

September 29, 2019

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ VENERABLE KYRIAKOS THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

Tone - 6 4th Matins Gospel {*Luke 24:1-12*}

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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 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 وقفت عند القبر طالبة جسدك الطاهر. فسببت الجحيم ولم تجرب منها وصادفت البتول مانحاً الحياة. فيا من قام من بين الأموات يا رب المجد لك.

Troparion for St. Kyriakos—Tone 1

You did appear making the wilderness your home, an angel in the flesh, a doer of wonders; and by fasts, vigils, and prayers, you did receive heavenly gifts. Therefore, you do heal the sick and the souls of those who hasten to you, O God-mantled Father Kyriakos. Glory to Him who has given you power; glory to Him who has crowned you; glory to Him who through you accomplished healing for all.

لَقَدْ ظَهَرْتَ مُسْتَوِطِنًا الْفَقْرَ، وَمَلَاكَ بِالْجِسْمِ، وَصَانِعًا لِلْعَجَائِبِ، يَا أَبَانَا كِيرْيَاكُوسَ اللَّائِسُ اللهُ. وَإِذْ أَحْرَزْتَ

المَوَاهِبِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، بِالصَّوْمِ وَالسَّهَرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ، فَأَنْتَ تَشْفِي السَّقَمَاءَ وَتُفَوِّسُ الْمُسَارِعِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ. فَالْمَجْدُ
لِلَّذِي أُعْطَاكَ الْقُوَّةَ. الْمَجْدُ لِلَّذِي كَأَنَّكَ. الْمَجْدُ لِلْمُجْرِي بِكَ الْأَشْفِيَّةَ لِلْجَمِيعِ.

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

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 4:6-15 {15th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36 {2nd Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- JoAnn Hawkins and Ric Shahin for the health of the **Shahin, Hawkins, Rhinehart, and Moore** families and in memory of the departed members of the **Shahin, Brackett, Hawkins, Moore, Rhinehart, and Ojile** families.
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family especially son **Ayham** (25th) and nephew **Tamer** Abuaita (27th) on the occasion of their birthdays ~ *May God grant them many years!*
- Protodeacon Michael and Pam Bassett for the health of their family especially **Arianna** Skye Moore on the occasion of her birthday -- *May God grant her many years!*
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: Dr. **Joseph** Bassett (+August 21st, uncle of Protodeacon Michael), **Carolyn** Joseph (+August 24th, wife of Emil), **Josephine** Abud (+August 30th, aunt of Fr. Joe), **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 25th).
- 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** Sophiae Jr., and **Lois** Teunion; **Ella Helen** Isaac and **Laila** Sackllah who were brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and their First Communion.

- 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!
 - If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.
 - If you have a special need, let one of the Ushers know so they may assist you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, we again welcome **Fr. Peter Bistolarides** from St. Demetrios in Saginaw. Fr. Joe will be out-of-town until Monday, September 30th. *For emergencies* while he is away, please call Protodeacon Michael (989-627-9580), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 810-744-0070).

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *JoAnn Hawkins* and *Ric Shahin*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 6th, 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.

HELP NEEDED! Our Preschool and Daycare is looking for one or more parishioners to offer their time, talent, and/or treasure to beautify and protect three small cedar fences in the Courtyard before winter. If interested, please contact Dn. Mike (frdnmike@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly parishioner offerings (not including other income) need to be \$4,792 to meet our 2019 Budget. On September 22nd, our offerings were \$3,864 so we were short \$928 😞! 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.

BIBLE STUDIES As Fr. Joe continues his recovery from back surgery, God willing we will start our weekly Bible Studies in October. Our Monday evening Bible Study in English meets from 6-8pm and our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study in Arabic/English meets from 12-2pm. These are wonderful opportunities to learn more about God (who and what are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), His Church and teachings, living our life in Christ, healing our souls, etc. Take the time, so God can guide us! Come and check it out!

<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.
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm Little Compline 6pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

Me First ~ We must avoid centering on our own needs and desires

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

Self-centeredness keeps us from focusing on the needs and interests of others, and obscures our true nature, as God intended. Pride keeps us from embracing Christ's way of selfless service to others, even to those who especially need our love and support. Children of such people are deprived of the nurturing love that equips them for a happy and fulfilling life, and they are left crippled by the selfishness of parents who have surrendered to their own egos.

We must embrace Christ's way of selfless sacrifice to those we encounter. In this day when so many people put their own needs before others, it is imperative we fight against the temptation to enslave ourselves to our own desires and goals, grounded, as they are, in the ego.

The Church has all the tools, and the grace, needed for the spiritual and moral progress that ultimately will lead to eternity with God. It is the Church that helps us fill our minds and hearts with holy things, and keeps us from surrendering to a self-centeredness that will only strengthen unholy passions. If we truly want God to heal our souls, we must fight against every desire and temptation that keeps us focused on self.

The Great High Priest offered Himself on the Cross, embraced death, and rose on the third day, in order to restore us to His image and likeness. If we truly wish to become like Him, we must focus on selfless service, humble prayer, love for others, and genuine repentance.

Putting ourselves first, makes us like the little child who demands his way, while ignoring the needs of his little siblings, all the while moving ever more swiftly toward the abyss that awaits those who do not love God and neighbor.

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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.
- If you would like to host our 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 Jamal Abuaita.

Sharing your Time and Talents in our St. George *Ministries!*

**Anyone and everyone is encouraged to use the gifts
God has given you for the building up of our parish!**

Just as there are many different types of people in our parish, there are also many different talents (skills, hobbies, interests, etc.). St. George can use all of our parishioners in helping with the things listed below. Please think about where you would like to help our parish family with your time and talents! All parishioners, whether young or old, have gifts to share and we would love to have you share them with your St. George Family!

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May God bless all of our faithful for doing God's Work at St. George!*