

October 6, 2019

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ THOMAS THE APOSTLE CALLED "THE TWIN"

Tone - 7 5th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:12-35}

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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 بِصَلَابِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَقَنَحْتَ لِلصَّنِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يُكْرَزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

Troparion for St. Thomas—Tone 3

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ الْقِدِّيسُ ثُومَا، تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْإِلَهِ الرَّحِيمِ، أَنْ يُنْعِمَ بِعُفْرَانِ الزَّلَّاتِ لِنُفُوسِنَا.

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 مَكَافِحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاوِرِ جِيُوسِ اللَّابِسِ الطُّفْرِ، تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خِلَاصِ 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.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرذودة 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 6:1-10 {16th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16 {3rd Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of Dr. **Joseph** Bassett (40 day, uncle of Protodeacon Michael) and **Christopher** Petropoulos (18 year).
- Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Josephine** Abud (40 day, aunt of Fr. Joe).
- Shawki and Reema Khoury and Family for the health of the family and in loving memory of son **George** (6 month).
- Fuad and Wadia Albaba for the health of their family and in loving memory of son **Elias** (10 year), and parents **Shaheen, Zani, Elias, and Souriya**.
- Anwar and Janet Abueita for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Yacoub** (24 year, Anwar's father).

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:

- **George** Ishaq – October 10th

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: **Carolyn** Joseph (+August 24th, wife of Emil), **Maxine** Konkle (+September 6th, mother of Fr. John from Dormition Monastery), **Daad** Mukarker (+September 23rd, mother of Katrin Mitri), **John** Salomon (+September 24th), and Dr. **Roger** Monsour (+September 26th, cousin of Nancy Silpoch and Deb Salim).
- 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), **Fr. Joseph** Abud, **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 *Anwar and Janet Abueita*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 20th and 27th ~ 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 Jamal 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 22nd and all nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** on Tuesday, October 22nd 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 22nd.

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 September 29th, our offerings were \$1,485 so we were short \$3,307 😊! 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.

<u>COMING EVENTS</u>	
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	Bible Study 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
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	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

Sin as Illness ~ The Church as the hospital for the soul

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

Our Orthodox Faith defines sin as an illness in need of healing; not a crime that requires punishment. The Church is a hospital for our soul whose therapists (priests) first sought therapy and then became the therapists. As a healing institution, the Church is the place for broken souls.

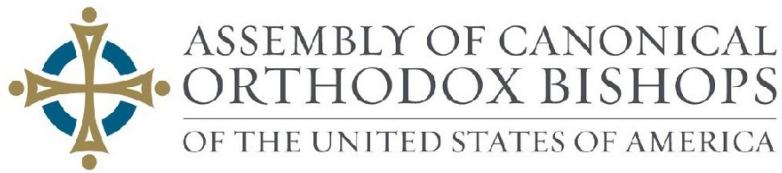
We come before Christ as tarnished images, far from that which God intended. Yet this very Creator God is patient and loving, quick to forgive. Our God invites us to holiness, to be made whole. His grace is sufficient to lift us up out of our mire and into the heights of a joy and gladness that is meant to be eternal. We need only to humble ourselves and ask for help and the Kingdom is ours.

Heaven and hell are not about location, but about relationship. All that is needed is our responsive word, followed by action. We say yes to God's invitation while seeking out the therapy that is ours within the life of the Church.

Wholeness (holiness) is ours through this relationship with Christ, whose redemptive act upon the Cross, together with His having conquered death by death, delivers us from the depths of estrangement. We are lifted up to God, having been made whole, and eternal communion with God is our destiny.

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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.



2019 College Student Sunday Encyclical
October 6, 2019

Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

We greet you with joy as we announce the date for **College Student Sunday**, benefiting **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**. To support the incredible efforts of our students, College Student Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, running in conjunction with OCF's Orthodox Awareness Month. This year the date falls on **October 6**.

We are asking that a special collection be taken on College Student Sunday in support of the good work of OCF, and we encourage the entire faithful family—clergy, parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of our treasured college students—to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry on their behalf. If October 6 is not a good date for your parish, please make the collection on another Sunday in October. Donations may be sent to the **OCF National Office, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445** or made online at www.ocf.net/donate.

The vision of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship is to be the loving presence of Christ and the Orthodox Church on college campuses; to be an integral part of students' spiritual formation by challenging them to explore the Faith; and to inspire students to commit to living an Orthodox Christian way of life daily. This is accomplished via a growing network of on-campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as Regional Retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

We are grateful for both your prayers and support. May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ who calls all of us to contribute to the ministry of His Church guide and strengthen our cherished and beloved college students.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

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