

# St. George Orthodox Church

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Protodeacon Michael Bassett

May 3, 2020

**المسيح قام! حقا قام! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA: JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, AND NICODEMOS**

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## Live Streaming of Divine Services

ALL services are served only with clergy, an altar server, and a few chanters. They are not open to the public. Please view our livestream at:

YouTube ~ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpLWfxMIJK4uQOV41ekE6Wg> or

Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/St-George-Flint-254638524560302/>

If you have a smart TV, you actually have a web browser and YouTube app built in. All you have to do is start the browser app for YouTube and put the link in the address bar.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** *{the Golden-Mouth}*,  
The **Special Hymns** we sing are on the Bilingual sheets from Fr. Joe's Email.

## Holy Bread Offerings

- Hiam Bathish, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for the health of their family and in loving memory of husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather **Emil** (40 day), parents **Yacoub** and **Marie Farah** and **Naif** and **Julia Bathish**.
- Evelyn Delbridge for the health of her family especially **Roger** Isaac, **Brian** Silpoch, **Fran** Khoury, and their families and in loving memory of husband **James** (2 year) and **Matthew** Lawrence.
- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Hieromonk Roman** Braga (5 year), niece **Amber** Veale (10 year), and **Michael** Perez (15 year, father of Dennis).

## 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:

• **Angela** Qazaha – May 1<sup>st</sup>

• **Mario** Ibrahim – May 9<sup>th</sup>

*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: **Phillip** Nader and **Lynn** Long (40 day), **Kimberly** Fanous (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, wife of Elias), **Souad** Khoury (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, sister-in-law to Khaled Alkhoury), **Hiam** Awad (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, sister of Munir Kokaly), **Natashia** Sous (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, mother of Elias Sous), **David** Daoud (+March 31<sup>st</sup>, brother of Issa), **Lucille** Shadeed (+April 11<sup>th</sup>, sister of JoAnn Hawkins), and **Evelyn** Deligorges (+April 12<sup>th</sup>, sister of Alex Deligorges).

- 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, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Anwar** Abueita, **Eman** Abufarha, **Wadia** Albaba, **Naila** Banna, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Alex** Deligorges, **Micheline** El-chaer, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Sandy Thomas), **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Shawna** Hale, **Donald** Hawkins, **Walid** and **Amal** Hayek, **Daisy** Isaac, **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nawal** and **Nimer** Iseid, **Mary** Khal (sister of Aida Nassar), **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, **Habib** Skafi, **William** Sophiea Jr, **Lois** Teunion, **Vicki** Toma (Fr. Joe's sister), and **Yacoub** Zureikat (father of Sahar Abdallah and Dr. George).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Renea** (Rakan) Bayouk, **Andrea** Jones [daughter of Nasri and Carol Haddad], **Jennifer** (Martin) Khoshaba [daughter of Najwa Joubran], and **Katie** (Philip) Quackenboss [daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen].

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** Available dates: May 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</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, contact Manal Abuaita (810-577-0028).

**WHO ARE THE 8 MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN?** The **Virgin Mary**, **Mary Magdalene**, **Mary** (the wife of Cleopas), **Joanna** (the wife of Herod's steward), **Susanna**, **Salome** (the wife of Zebedee and the mother of James and John), and **Mary** and **Martha** (the sisters of Lazarus).

**OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, AND DONATIONS** This is a very difficult time for us and everyone around the world as we deal with COVID-19. Though parishioners are not able to attend church, PLEASE help our parish by continuing to send your offerings to St. George. This can simply be done by going to our website (<https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>) or by sending your offerings to St. George in the mail.

**PARKING LOT PLEDGES** Our goal is \$80,000 (we have raised over \$40,000 so far including half of the Valentine Gala profits) and we are so thankful for those who have donated and pledged. If you have not already, please pick up a form, fill it out, and send it to the church. Remember our donations to the Parking Lot are separate (above and beyond) our weekly offerings. Again, thank you to our donors!

Fr. Joe and Leslee Abud  
Dn. Mike and Pam Bassett  
St. George Preschool  
Khader and Lucy Abuaita  
Anwar and Janet Abueita  
Laila Abud

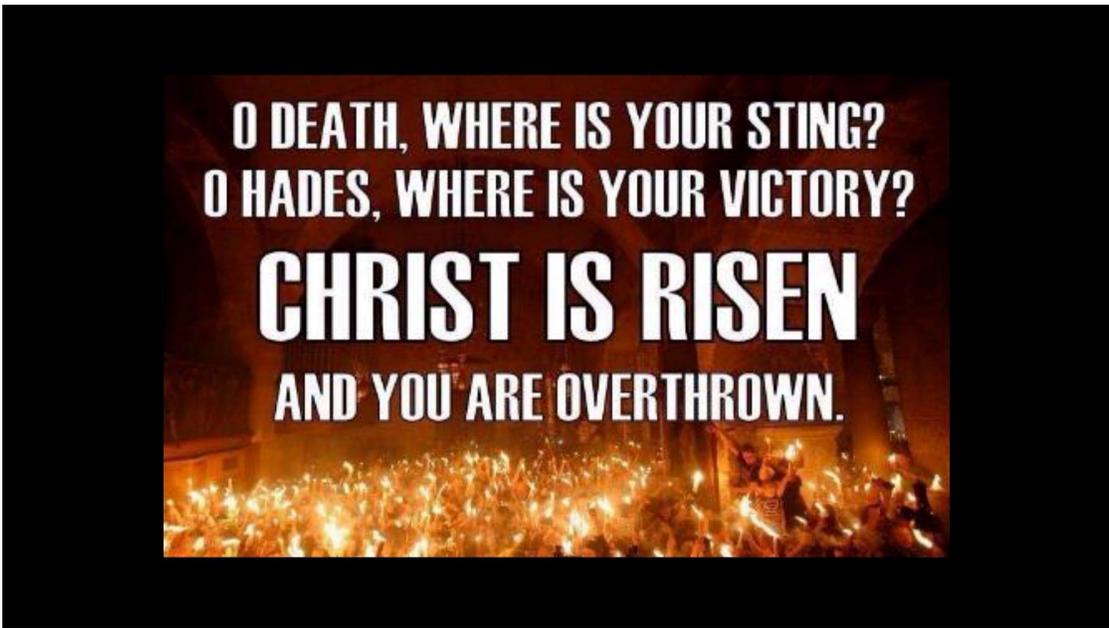
Anonymous  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Tony Daoud  
Ayman and Wafaa Elias  
John and Theresa Farah  
Betty Froberg

Dr. David and May Gantos  
Bill and Sue Shaheen  
Richard Shaheen  
Bob and Lois Teunion

## COMING EVENTS

This Week      There is no fasting until our celebration of the Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after His Resurrection (May 28<sup>th</sup>).

Saturday      *Great Vespers* 5pm



**The Paschal Egg~ The Tradition of the Paschal Egg**

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

There is a beautiful tradition within the life of the Church for believers to eat as their last meal before beginning the Great Lenten Fast, a hard-boiled egg, white in color. This egg represents our sinful nature, and we eat this egg with the hope that the Lenten journey will bring us to repentance, and make us worthy to receive the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

The great and holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal-to-the-apostles, during a dinner with the emperor Tiberius Caesar, was speaking about Christ's resurrection. Caesar scoffed at her, saying a man could rise from the dead no more than the egg in her hand could turn red. Immediately, the egg turned red! This is believed to be an explanation for dyeing eggs red at Pascha.

At the end of the Paschal services, the priest blesses red eggs, symbolizing the blood of Christ, to each worshiper. At the beginning of the Paschal feast, following the Midnight Liturgy, believers break the Lenten Fast by again eating an egg.

As we hit our red eggs together, while saying, "*Christ is Risen*", we are symbolically proclaiming the truth that Christ, by his death and holy resurrection, broke the bonds and power of death. The breaking of the eggs represents the opening of the tomb, and the crashing of the doors of hell, with Christ destroying the power of darkness and death, forever.



# The Power of Good Deeds ~

**Lengthy debates and fruitless discussions do nothing for truth**

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

*For it is God's will that by doing right,  
you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. (1 Peter 2:15).*

Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic tells us in The Prologue from Ochrid we are better off if we do not engage others in lengthy debates and fruitless discussions, but we can better change their hearts by our love and good deeds. Arguing with others, even over matters of faith, is usually a fruitless venture, rarely leading the other to ponder the truth of your words. It is better to demonstrate truth by holiness of life, patience, and kindness in our response. Entering into heated words most often leads to a standoff, where only the demons win in the end.

*"It is difficult, my brethren, to dispute with an atheist; it is difficult to converse with an ignorant man; it is difficult to change an embittered man. It is only with the greatest difficulty you will convince an atheist, an ignorant man, or an embittered man, with words."*

*"If you argue with an atheist on his own diabolical terms, you simply strengthen the demon of atheism. If you converse with an ignorant man in a spirit of ridicule, the darkness of ignorance will be made the greater. If you think to change a bitter man by anger, you will merely add more fuel to the fire of bitterness."*

Responding to the embittered man, the angry man, or the ignorant man, while hoping to win him over, does nothing for him, and eventually gives power to the demon who would devour the man's soul, and consume your own. Thinking you have to prove the correctness of your point of view does nothing for truth, but only gives power to the demons of pride, anger, and ignorance. The power and influence of good deeds always wins out in the end.

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# ASK ABOUNA

**Monday, May 4 7:30 PM EST**



**Fr. Joseph Huneycutt  
Fr. Calinic Berger  
Fr. Joseph Abud**



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