

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST -- VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT

Tone – 3

9th Matins Gospel {*John 20:19-31*}

Altar Servers: **St. Michael** team {Samer Abuaita, captain} Next Week – **St. Paul** team

Greeters/Ushers: **Members of Teen SOYO**

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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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 Gospel 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:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3

Let the Heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty thing with His own hand. He has trampled death by His death and has become the first-born from the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting to the people of the world His great mercy.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 3 (*as above*)

Troparion for St. Hilarion—Tone 8

The barren wilderness you did make fertile with the streams of your tears; and by your deep sighing, you have given fruit through your struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, you have become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Hilarion, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

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 عاضيداً وناصراً وللمرضى طبيباً وشافياً وعن

المؤمنين مكافح ومُحاربٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشهداء جاور جيوسُ اللابسُ الظفرَ تتشققُ إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نُفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Virgin Mary (on a normal Sunday)—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.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-19 {20th Sunday after Pentecost}

Readers: **Fadi Odeh** (Arabic) and **Ramzy Abueita** (English)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:27-39 {6th Sunday of Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Ziyad and Mary Ibrahim and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Nabeel Ibrahim** (40 days, Ziyad's uncle).
- Jamil and Victoria Nassar for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Walter Steiner** (6 months, brother-in-law).
- Suheil and Abeer Abuaita for the health of their family especially their children **George** and **Angel** on the occasion of their birthdays – *May God grant them many years!* – and in loving memory of **Issa** and **Nahil Abuaita**.

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

- ♦ **George Abueita** – October 22nd
- ♦ **Vivian Isaac** – October 24th
- ♦ **Reema Abousamra** – October 27th

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Victoria Khoury** (+September 17th, sister-in-law of Norma Sophiea), **Robert Delbridge** (+September 19th, cousin of Jim Delbridge), **Muriel Mansour** (+September 20th, friend of parishioners), **Margaret Abraham** (+October 5th, mother of Dan), and **Manuel Sanchez** (+October 10th, brother of Michelle/brother-in-law of George Farah, Jr.).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Nayef Aboujamra**, **Lucy AbuAita**, **Clemence** (Dn. Mike's mother) and **Jonathan Bassett**, **George Damouni** (brother of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Elias Gantos**, **Samira Gantous**, **Camille Ghantous**, **Nadera Ghantous**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **George Ishak** (nephew of Amira Hanna), **Gabby Joubran** (brother-in-law of Najwa Joubran), **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**, **William Sophiea Jr.**, **Robert Teunion**, **Kinan Turjman** (nephew of Sahar Abdallah).
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Sandra Mitri**, **Marlen Odeh**, and **Suhair Awwad** (former parishioner).

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 hosted today by *our Ladies Auxiliary and Ziyad and Mary Ibrahim* for the health of our brothers and sisters from Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church (Maronite Rite). All are invited to attend!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 28th -- 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS *from Janet Abueita, Director (810-691-0956)*

Our Church School is preparing for our annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. On November 10th, the children will be dropped off at church by 2pm. They will prepare the meal, do crafts, etc. Parents return at 5pm and sit with their children at Great Vespers. Following, we will enjoy a wonderful meal. If your child wishes to participate in this fun day, we must have their donation of \$5 to their teacher by November 4th.

ALTAR SERVERS AND PARENTS It is an awesome and humbling experience to assist the priest in the Holy Place. All boys who are 7 years of age and older are invited to participate more fully in the Church by serving God's Holy Altar. Our annual mandatory meeting for old and new servers will take place THIS Saturday, October 27th at 3pm (Plan to stay for Great Vespers at 5pm!). This is our **ONLY** meeting of the year! Many things will be discussed, new teams will be formed, and the new servers will be taught how to serve. If you cannot make the meeting, but would like to serve, please let Father Joe know.

October 21st — VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of St Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned home to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium. In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent

prayer. Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to St Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8). Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to St Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of St Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life. About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) St Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROXIES Proxies are given to those who cannot attend the meeting because of medical treatment or illness, those confined to their homes, or those with written verification of a prior travel commitment. A VOTING member who cannot attend the meeting may have another VOTING member vote on their behalf. An official Proxy Form can be obtained from the Church Office. The deadline to return the form is November 4, 2012.

Parish Council Vacancies

If you would like to be nominated or would like to nominate qualified (see below) parishioners for the 3 expiring terms on the Parish Council, please submit names to a member of the Nominating Committee. The committee is composed of Amjad Ishak, Dannie Jones, and Father Joseph. All nominees must attend a **Parish Council Nominee Seminar** scheduled for Monday, October 29th from 7-8pm. If you will be attending, please let Fr. Joe know. If this day and time does not work for you, speak with Fr. Joe to reschedule another time.

Parish Council Qualifications (from our Parish Constitution)

No member of the Parish Council shall be under the age of 18 years of age (excluding any ex-officio member) and no Voting Member of the Parish shall be eligible to become a member of the Parish Council unless such person has been a voting member of the Parish for a period of one (1) year and has fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Orthodox faith. Further, nominees must worship at St. George at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; shall be exemplary (model) members of St. George; participate in extracurricular ministries of the parish (such as: Fundraising, Parish Council committees, Educational, etc.); participate in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion on a regular/frequent basis; has signed the yearly Offering Form; and attend a Nominee Seminar.

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.
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Friday	YAF Meeting 6pm
Saturday	Altar Servers Meeting 3pm Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

Special Olympics

Awareness Day



As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to sponsor the **32nd Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp**; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Approximately 300 athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)



Special Olympics Awareness Day is your opportunity to support this ministry and enrich the lives of our teens who participate in helping others. Your generosity makes this ministry possible.



Special Olympics

Today, our teens will solicit your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 32nd Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village in the summer of 2013. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$50,000 to run this worthwhile program. As an expression of our teens' gratitude for your support of this important project, you will receive an icon bookmark of St. Herman.

Thank you for your help! Please make checks payable to your local teen group.

