

October 27, 2019

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ MARTYR NESTOR OF THESSALONICA

PROCLA (CLAUDIA), THE WIFE OF PONTIUS PILATE

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

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

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10:00am

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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 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!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

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

عندما انحدرت إلى الموت أيها الحياة الذي لا يموت. حينئذ أمت الجحيم ببرق لاهوتك. وعندما أقمت
الأموات من تحت الثرى. صرّح نحوك جميع القوات السماويين. أيها المسيح الإله معطي الحياة 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، والفقراء 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 غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرؤدة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك صالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 {19th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56 {7th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Daisy Isaac and the Issac, Jehnsen, and Harris Families for the health of their families especially **Daisy** on the occasion of her birthday and **Bruce** and **Patti Harris** on the occasion of their anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony – *May God grant them many years!* and in loving memory of **Michael, Helen, Tommy, Toufic, Eddie, Freddie, Woody, Charlie, Gloria, Louie Sr., Louie Jr., George, Helen, Pauline, Matthew, Emily, Gary, Norma, Debbie, Joel, Jim, Fouzie, Joe, John, James, and Leland.**

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:

- **Zeina** Abuaita – October 23rd

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: **Nadya** Awwad (September 13th, mother of Sandy Mitri), **Daad** Mukarker (+September 23rd, mother of Katrin Mitri), **John** Salomon (+September 24th), Dr. **Roger** Monsour (+September 26th, cousin of Nancy Silpoch, Deb Salim, and Richard Shaheen), **George Rishmawi** (+October 11th, Emil Rishmawi's cousin), **Olivia** Parsons (+October 11th, former Preschool staff), and **Roland** Haddad (October 13th).
- 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** (Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Georgette** Abueita, **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Ronald** Haddad, **Shawna** Hale, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Adam** Odeh, **Aida** Raffoul, **Reem** Ramirez, **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea 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!
 - 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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *Daisy Isaac and Family*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: December 1st, 8th, and 29th ~ 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.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ...

... **Everyone** who donated to our Teen SOYO's *Special Olympics Day*. They raised \$348!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be \$4,792 to meet our 2019 Budget. On October 20th, our offerings were \$4,195 so we were short \$592 😞! 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.

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	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting after Divine Liturgy
Monday	Bible Study 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	Matins (8:50am) and Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael of Brooklyn 10am Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

The Domestic Church ~ The incubator for a life of righteousness

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

Prior to electricity and central heating, most families gathered in parlors, spending evenings with reading, sewing, and family conversations. The notion everyone would retreat to bedrooms, kitchens, or dens, separating themselves from other family members, was unthinkable. The communal nature of the family was natural. I can remember, as a child (this really dates me), sitting together with my brother and my parents, listening to radio dramas. Before the coming of television, families would gather for evenings in the living room, where children would play with Lincoln Logs or play board games with their parents.

Evenings spent together as family is important, for these moments not only build a bond between parents and their children, but also serve as important times in which to share family values. The old saying that “a family that prays together, stays together” was a truism that is often forgotten. I remember, as a boy of six, a Catholic family living next to us who had a small family chapel, complete with altar, statues, and candles. Every evening they would all gather in that little chapel to pray the rosary. As a protestant boy, I remember wishing we had a chapel as well.

Family meals are also important times for building strong, moral, and spiritual foundations in children. Sitting around the dinner table is a great time for parents to develop strong bonds of trust with their children. Dinner is a perfect time for talking to your children about their friends, school activities, or recounting the homily from the Sunday Liturgy. Family members dispersing throughout the house for the evening can end up functioning as autonomous entities with family bonds unlikely to develop in a healthy manner.

The domestic church, which is such an important element of the Orthodox Christian tradition, cannot be developed in a family where meals, prayers, and social life are all in separate parts of the house. Parents, in their capacity as shepherds and nurturers, have the God-given responsibility to make sure the home is an incubator for a life of righteousness, and where the Orthodox faith can take root. It is in such households that these children, in turn, learn how to be good parents to their own future children.

Hebrews 10:24-25: “... and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another ...”

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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 our 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 Manal Abuaita.
- **OFFICE HOURS** Our Office Manager, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm) and Tuesdays and Thursdays (12:30pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Hosted by our Church School



DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2019

Grades: Kindergarten to High School

TIME: 2pm

Cost: Each child is asked to bring in 6 canned foods or they may make a \$5 donation and we will buy the canned foods. This year we are collecting for the **Food Bank of Eastern Michigan**. They may bring in their canned food items beginning next week or bring it with them on Saturday, November 9th.

Beginning at 2pm, they will be preparing the food, doing activities, and setting up the tables. All of our St. George Family is invited for the ***Akathist of Thanksgiving*** at 5pm and immediately following, we will enjoy our meal we helped prepare. We are also preparing food for the Salvation Army in Owosso. Our focus this year is to teach our children the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to feed the hungry.

Our parents are asked to drop off their children at 2pm and come back by 5pm so they can sit with their child at Great Vespers.

We are also in need of 6 Turkeys! Turkeys need to be cooked, sliced, and brought to the Banquet Center, along with the turkey juice, when dropping off your child at 2pm, but no later than 4pm! Please contact our parent coordinators, Amal Abuaita or Evette Rishmawi, or stop by the Church School Office if you would like to donate.

This is one of our Church School's main activities and we would love ALL the children to participate! Please have your child RSVP by either bringing in cans, making a \$5 donation, or just letting their teacher know they will be attending.

Please call or email Janet (810-691-0956 or cooeita@aol.com) with any questions or if you would like to help.

