

St. George Orthodox Church

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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: *MARTYR MENAS OF EGYPT*

Tone - 7 2nd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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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 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)

حطمت بصليبك الموت وفتحت للصلب الفردوس. وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب الى فرح. وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا بأنك قد قمت أيها المسيح الاله. مانحا العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion for the Martyrs—Tone 4

With great valor of soul, thou didst strive in martyrdom, and having fought the good fight, O divine Great Martyr Menas, thou from Heaven hast received the gift of miracles; for God hath shown thee to the world as a worker of great signs, and He made thee our protector and a swift help in afflictions and ever-vigilant defense from harm..

يا ميناُس العَظيْمُ في شَهداءِ الرَّبِّ. لَمَّا أَتَمَمْتَ جِهادَ الشَّهادَةِ بِشِجاعَةٍ. إِستَحَقَّتْ بِبِهاءِ المَواهِبِ. لِذا بِجِدارَةٍ أَظهَرَكَ مَجيدًا إِلَهًا وَصانِعًا لِلعِجائِبِ. مَتَشَوِّعًا وَمَعينًا وَناصِرًا فَعالًا في الضِيقاتِ.

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 وشفاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion of Mary's Entrance into the Temple—Tone 4

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

إنَّ الهيكلَ الكليَّ النقاوة، هيكلَ المخلص، البتولَ الخدرَ الجزيلَ الثمن، والكنزَ الطاهرَ لمجد الله، اليوم تدخلُ إلى بيتِ الرب، وتُدخلُ معها نعمةَ الروحِ الإلهي، فلتسبِّحها ملائكةُ الله، لأنها هي المظلةُ السماوية.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 {for St. Menas}

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37 {8th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Evelyn Delbridge for the health of her family especially **Fran Khoury**, **Roger Isaac**, **Brian Silpoch** and their families and in loving memory of husband **James** (6 month) and **Matthew Lawrence**.
- Protodeacon Michael Bassett for the health of his family especially **Pamela** and sons **Christopher** and **Jonathan** and in loving memory of **Otto Veale** (37 year, Pam's father).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Carlos David** (October 12th, cousin of Laila Abud) and **Georgette Maalouf** (+October 19th, relative of John Abud).
- 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), **Laila** and **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal Abuaita**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **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**, **Heather** and **Karam Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Eva Saseen** (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** and **Nancy Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Lois Teunion**, and **Vicki Toma** (sister of Fr. Joe).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Ola** (Michael) Alqazaha, **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is NO **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** today because our Parish Assembly begins immediately after Divine Liturgy. Our Teen SOYO will be taking care of our children during the Assembly. If you are not staying for the Assembly, please pickup your children from Church School immediately after Divine Liturgy.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th ~ 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.*

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. During this time of preparation during the **Christmas Great Fast** is a perfect opportunity. 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*)

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. On Thursday, November 15 th , we begin the traditional forty-day CHRISTMAS FAST in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25 th . The Fast is divided into two periods. The <u>first period</u> is until December 19 th when the traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products</i>) is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when <i>wine and oil</i> are allowed and Saturdays and Sundays when <i>fish, wine, and oil</i> are allowed. There is no fasting on Thanksgiving Day.
Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting <i>see Theresa Farah for information</i> 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm
Next Sunday	High School Class with Fr. Joe

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*).

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On November 4th, our offerings were \$2,563, so we were short \$3,067 ☹ If you have not already, please support God's work at St. George!

NOVEMBER 11TH ~ MARTYR MENAS OF EGYPT

The Holy Great Martyr Menas of Egypt, an Egyptian by birth, was a military officer and served during the reign of the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). When the emperors began the fiercest persecution against Christians in history, the saint refused to serve these persecutors. He removed his soldier's belt (a sign of military rank) and withdrew to a mountain, where he lived an ascetic life of fasting and prayer.

Once he happened to arrive in the city during a pagan festival. At the climax of the games, the saint's accusing voice rang out, preaching faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. At his trial before the head officer Pyrrhus, the saint bravely confessed his faith, saying that he had come to denounce the impious. Pyrrhus was angered, and had Menas arrested.

Pyrrhus offered to restore the saint's former rank if he would offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When he refused, he was put to cruel tortures, and then beheaded. This occurred in the year 304. Christians gathered up the martyr's relics by night and hid them until the end of the persecution. Later, they were brought to Egypt and placed in a church dedicated to Saint Menas southwest of Alexandria.

The saint received grace from God to work miracles, and to help those in need. Saint Menas is noted for healing various illnesses, delivering people from possession by demons, and as a protector, especially during times of war. We also ask his help in finding lost objects.

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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.
- **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.
- 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 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. If 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.

St. George Orthodox Church
Ladies Auxiliary
5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Sunday, November 18th



The Ladies will be selling a variety of pastries: cookies, pies, cakes, Arabic sweets, etc. If you have any questions, see any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Please fill out the form below and send it to the Church with your check or give it to any member of the Ladies Auxiliary by November 11th

*Thank you for your
Support!*

DEADLINE is November 11th!!!

Order Form

Item	Number of Dozens	Price (\$15 per dozen)
Spinach Pies		
Meat Pies		
Date Cookies		
TOTAL		

Name _____