

St. George Orthodox Church

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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY BEFORE (AND THE PRE-FEAST) OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST ON MT. TABOR

Tone – 8

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

Altar Servers: **St. Paul** team {Devin Jones, captain}

Next Week – **St. Peter** team

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 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 8 (*as above*)

Troparion of the Pre-Feast of the Transfiguration—Tone 4

Come, you faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, and let us joyfully cry as we celebrate the pre-feast: “*The day of holy gladness has come; the Lord has ascended Mount Tabor to radiate the beauty of His Divinity.*”

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 عاضد وناصير وللمرضى طبيب وشاف وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس الألبس الطفر تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Pre-Feast of the Transfiguration—Tone 4

Today all mortal nature shines with the divine Transfiguration and cries with exultation: “*Christ the Savior is transfigured to save us all!*”

Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:9-17* {9th Sunday after Pentecost}

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 14:22-34* {9th Sunday of Matthew}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Mary Salim for the health of her family and in loving memory of husband **Frank** (10 years). **Nickola, Jellilah, Elias, Sadie, Lila, Lester, Fred, and Marilyn.**
- Nayef and Hawa Aboujamra for the health of their family and in loving memory of **Abouna Boutros** (Nayef’s brother), **Robert** (son), **Mjali** (father), **Salemi** (mother), **Reader George** (brother), **Kamal** (brother), **Doha** (mother-in-law), and **Milad** (grandson).
- 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:

◆ **Branden and Devin Jones** – August 7th ◆ **George and Mariana Yacoub** – August 8th

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: **Archpriest Peter Gillquist** (+July 1st), **Dr. Veselin Kesich** (40 days, retired professor of New Testament at St. Vladimir Seminary), **Robert Crum** (+July 9th, friend of Janet Lakis), **Richard Delbridge** (+July 13th, brother of Jim), **Juanita Sophiea** (+July 21st, sister-in-law of Norma Sophiea), and **Kaukab Haddad** (+July 28th, aunt of Fr. Joe).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Khouriya Janet Peters, Nayef Aboujamra, Philip Abuaita, Jonathan Bassett, George Damouni** (brother of Lina Burbar and May 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 Shaheen, and William Sophiea Jr.**
- We also pray for the servants of God who are with child: **Huda Abusaada and Ivy Khoury.**

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.
 - Since Church School is not in session our children and their parents can receive Holy Communion together! Everyone should wait in their pew until an usher comes to dismiss them to the Communion Line.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FESTIVAL -- Enjoy!!!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: August 12th, 19th, 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. *During the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Fast (August 1st-14th), no meat or dairy products are to be served.*

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

Dear parents, we need to set a good example for our children. We need to send them the right message about our Divine Services. We will continue giving on time slips for the children when they come on time for Divine Liturgy on Sunday as in the past. At the end of the year when we give out awards for Perfect and Excellent Attendance, it means that the child was in church and then went back to Church School. We all need to work together as a team to teach our children how important it is to come to Divine Liturgy and other Divine Services. They need to know that the church school is an extension of what they learn in church. If you have any questions or concerns please talk with me or Father Joe. Thank you and God Bless.

MISSING

Over the last 2 months, we have had many celebrations of Open Houses, Weddings, and Baptisms by our parishioners. Unfortunately, people who were not supposed to be in the Kitchen Storage Room were. An inventory was taken of our Church Items and we are missing A LOT of things such as plates, silverware, 6 Steamer Trays (2 deep, 4 not-so-deep), and 3 Lids. For those who had parties, please check to make sure you did not accidentally take something home by mistake. If you find something, please bring it back as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT! Want to BORROW something from the Kitchen Storage Room, tables, chairs, or anything else from the church? Please ask FIRST! From the Kitchen ask Hiam Bathish, Laura (our church secretary) or Fr. Joe; from anywhere else, ask Fr. Joe.

August 6th (tomorrow) — TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ON MT. TABOR

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that *"there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom"* (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous brilliance of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias (*Elijah* in Hebrew), who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: *"This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him"* (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: *"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun"* (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The Dormition Fast for the Dormition (<i>or Falling Asleep</i>) of the Virgin Mary began on Wednesday, August 1 st and lasts until the Feast of Her Falling Asleep (Dormition or Assumption) on August 15 th . The traditional fasting discipline during this fourteen day period is <i>no meat, poultry, eggs, cheese, milk, dairy products, fish, wine, or olive oil, except on Saturdays and Sundays</i> when <i>wine and olive oil</i> are allowed and on the Feast of our Lord's Transfiguration (tomorrow, August 6 th), when <i>fish, wine, and olive oil</i> are allowed.
Monday	Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration of our Lord at St. Nicholas 10am
Mon.-Weds.	Festival CLEAN-UP 10am
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm Teen SOYO Dinner and Ice Skating