

April 15, 2018

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! المسيح قام! حقا قام!****NEW SUNDAY OR ANTI-PASCHA: APOSTLE THOMAS**Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}Confessions  
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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**:

**First Paschal Antiphon**

Verse 1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the Earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: *Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*V. 2 Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee! RefrainV. 3 Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!  
Refrain then Glory to the Father...now and ever... then Refrain**Second Paschal Antiphon**V. 1 God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us! Refrain: *O Son of God who arose from the dead, ..., Alleluia.*V. 2 That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations! RefrainV. 3 Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee! Refrain  
Glory to the Father...now and ever... then "*Only begotten Son...*"**Third Paschal Antiphon**V. 1 Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered! Let those who hate Him flee from before His face! Refrain: *Christ is Risen...**continued* ☩

- V. 2 As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. *{Refrain}*  
 V. 3 So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! *{Refrain}*  
 V. 4 This is the day, which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! *{Refrain}*

### Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who hast risen from the dead save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

في المجامع باركوا الله، الرب من ينابيع إسرائيل، خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا مَنْ قام من بين الأموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا

### Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

#### **Troparion of St. Thomas—Tone 7**

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Resurrection of all, renew in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

إِذْ كَانَ الْقَبْرُ مَخْتُوماً، أَشْرَقَتْ مِنْهُ أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاةُ. وَلَمَّا كَانَتْ الْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةً، وَاقَيْتِ التَّلَامِيذَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، قِيَامَةُ الْكُلِّ، وَجَدَدْتَ لَنَا بِهِمْ رُوحاً مُسْتَقِيمًا، بِحَسَبِ عَظِيمِ رَحْمَتِكَ.

#### **Kontakion for the Pascha—Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory, Thou arose from the dead, O Christ God, proclaiming 'Rejoice' to the Myrrh-Bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

ولئن كنت نزلت إلى قبر يا مَنْ لا يموت. إلا أنك حطمت قوّة الجحيم وقُمت غالباً أيها المسيح الإله. وللنساء الحاملات الطيبِ قلت افرحن ولرُسلك وهبت السلام. يا مانح الواقعين القيامة.

**Epistle Reading:** *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-20* {2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha}

**Gospel Reading:** *John 20:19-31* {2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha}

### Holy Bread Offerings

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Lydia** Rishmawi (+March 14<sup>th</sup>, aunt of Jamil Rishmawi), **Tatiana** (Tina) Shamie (+March 26<sup>th</sup>, known to Fr. Joe and Leslee), **William** Stevan (+March 28<sup>th</sup>, friend of Dn. Mike), and Dr. **John** Dalack (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Board of Trustees).
- 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), **Manal** Abuaita, **Shafiq**a Abuaitah, **Abla** Abufarha, **Cesar** and **Naila** Banna, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** Deligorges, **Fadi** and **Micheline** El-Chaer, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elaine** Gejoff, **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Daniel** Isaac, **Nawal** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Mary** Salim, **Widad** Salomon, **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., and **Lois** Teunion.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyah** Abufarha (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman), **Ghaida** Awad, **Wiam** Khair, and **Rachel** Sackllah (daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita).

### Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O Pure Virgin! Again, I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people. *Hymn:* Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone

on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son.

### **Communion Hymn for Pascha**

(Refrain) Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality.

جسد المسيح خذوا والينبوع الذي لا يموت ذوقوا. هلوليا.

(Verse) Great is the mystery of Thy resurrection, O Christ. (Refrain)

(Verse) From the supper, the Immortal One willingly cometh to the passion. (Refrain)

(Verse) Then was Hades, who accounted and demanded of souls, embittered at the encounter. (Refrain)

(Verse) Then was Mary, who anointed and worshipped God before the tomb, made glad. (Refrain)

(Verse) Tell Peter and the other apostles that the Immortal One hath risen from the dead. (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).

Instead of “*We have seen the True Light...*”, we sing **Christ is Risen...** {once}.

After the Paschal Dismissal, Fr. John will say, *Glory to His holy third-day Resurrection*, and everyone responds, *We adore His third-day Resurrection*. We then sing, **Christ is Risen...**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- This morning, we welcome Fr. John Ayoub from Windsor, ON. Fr. Joe and Protodeacon Michael are out-of-town until this evening. *For emergencies* while they are away, please call Fr. Angelo Maggos (Assumption, 810-771-4611), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070).
- The national **Food For Hungry People** campaign that has been going on during the Great Fast is over today. Please bring in your donations ASAP.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs, thanks!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

**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 during normal Office Hours (see below).

➤ **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). She can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or [kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com).

### **APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> ~ 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA: APOSTLE THOMAS**

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Savior wondrously entered and stood

in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you". Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God". Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.

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### 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.
Monday	<b>Bible Study:</b> <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> 3-5pm
Wednesday	<b>Arabic/English Bible Study:</b> <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> 12:30-2pm <b>SOYO Wednesday</b> 7-9pm
Thurs-Sun	<b>Midwest Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Spring Gathering at St. George-Troy, MI</b>
Saturday	No Great Vespers

**ARAB FILM FESTIVAL**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2018**

**5 PM - 8 PM**  
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 120 E Kearsley St  
 Flint, MI 48503

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Featuring: "Hassan in Wonderland" | "A Life On Hold" | "Jasmenco" | "The Idol"  
 Directed by: Ali Kareem | Nick Francis & Marc Silver | Wathec Salman | Hany Abu-Assad