

St. George Orthodox Church

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NOVEMBER IS I.O.C.C. (*INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES*) MONTH

JOHN THE ALMSGIVER, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA

Tone 6 1st Matins Gospel {*Matthew 28:16-20*}

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

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service
Trisagion p.183

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 6

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord glory to Thee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 6 (*same as above*)

إن القوات الملائكية ظهروا على قبرك الموقر. والحراس صاروا كالأموات. ومريم وقفَتْ عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر. فسيبت الجحيم ولم تجرّب منها وصادقتْ البتولَ مانحاً الحياة. فيا من قامَ من بين الأمواتِ يا ربُّ المجدُّ لك.

Troparion for St. John—Tone 8

In your patience, you have won your reward, O righteous Father. You did persevere unceasingly in prayer; you did love the poor, and did provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

لَقَدْ أشرقتْ النعمةُ مِنْ فَمِكَ مثل النار. فَأَنارتْ المسكونة. ووضعتْ للعالم كنوزَ عدم محبةِ الفضة. وأظهرتْ لنا سَمَوَ الإِتضاع. فيا أيُّها الأبُّ المؤدِّبُ بأقوالِكَ يوحناَ الذهبيَ الفم. تشفِّعْ إلى الكلمةِ المسيحِ الإله. أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نفوسنا.

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 طيبب وشاف، 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: *Galatians 6:11-18* {22nd Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Luke 16:19-31* {5th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family especially sons **Christopher** and **Jonathan** and in loving memory of Pam's father **Otto Veale** (36 year).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Bishop Antoun Khoury** (40 day), **Cathern Henry** (40 day), **John McShosh** (40 day), **Samira Barham** (+Oct. 7th, aunt of Janet Abueita), **George Khair** (+Oct. 18th, father of Esperanza Abuaita), **George Elchaer** (+Oct. 19th, father of Youssef), **Jihan Damouni** (+Oct. 29th, sister of Emil Bathish), **Ghadeer Al-Awash** (+Oct. 30th, cousin of Raeda Andoni), and **Qusta Qassis** (+November 8th, nephew of George Ishaq and Issa Odeh).
- 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**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Hanna Abuaita**, **Shafiq Abuaitah**, **Jane Abueita**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Tom David**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Salwa Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **John Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **John & Nakhleh Khoury**, **Nicola Khoury**, **Danny Mortensen**, **Basem** and **Laura Nassar**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Mary Salim**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophiea Jr.**; **Lameese** (Abu-Aitah) **Porada** and newborn **Avery Elizabeth** (November 2nd).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Ola Alqazaha**.

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 we may assist you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: November 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st ~ 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 Manal Abuaita. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are to be served.*



Our parish is collecting "COATS FOR KIDS" to help the Salvation Army with their distribution in time for winter. You can help by bringing new and/or clean, gently used coats, along with winter accessories (mittens, gloves, hats, snow boots, snow pants, etc.) to be placed in the box in the hallway. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE Our Ladies Auxiliary will be having their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale next Sunday, November 19th. Along with selling pastries, the Ladies are also making and selling Meat and Spinach Pies by the dozen. Fill out the form (on Narthex table) and give it to a member of the Ladies Auxiliary by TODAY, November 12th. Thanks for your support!

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.

COMING EVENTS

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| 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 | Parish General Assembly after Divine Liturgy |
| 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 <i>Nativity Fast Prayer Service</i> 6pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm |
| Thursday | Altar Society Dinner Meeting see Theresa Farah for information 6pm |
| Saturday | Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm |

NOVEMBER 12TH ~ JOHN THE MERCIFUL, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA

Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria, was born on Cyprus in the 7th century into the family of the dignitary Epiphanius. At the wish of his parents, he entered into marriage and had children. When the wife and the children of the saint died, he became a monk.

He was zealous in fasting and prayer, and had great love for those around him. His spiritual deeds won him honor among men, and even the emperor revered him. When the Patriarchal throne of Alexandria fell vacant, the emperor Heraclius and all the clergy begged Saint John to occupy the Patriarchal throne. The saint worthily assumed his archpastoral service, concerning himself with the moral and educational welfare of his flock. As patriarch, he denounced every soul-destroying heresy (wrong teaching).

He considered his chief task to be charitable and to give help all those in need. At the beginning of his patriarchal service, he ordered his stewards to compile a list of all the poor and downtrodden in Alexandria, which turned out to be over seven thousand people. The saint ordered that all of these unfortunates be provided for each day out of the church's treasury. Twice during the week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, he sat on the church portico and received everyone in need. He settled quarrels, helped the wronged, and distributed alms. Three times a week he visited the sick, and rendered assistance to the suffering. It was during this period the emperor Heraclius led a tremendous army against the Persian emperor Chosroes II. The Persians ravaged and burned Jerusalem, taking many captives. The holy Patriarch John gave a large portion of the church treasury for their ransom.

Saint John the Merciful was known for his gentle attitude towards people. Once, the saint was compelled to excommunicate two clergymen for a certain time because of some offense. One of them repented, but the other fellow became angry with the Patriarch and fell into greater sins. The saint wanted to summon him and calm him with kind words, but it slipped his mind. When he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, the saint was suddenly reminded by the words of the Gospel: *"If you bring your gift to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar ... first, be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift"* (Matthew 5:23-24). The saint came out of the altar, called the offending clergyman to him, and falling down on his knees before him in front of all the people he asked forgiveness. The cleric, filled with remorse, repented of his sin, corrected himself, and afterwards was found worthy to be ordained to the priesthood.

Saint John was persuaded to accompany the governor Nicetas on a visit to the emperor in Constantinople. While on his way to visit the earthly king, he dreamed of a resplendent man who said to him, "The King of Kings summons you." He sailed to his native island of Cyprus, and died at Amanthos, the saint peacefully fell asleep in the Lord (616-620).

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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 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.

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Ladies Auxiliary
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Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Sunday, November 19th



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 12th

*Thank you for your
Support!*

DEADLINE is November 12th!!!

Order Form

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

Name _____