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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMOS OF NICOMEDIA; VENERABLE THEOKTISTOS AND EUTHYMIOS

Tone 4 2nd Matins Gospel {Mark 16:1-8}

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

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

Matins p.44
8:50am

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10:00am

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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.

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen granting the world great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4 (*same as above*)

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن! من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهجة، و طرحن القضية الجدية و خاطبن الرسل مفتخراتٍ و قائلاتٍ قد سبى الموت و قام المسيح الإله مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion for St. Anthimos—Tone 1

O godly-minded Anthimos, as a staunch defender of thy flock, thou eagerly sheds thy blood for its protection. Unbending and wholly unafraid of all thine adversaries' fearful threats, thou rejoices now in Heaven, standing before the throne of the Three-Sun Godhead. Glory to Christ Who hath given thee strength. Glory to thy manly bravery. Glory to thy patient endurance in martyrdom.

لَمَّا صِرْتَ مُنَاضِلًا ثَابِتًا عَنْ رَعِيَّتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمُتَأَلِّهُ الْعَزْمِ أَنْثِيمُوسَ، أَهْرَفْتَ دَمَكَ بِإِقْدَامٍ مِنْ أَجْلِهَا وَإِذْ أَنْكَ لَمْ تَجْزَعْ مِنْ تَهْدِيدَاتِ الْأَعْدَاءِ، تَبْتَهَجُ الْآنَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، مَائِلًا لَدَى عَرْشِ اللاهوتِ الْمُتَلَبِّ الصِّبَاءِ. فَالْمَجْدُ لِلْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي شَدَّدَكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِكِرَامَةِ نَفْسِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِحِلَاذَتِكَ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ.

Troparion for St. Theoktistos—Tone 8

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighing from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou became a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Theoktistos our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

. لِلْبَرِّيَّةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمِرَةِ بِمَجَارِي دُمُوعِكَ أَمْرَعَتْ، وَبِالْتَهْدَاتِ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأَعْمَاقِ أَنْثَمَرْتَ بِاتِّعَابِكَ إِلَى مِئَةِ ضَعْفٍ. فَصِرْتَ كَوْكَبًا لِلْمَسْكُونَةِ مُتَلَالِنًا بِالْعَجَائِبِ يَا أَبَانَا الْبَارَّ ثَاوُكَتَيْسْتُسْ. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

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.

بِمَا أَنْكَ لِلْمَاسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمَعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ، وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ، وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مَكَافِحٌ وَمَحَارِبٌ، أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَدَاءِ جَاوَرِجِيُوسُ الْبَلْبَسِ الظُّفَرِ، تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion for the Nativity (Birth) of the Virgin Mary—Tone 4

By your holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; your people do celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying to you: *The barren gives birth to the Theotokos who nourishes our life.*

إِنَّ يَؤَاكِيمَ وَحَنَّةَ مِنْ عَارِ الْعَقْرِ حَرَّرَا. وَأَدَمَ وَحَوَاءَ مِنْ فِسَادِ الْمَوْتِ اعْتَقَا بِمَوْلِدِكَ الْمُقَدَّسِ أَيْتَهَا الطَّاهِرَةَ. فَلَهُ يُعِيدُ شَعْبَكَ إِذْ قَدْ نَجَا مِنْ وَصْمَةِ الزَّلَاتِ هَاتِفًا نَحْوَكِ الْعَاقِرُ تَلِدُ وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْمَغْذِيَةَ حَيَاتِنَا.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 {13th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-42 {13th Sunday of St. Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Gabriel Beilfuss** (40 day).
- Mourad and Ziad Matta and Family for the health of their families and in loving memory of mother **Laurice Matta** (1 year), **Asaad, Latife, Elias, George, Nick, Mike, Diane, and Renee**.
- Ric and Martha Shahin for the health of the **Shahin, Hawkins, and Rhinehart Families**.
- Khaled and Maysaa Al-Khouri for the health of their family especially **Miriam** (Khaled's mother).
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Josephine** (Romley) **Attala** (+July 31st, cousin of the Salims) and **Wabiha Khair** (+August 17th, aunt of Esperanza Abuaita).
- 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, Hanna Abuaita, Shafiqah Abuaitah, Jane Abueita, Abla Abufarha, Ceasar and Naila Banna, Emil Bathish, Vera Farah, Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland & Ronald Haddad, Daisy Isaac, Daniel Isaac, John Isaac, Nawal Iseid, Sally Joseph, John & Nakhleh Khoury, Nicola Khoury, Danny Mortensen, Laura Nassar, George and Renee Nassif, Aida Raffoul, Elaine Shaheen, Mary Salim, Michael Silpoch, William Sophicia Jr.; Andrea Gazis** (daughter of Bill and Sue Shaheen) and newborn **Georgios** (August 13th); **Haneen Burbar** and newborn **Christaan** (August 17th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Chrissy Abueita, Ola Alqazaha, Lameese Porada** (daughter of Jiries and Sharon Abu-Aitah) and **Jenny Salsa** (daughter of Anwar and Janet Abueita).

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)

- As a reminder, please do not talk in church. We are here to pray and worship God. When people talk and greet each other, we are being rude to God while distracting those who are praying and preparing themselves for HOLY COMMUNION. Please wait until Coffee Fellowship to say hello and visit with one another. In the communion line, the only people who may talk are those who are asking and receiving forgiveness from one another.

• فقط للتذكير بطريقة ودية: الرجاء عدم الكلام داخل الكنيسة. نحن هنا للصلاة وتقديم فروض العبادة لله. عندما نتحدث ونقدم التحية للاخرين داخل الكنيسة، فنحن نساهم في تقديم اهانة لله، ونشتت أولئك الذين يصلون ويهيئون أنفسهم لتناول القربان المقدس. يرجى الانتظار حتى الدخول الى صالة الكنيسة عندها يمكنكم تناول القهوة والقاء التحية على الاخرين، الاشخاص الوحيديين الذين يسمح لهم بالحديث هم فقط من يسألون ويقبلون المسامحة وطلب المغفرة قبل تناول.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation for your coffee and food to help cover our costs, thanks!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: September 24th, October 15th, and 22nd ~ 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.

HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE We are looking for a couple of individuals to take on a "history" project: organizing old photos and other historical items of which we have a number of boxes. If you are interested in being our historian, please speak with Fr. Joe.

YOU HAVE AN IDEA? Is there an event or activity you have wished would take place at St. George and it has not yet? For example, a Fish Fry or Falafel Friday, a Movie Night, anything creative and different. These are only a few suggestions. **Teens** we would love an idea from any of you. This invitation is for anyone to offer a suggestion. You know we have Euchre Night? It started with someone's idea of bringing fun into the church and offering it as a fundraiser. Well, this is YOUR opportunity to get involved. All you need to do is offer the idea, get involved as a leader or volunteer, and let's get going with the event! Contact a member of the Parish Council TODAY!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT takes place every 2nd Friday of the month (THIS Friday, September 8th). Registration is at 6:30pm and play begins at 7pm. If you would like to help for a couple of hours, volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If you want to play, that's even better! Please contact our coordinator Hiam Andoni (810-813-1076 or handoni@hotmail.com) for more information.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,710 to meet our 2017 Budget. On August 27th, our offerings were \$2,479, so we were short \$2,231 ☹

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.
Tuesday	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Church School Staff Dinner Meeting 5:30pm
Thursday	Pan-Orthodox Combined Evening Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos at <i>St. Nicholas 2143 South Center Road</i> , 1/2 mile south of Lippincott Burton 6pm
Friday	Euchre Tournament 6:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

SEPTEMBER 3RD ~ VENERABLE THEOKTISTOS AND EUTHYMOS THE GREAT

Saint Theoktistos of Palestine was a great ascetic who lived in the Judean wilderness. At first, he was the companion of Saint Euthymios the Great (January 20) in the ascetic life. So great was their mutual affection and oneness of mind, they seemed to live as one soul in two bodies. They were persons of similar virtue and holiness, and they encouraged one another in their struggles. Each year after the Leave-taking of Theophany, they would go into the desert to struggle and pray in solitude, returning to their cells on Palm Sunday.

After five years together, Saints Euthymios and Theoktistos went into the desert for Great Lent, and in a valley they discovered a large cave that later became a church. They decided to remain there, believing that they had been led there by God. They ate wild herbs to sustain themselves, and met with no other people for some time. The Lord did not wish these great luminaries to remain hidden, however. He wanted their wisdom and holiness of life to become known in order to benefit others. One day, shepherds from Bethany found the ascetics, went back to their village, and told others about them. After that, many people came to hear of them, and monks came from other monasteries to visit them. Some even stayed there in order to be instructed by them.

So many monks gathered around them, they built a monastery over the cave church. Saint Euthymios made Theoktistos the *igumen** of the monastery, while he himself lived in seclusion in the cave. The wise Theoktistos accepted all who came to him, confessing them and treating the infirmities of their wounded souls with appropriate spiritual remedies. When he had reached an advanced old age, Saint Theoktistos became very ill. Saint Euthymios (who was ninety years old himself) visited him and took care of him. When Saint Theoktistos went to the Lord in 467, Patriarch Anastasios of Jerusalem came and presided at his burial service.

* *Igumen* or *hegumen* is the title for the head of a monastery, similar to *abbot*. The head of a convent of nuns is called *igumenia* or *ihumenia* (Greek: *ηγουμένη*). The term means "the one who is in charge," or "the leader" in Greek. An igumen is not necessarily a member of the clergy. In the Slavic tradition, the title of Igumen also serves as a title for a priest-monk in between Hieromonk and Archimandrite.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT AND PUBLISHED IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN

August 29, 2017
Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner

Beloved in Christ:

Greetings to you and your families as we prepare for the beginning of a new Church year.

We have all witnessed with a heavy heart the catastrophic destruction and massive flooding in Southeast Texas (and now Western Louisiana) as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Some of the scenes of suffering have been beyond words. I have been in constant contact with our clergy and the parishes of the area and am waiting for an assessment from them in order to help in any way we can. Although things are still unfolding, we want to be proactive in our appeal to all of you so we can respond as quickly as possible.

As people of God and the Church of Christ, we feel compelled to help our brothers and sisters in need. Therefore, I am asking every parish and mission of the archdiocese to appeal to their faithful and hold special collections throughout the month of September so that we can alleviate a little of the pain and suffering the good people of that area are enduring. Immediately after the last Sunday of September, please send your offerings to the archdiocese and put in the memo of the check "Hurricane Harvey Appeal". Once we have assessed the needs of our parishes and their faithful who have suffered losses, we will distribute your offerings to them on your behalf. If there are funds remaining after our distributions to our parishes in need, we will forward them to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to help with their work in that area as they are already on the ground helping all Texans on behalf of the Orthodox Church.

Please be as generous as possible so that we are able to help those in need as much as we can.

Wishing you all a blessed beginning of the new ecclesiastical year and praying that God's healing hand will touch the people who have suffered as a result of this destructive hurricane, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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