

St. George Orthodox Church

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الظهور الإلهي SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY (*BAPTISM*) OF OUR LORD

January 13, 2013

Tone – 7

10th Matins Gospel {*John 21:1-14*}

Altar Servers: **St. John** team {Goni Ishak, Captain}

Next Week – **St. Michael** team

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Welcome to St. George! Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* which means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. For those who have committed themselves to the Orthodox Faith (through Baptism and/or Chrismation) it also means, if prepared, the reception of Holy Communion. Preparation includes the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, prayer, being on time for church, being at peace with others, attending the Divine Liturgy regularly, and fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before). If you are new, just visiting, or have any questions, please introduce yourself to Father Joe. Please know that everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy. All are welcome to our Coffee Fellowship in the hall after Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom** {*The Golden-Mouth*}, we sing these special hymns:

First Antiphon - Psalm 113

Verse 1. When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob, from a people of strange language.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse 2. Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. *Refrain*

Verse 3. The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. *Refrain*

Verse 4. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan that you turn back? *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ..., now and ever ... Amen. *Refrain*

Second Antiphon - Psalm 114

Verse 1. I love the Lord because He has heard, the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Verse 2. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *Refrain*

Verse 3. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish then I called upon the Name of the Lord. *Refrain*

Verse 4. Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ..., now and ever ... Amen. *Only begotten Son...*

Third Antiphon - Psalm 117

Verse 1. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 2. Let the house of Israel confess that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 3. Let the house of Aaron now confess that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Verse 4. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Refrain {Troparion of the Baptism of Christ}: When Thou O Lord was baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, who has revealed Thyself and has enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

باعتماذك يا رب في نهر الأردن، ظهرت السجدة للثالوث، لأن صوت الأب تقدم لك بالشهادة، مسمياً إياك ابناً وأنرت العالم أيها المسيح الإله المجد لك. محبوباً، والروح بهيئة حمامة يؤيد حقيقة الكلمة، فيا من ظهرت

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy; and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Troparion of the Baptism of Christ—Tone 1 (as above)

Troparion of 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 محرراً ومعتقاً، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشافياً وعن المؤمنين مكافحاً ومُحارباً أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الطفر تنفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Baptism of Christ—Tone 4

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us, who, with understanding, praise Thee: Thou has come and revealed Thyself, O Light unapproachable.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13 {Sunday after Theophany}

Reader: **Elias Abueita** (Arabic)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17 {Sunday after Theophany}

Holy Bread Offerings

- St. George Parish for the health of their families and in loving memory of **Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch** (40 days).
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Muna Ibrahim** (+December 10th, Alkazaha and Ibrahim Families' relative), **Shoukre Abdo** (+December 13th, Syracuse, NY, brother-in-law of Elias Gantos), **Anthony Michaels** (+December 17th, father of Bishop Anthony), **Khouriya Joanne Bitar** (+December 30th, cousin of Jeanette Nassif), **Suhail Alshoury** (+January 1st, brother-in-law of Salwa Abu-Aitah), and **Jonathan Joseph** (+January 1st, relative of Sally Joseph and Family).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother) and **Jonathan Bassett**, **George Damouni** (brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Vera Farah**, **Samira Gantous**, **Camille Ghantous**, **Nadera Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Gabby Joubran** (Najwa Joubran's brother-in-law), **Betty Khouri**, **Jean Khouri**, **John Khouri**, **Mariam Khoury**, **Norma Lazar**, **Lourice Matta**, **Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen**, **Elaine**

Salim, Elaine Shaheen, Michael Silpoch, Marie Skafi, William Sophiea Jr., and Kinan Turjman (Sahar Abdallah's nephew).

- We also pray for those who are with child: **Angela Haddad, Katrin Mitri, and Marlen Odeh.**

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.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️.

Thank You and God Bless ...

... **Areen Hutchins** for donating our *Holy Water Icon Bottles* for our celebration of the Theophany (Baptism) of our Lord.

... **Deacon Michael and Pam Bassett** for making St. Basil's Bread (*Vasilopita*) in honor of St. Basil the Great who we remembered on (January 1st). Congratulations and many blessings this year to **Philip Abuaita** and **John Elias** who found the special St. Basil coins.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: January 20th, February 17th and 24th -- sign-up poster is in the Hall. Hosting information is in the Hall and 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.

HOLY WATER Bottles with Holy Water that were blessed on the feast of our Lord's Baptism are in the Narthex (entrance) of the Church -- please take what you would like.

HOUSE BLESSINGS If you would like Fr. Joseph to bless your home, please contact the church office (810-732-0720) to add your name to the list. Fr. Joseph will call to make an appointment.

PAN-ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER The Orthodox Churches of Genesee County are having a dinner in support of the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Rives Junction, MI on Thursday, January 17th (*St. Anthony the Great, the founder of the monastic life*). We at St. George are honored to be hosting this 1st, and God willing, annual dinner! Please see the flier in today's bulletin. Paid reservations (deadline is TODAY Sunday, January 13th) will be taken during Coffee Fellowship.

January 17th — ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

Saint Anthony, the Father of monks, was born in Egypt in 251 of pious parents who departed this life while he was yet young. On hearing the words of the Gospel: "*If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor*" (Matt. 19:21), he immediately put it into action. Distributing to the poor all he had, and fleeing from all the turmoil of the world, he departed to the desert. The manifold temptations he endured continually for the span of twenty years are incredible. His ascetic struggles by day and by night, whereby he mortified the uprisings of the passions and attained to the height of dispassion, surpass the bounds of nature; and the report of his deeds of virtue drew such a multitude to follow him that the desert was transformed into a city, while he became, so to speak, the governor, lawgiver, and master-trainer of all the citizens of this newly-formed city. The cities of the world also enjoyed the fruit of his virtue. When the Christians were being persecuted and put to death under Maximinus in 312, he hastened to their aid and consolation. When the Church was troubled by the Arians, he went with zeal to Alexandria in 335 and struggled against them in behalf of Orthodoxy. During this time, by the grace of his words, he also turned many unbelievers to Christ.

Saint Anthony began his ascetic life outside his village of Coma in Upper Egypt, studying the ways of the ascetics and holy men there, and perfecting himself in the virtues of each until he surpassed them all. Desiring to increase his labors, he departed into the desert, and finding an abandoned fortress in the mountain, he made his dwelling in it, training himself in extreme fasting, unceasing prayer, and fierce conflicts with the demons. St Anthony spent, as mentioned above, twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. The saint's friends removed the stones from the entrance, and they went to St Anthony and besought him to take them under his guidance. Soon St Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who came into the desert seeking salvation. Saint Athanasius the Great, who knew him personally and wrote his life, says that he came forth from that fortress "*initiated in the mysteries and filled with the Spirit of God.*" Afterwards, because of the press of the faithful, who deprived him of his solitude, he was enlightened by God to journey with certain Bedouins, until he came to a mountain in the desert near the Red Sea. He became an example of virtue and a rule for monastics, he reposed on January 17th in the year 356, having lived altogether some 105 years. In the year 544 the relics of St Anthony were transferred to Alexandria and after the conquest of Egypt by the Saracens in the seventh century, they were transferred to Constantinople. The holy relics were transferred from Constantinople in the tenth-eleventh centuries to a diocese outside Vienna. In the fifteenth century they were brought to Arles (in France), to the church of St Julian.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
TODAY	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Lounge
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm Book Club 6pm
Tuesday	Altar Society Dinner Meeting 6pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Thursday	Dormition Monastery Winter Dinner 6pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

2013 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHURCH CALENDARS Please pick yours up (and other family members and friends) so we do not have to mail them! If your name isn't listed, call the church office. Our children will receive their envelopes in Church School. **Parents**, please make sure your child gets their *Offering Envelopes*.

Please Join Us for a Pan-Orthodox Winter Dinner January 17th, 2013

~ All Proceeds support the New Church at ~

The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery

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St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
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Parish Representatives

Fr. Angelo - Assumption
Dn. Mike / Khouryia Leslee - St. George
Dn. Mike Schlaack - St. Mary
Deborah Adams - St. Nicholas

Minimum Dinner Donation

\$35 Adult / \$25 Student

6:00 PM: Social Hour, Monastery Displays, Opportunity to visit with The Nuns
7:00 PM: Dinner & Presentations ~ Guest Speaker: Abbess Mother Gabriella
8:30 PM: Benediction

*Fill in the form below and give to your parish representative or mail to St. George Church
(address above) with payment - must be received by 1/14.*

Name	Dinner Donation	Additional Offering

Date Paid:

(Must be received by 1/14/2013)