

St. George Orthodox Church

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April 21, 2013

5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERABLE MARY OF EGYPT

Tone – 5

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

Altar Servers: **St. Elias** team {John Elias, captain} Next Week – **Captains & Assistants**

Confessions

8:30-9:30am

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8:50am

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10:00am

Memorial Service

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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 the reception of Holy Communion, if prepared. 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. Basil the Great** (his prayers begin on p.132 in the Red Service Book and the bilingual sheets in the Narthex), we sing these special hymns:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 5

Let all us believers give praise and worship to the Word. Of one essence with the Father and with the Spirit, and who is eternal. Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He did willingly ascend in the flesh to be hung from the cross and to suffer pain and death, and to lift up the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 5 (*as above*)

Troparion for St. Mary of Egypt—Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul for it is immortal. Therefore your spirit, O Holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels!

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 محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاصد وناصر وللمرضى طبيب وشفاف وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

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.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرؤدة 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 الاله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 9:11-14* {5th Sunday of the Great Fast }

Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:32-45* {5th Sunday of the Great Fast }

Holy Bread Offerings

- Kal Nemer and Georgette Yusuf for the health of their families and in loving memory of wife and sister-in-law **Diane Nemer** (40 days).
- The Farah and Gantos families for the health of their families especially **Elias Gantos** on the occasion of his birthday, **Liela** and **Landon Gantos** on the occasion of their 1st birthday, and in loving memory of **Laura Gantos**.
- This morning we pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Maqboula Rishmawi** (+March 16th, grandmother of Mousa, Issa, and Eyad Rishmawi) and **Haile Garrison** (+April 4th, brother of Tracy Farah).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Androlla Abu Aita, Angel Abuaita, Lana Abu-Aita, Emil Abueita, Wadia Albaba, Karim Al-Khouri, Ceasar Banna, Evelyn Delbridge, Micheline El-Chaer, Camille Ghantous, Nadera Ghantous, Phyllis Good, Carol Haddad, Roland Haddad, Mary Ibrahim, Kamel Kheirallah, Betty Khouri, Jean Khouri, John Khouri, Mariam Houry, Norma Lazar, Lourice Matta, Megan Meade** (relative of Bob Teunion), **Danny Mortensen, Laura Nassar, Elaine Salim, Widad Salomon, Elaine Shaheen, Marie Skafi, William Sophiea Jr., and Kinan Turjman** (Sahar Abdallah's nephew).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Amanda** (Daoud) **Alyatim** (former parishioner), **Angela Haddad, Jennifer** (Peera) **Khoshaba** (former parishioner), **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.

- Please remember ONLY ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED THEMSELVES may partake of Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: May 12th and 26th -- 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.

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF REPENTANCE (CONFESSION)

The Great Fast is THE TIME for all parishioners to receive the Holy Sacrament of Repentance (Confession) -- especially if you plan on receiving Holy Communion on Palm Sunday (April 28th) or Pascha (May 5th). Fr. Joe hears Confessions by appointment before or after most Divine Services, Sundays between 8:30am-9:30am, by appointment during the week, and on Saturday evenings after Great Vespers which is the perfect time when Father is not rushed. Please do not wait until the last minute! For your convenience, Fr. Joe will be hearing confessions TODAY after Coffee Fellowship. Because of many extra responsibilities, Fr. Joseph will not be able to hear Confessions on Palm Sunday or after Holy Tuesday. In addition, Holy Unction (on Holy Wednesday) is a Sacrament of the Church and we must be prepared with Confession in order to be anointed. If you would like to go to one of the other Orthodox priests during our combined Pan-Orthodox Services Fr. Paul, Fr. Matthew, and Fr. Angelo are available 30 minutes before each service begins. Confessing of our sins opens the door to our personal celebration of our Lord's Nativity Glorious Resurrection -- PLAN NOW and BE PREPARED!!!



ST. GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC Everyone received information about this great event on Saturday, June 8th at The Jewel of Grand Blanc Golf Course. Respond as soon as possible to Golf and/or to be a Sponsor! We are having our Golf Classic to have fun and raise money for our *Boiler Loan Fund*. If you are interested or would like more information, see the fliers in the Lounge or contact our committee: Mike or Brian Silpoch, Roger Isaac, or Amjad Ishak.

LADIES AUXILIARY MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER This wonderful activity is Tuesday, May 14th at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth beginning at 5:30pm. For more information and to make reservations (cost: \$21 per person / deadline: May 9th), please contact Naila Banna (810-238-4582) or Aida Raffoul (810-742-0207).

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Would you like to volunteer in feeding the hungry this coming Tuesday, April 23rd from 9am-12:30pm? If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Jim or Evelyn Delbridge (jimdelbridge@charter.net or 810-630-2353).

▶ **WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** Our average weekly offerings need to be \$4,800 to meet our 2013 Budget. Last Sunday, our offerings were \$2,977 so we were short \$1,823 ☹. If you haven't already, please fill out your 2013 Offering Form and support the work of St. George!

TEEN SOYO RUMMAGE SALE It's time for SPRING CLEANING!! Save your "stuff" for our Teen SOYO's RUMMAGE SALE coming October 19th!

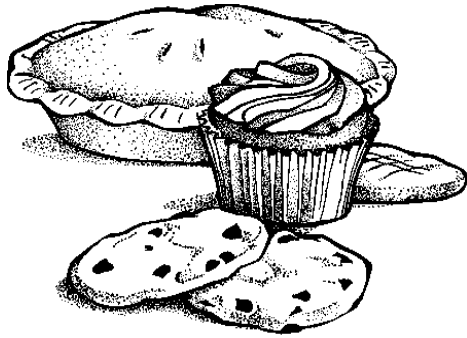
PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES We will celebrate **Presanctified Liturgy** on Wednesday at St. Mary Magdalene 2439 South Long Lake Road, Fenton 810-750-1401 and on Saturday the **Raising of Lazarus Preparation of Gifts and Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 2143 South Center Road, Burton 810-774-0070. See times under Coming Events.

April 21st — 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT: ST. MARY OF EGYPT

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "*Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me.*" Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the April 1st. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronios of Jerusalem.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The Great Fast continues and lasts until our celebration of our Lord's Resurrection- PASCHA on May 5 th . The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat or poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on all weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays, <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	Great Compline صلاة النوم الكبرى 6:30pm
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm
Wednesday	Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas 9am Presanctified Liturgy قداس السابق تقديس and Lenten Potluck at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton 6pm
Lazarus Saturday	Preparation of Gifts and Liturgy at St. Nicholas in Burton 9:30am Drop-off Bake Goods for Palm Sunday Bake Sale 1-4:45pm Clean and Decorate for Palm Sunday 1-4:45pm Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm



St. George
Church School
invites YOU to their
**Palm Sunday
Bake Sale**

Next Sunday, April 28th

Arabic Sweets, Lenten Desserts, Cakes, Pies, and Breads of all kinds!

**This is the Church School's ONLY Fundraiser...
Please Support Us!!!**

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!! We NEED YOU!!! Everything raised pays for books, supplies, incentives, and all expenses during the entire year! PLEASE bake something for the bake sale....PLEASE buy something at the bake sale....PLEASE be generous with your donation!! OUR CHILDREN ARE DEPENDING ON US!!!

Please drop off your baked goods in the Hall
this Saturday, April 27th between 1-5pm.



What: **Pascha Egg Hunt**
Who: **All Children**
When: Sunday, May 5th
after **Agape Vespers (1pm)**

**Bring a basket to collect
your goodies!**

We are in need of wrapped candy for our Pascha Egg Hunt. All money donations and candy can be dropped off in the Church School Office by Palm Sunday, April 28th.

Any and all donations will be appreciated!