program.

As an expression of our teens' gratitude for your support of this important ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint Thekla the Protomartyr. Because of her many sufferings for the Faith the Church counts Saint Thekla as a "Protomartyr". And because she converted so many people to Christianity she is also know as an "Equal-to-the-Apostles". Her Feast Day is September 24th.

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/