

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY MARTYRS SERGIOS AND BACCHOS OF SYRIA

Tone – 1

7th Matins Gospel {*John 20:1-10*}

Altar Servers: **St. Peter** team {Branden Jones, Captain} Next Week –**St. George** team

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

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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 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud to Thee, O giver of life: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (*as above*)

Troparion for St. Sergios and Bacchos—Tone 4

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, by their struggles have received from Thee, our God, imperishable crowns; because, acquiring Thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through the intercessions Sergios and Bacchos, O Christ God, 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 مُحرَّرٌ ومُعْتَقٌ، وللْفُقَرَاءِ والمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَن
المُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا العَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَورجِوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفْرُ تَشَقَّعَ إِلَى المَسِيحِ الإِلَهِ فِي
خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

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: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 {18th Sunday after Pentecost}

Reader: **Yara Abuaita** (English)

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16 {3rd Sunday of Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Michael Khal for the health of his family and in loving memory of father **Raja**.
- Jamal, Manal, Samer, and Yara Abuaita for the health of their family especially son and brother **Tamer** on the occasion of his 20th birthday – *May God grant him many years!*
- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially son **Salam** on the occasion of his birthday and safe travels in Japan – *May God grant him many years!*
- St. George Parish Council for the health of their families and the community of St. George -- *May God grant them many years!*

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 Ishaq** – October 10th
- ◆ **Lauren Gantos** – October 12th

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: **Nabeel Ibrahim** (+September 14th, Canada, uncle of Ziyad Ibrahim), **Victoria Khoury** (+September 17th, sister-in-law of Norma Sophiea), **Robert Delbridge** (+September 19th, cousin of Jim Delbridge), and **Muriel Mansour** (+September 20th, friend of parishioners).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Khouriya Janet Peters**, **Nayef Aboujamra**, **Lucy AbuAita**, **Najeb 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), **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.
 - If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, please let one of the ushers know so we may assist you.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *George and Amal Abu-Aita*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 14th and 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.

FEED GENESEE TODAY Sunday, October 7th, the Soup Kitchen truck is here to pick-up our donations. Items needed are on a flier in the Lounge. All of the Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint are supporting the work of Catholic Charities in Genesee County by helping to feed the hungry. Remember you may bring your items at any time to be put it in the wooden *Feed the Hungry* container in the Hall Foyer. May God be with the needy and may He bless those who help them.

Notice to Parishioners It is the teaching of our Orthodox Church that its members may not take Holy Communion in any other Christian Church, such as the Catholic or Episcopal Church. Those who do receive in another Church will not be able to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church -- *you can only be a member of, and in communion with, one Church*. For more information, speak with Fr. Joe.

من تعاليم كنيستنا الأرثوذكسية أن لا يأخذ أعضائها القربان المقدس في اي كنيسة مسيحية أخرى، مثل الكاثوليكية أو احدى الكنائس الرسولية الاخرى. وأولئك الذين يتناولون في كنيسة أخرى لا يسمح لهم الحصول على القربان المقدس في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية - يمكنك أن تكون فقط عضواً بكنيسة واحدة وبوحدة مع كنيسة واحدة. لمزيد من المعلومات بإمكانك التحدث مع ابونا. جو

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB We will meet tomorrow Monday, October 8th, 6pm. All are invited to join! We will continue to review worship in the Old Testament and are working toward our next book **Commentary on the Divine Liturgy** by St. Nicholas Cabasilas. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Deacon Mike at frdmike@gmail.com.

HALLOWEEN PARTY sponsored by Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East on Saturday, October 13, 2012 beginning at 6:30pm here at St. George Hall. Adults:\$25 (Includes dinner) and Children (12 and under) Free. Entertainment by Ashur Peera (Keyboard), Biyar Assoofi (Vocalist), and Bill Livesay (DJ). For Tickets and/or information, please call: Norma (Salim) Lazar 810-733-6717 or 810-241-1125 or Liz Baly at 810-233-7512. Children's games & costume contest. Looking forward to seeing you!

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. With all of the negative influences our children have to face in this world, what could be of greater benefit to them? Our annual mandatory meeting for old and new servers will take place on 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 7th —SAINT SERGIOS AND SAINT BACCHOS OF SYRIA

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state. The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him. Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods. The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

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	Feed Genesee Food Drive after Divine Liturgy
Monday	Bible Study: Gospel of St. Mark 3-5pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Study of the Divine Liturgy 1pm-2:30pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm
Saturday	No Great Vespers



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TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT
September 26th, 2012

To our Esteemed Hierarchs, Clergy, Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, and Faithful of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America:

Greetings and Blessings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We wish to inform you that His Beatitude Ignatius IV, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East will soon visit the United States. His Beatitude will arrive in New Jersey on Tuesday October 16th, 2012, and will reside at the Archdiocese Headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey while he is here. On Thursday October 18th, His Beatitude will preside over a meeting of the executive staffs of the St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology of the University of Balamand, and the Antiochian House of Studies. The goal is to finalize a plan by which a cooperative effort will offer the opportunity for students to earn advanced theological degrees. On Friday October 19th, 2012, His Beatitude will attend a ceremony in New York where he will bestow the honor of the Order of Saints Peter and Paul upon His Excellency Issam Fares, the former Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon. This is the highest award granted by the Patriarchate of Antioch. He may be in attendance at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York on Sunday October 21. Following his short stay in New Jersey he will depart for Houston Texas for his regular medical exam and then return home.

We welcome him with joy, and pray that God will grant him many years!

Your father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip'.

Metropolitan PHILIP

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America