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Services Schedule

Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am — Noon

Sunday Services - Summer Hours:

Orthros at 8:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Services - Winter Hours:

Orthros at 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Services:

Orthros at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY BULLETIN

10/09/2016

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

Thou didst abolish death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst bid Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.

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Apolytikion for Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus in the Third Mode

O Holy Apostle James, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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Apolytikion of Saint George

As the liberator of the prisoners, and the defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, O Triumphant Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls may be saved.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Fifth Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from Luke 24:13-35

At that time, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.11,1.

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10.

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading

3rd Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Wisdom of the Fathers

There is an old saying: 'Excesses meet.' Too much fasting and too much eating come to the same end. Keeping too long a vigil brings the same disastrous cost as ... sluggishness... Too much self-denial brings weakness and induces the same condition as carelessness. Often I have seen men who would not be snared by gluttony fall, nevertheless, through immoderate fasting and tumble in weakness into the very urge which they had overcome. Unmeasured vigils and foolish denial of rest overcame those whom sleep could not overcome. Therefore, 'fortified to right and to left in the armor of justice,' as the apostle says (2 Cor. 6:7), life must be lived with due measure and, with discernment for a guide, the road must be traveled between the two kinds of excess so that in the end we may not allow ourselves to be diverted from the pathway of restraint which has been laid down for us nor fall through dangerous carelessness into the urgings of gluttony and self-indulgence.

St. John Cassian

Conferences, Conference Two: On Discernment no. 16; Paulist Press pg. 76, 5th century

That dead man was being buried, and many friends were conducting him to his tomb. But there meets him Christ, the Life and Resurrection, for He is the destroyer of death and of corruption; He it is "in Whom we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28); He it is Who has restored the nature of man to that which it originally was; and has set free our death-fraught flesh from the bonds of death.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, Homily 36.42, p. 153., 5th Century

The virgin's son met the widow's son. He became like a sponge for her tears and as life for the death of her son. Death turned about in its den and turned its back on the victorious one.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

Commentary on Tatian's Diatessaron, 6.23. (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. vol. 3: Luke, Intervarsity Press)

Saints and Feasts



October 09

3rd Sunday of Luke



October 09

The Righteous Patriarch Abraham and his nephew Lot

The holy Patriarch Abraham, born a pagan, ten generations after Noah, when the knowledge of God had perished from among men, became the beginning of God's dispensation for the universal renewal and salvation of man. He was called out of his country--the land of the Chaldees, that is, Mesopotamia--to the land of Canaan, and received the promise that through his seed all the nations of the earth should be blessed; through his singular faith in the promises of God, he was justified before the giving of the Law and the coming of Grace; through his willingness to sacrifice Isaac, he portrayed the love wherewith God loved the world in sacrificing His only-begotten Son. The greatness of Abraham, and the trials that he and his righteous nephew Lot underwent, are set forth in the Book of Genesis in the Old Testament, chapters twelve through twenty-five. See also the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, December 11-17.



October 09

James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus

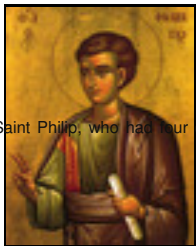
The holy Apostle James was one of the Twelve, and preached Christ to many nations, and finally suffered death by crucifixion.



October 10

Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs

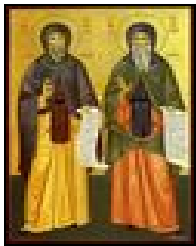
The Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia were from Nicomedia, and contested for Christ during the reign of Maximian, in the year 296.



October 11

Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons

Saint Philip, who had four daughters that prophesied, was from Caesarea of Palestine. He preached throughout Samaria; it was he also who met the eunuch of Candace, the Queen of the Ethiopians, as the eunuch was reading the Prophet Esaias, and he instructed and baptized him (Acts 8:26-39). He reposed in Tralles of Asia Minor while preaching the Gospel.



October 12

Symeon the New Theologian

Saint Symeon became a monk of the Studite Monastery as a young man, under the guidance of the elder Symeon the Pious. Afterwards he struggled at the Monastery of Saint Mamas in Constantinople, of which he became abbot. After enduring many trials and afflictions in his life of piety, he reposed in 1022. Marvelling at the heights of prayer and holiness to which he attained, and the loftiness of the teachings of his life and writings, the church calls him "the New Theologian." Only to two others, John the Evangelist and Gregory, Patriarch of Constantinople, has the church given the name "Theologian." Saint Symeon reposed on March 12, but since this always falls in the Great Fast, his feast is kept today.



October 13

Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus

Saint Carpus was Bishop of the Church of Thyatira in Asia Minor and Papyrus was his deacon, whom he had ordained. Seized as Christians and tormented in Thyatira, they were taken to Sardis, whither Agathodorus, their servant, followed them, and also confessed Christ, and was tormented with them. Together with Agathonica, the sister of Saint Papyrus. they were all beheaded during the reign of Decius, in the year 250.



October 14

Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus of Milan

The holy Martyrs all contested for piety's sake in Milan; after the passage of much time their holy relics were discovered and given honourable burial by Saint Ambrose.



October 15

Lucian the Martyr of Antioch

This Saint was from Samosata, the son of pious parents. He established a catechetical school in Antioch, and taught the correct doctrines of the Faith and made clear the parts of the divine Scriptures that were difficult to understand. He edited the Old Testament translation from the Hebrew tongue, and published it in an excellent edition, free from every heretical corruption and interpolation. He travelled to Nicomedia to strengthen the faithful there in their contests for Christ, and was accused before Maximinus, with whom he conversed openly. When he had made a defence of the Christian Faith, he was condemned to imprisonment where, in 311, he died of hunger and thirst.

Today

Epistle Reader: Kay Coin

Sunday Council Duty: John Mekus, Dennis Spurgetis, Diane Spurgetis and Mary Rankin

Memorials

Fahima Elias: 3 years

Chokri Elias: 15 years

Sunday School Classes follow Holy Communion

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Sponsored today by the Elias Families in loving memory of Fahima and Chokri .

This Week

Wednesday, October 11, 2016

10:00 a.m. Orthodox Study Forum

Thursday, October 12, 2016

6:00 p.m. Orthodox Study Forum

Saturday, October 15, 2016

2:00 p.m. HOPE/JOY Outing to County Corner Farm

Looking Ahead

WELCOME

To all our parishioners, friends and guests, a sincere welcome to everyone for coming to God's house so that we may all share in prayer and join us for fellowship at our coffee hour.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Have you remembered to help the needy and hungry? Please bring in a contribution of food to the church. They are still running dangerously short.
- A new desk was purchased for Father Michael's office for approximately \$800.00, and donations are needed to off-set the cost. All those who wish can donate what they can. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Green room.

METROPOLITAN'S NAME DAY DINNER

The Metropolis of Chicago Clergy Syndesmos is hosting a name day dinner for His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos on Thursday, October 27th. If anyone would be interested in attending please see Fr. Michael.

EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

October 26-Mary and Bill Rankin

November 23-Elaine Burmeister, Mary Kay Eckert and Diane Whitehead

December 28- Jim and Elizabeth Teros

Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile ministry should contact Dena Manta at 332-1684.

SENIOR MINISTRY

The St. George Senior Citizen Group outing to the Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village and Olde St. Ann's Church has been rescheduled. It will be on Thursday, October 20th. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and arrive at the Village about 10:45 a.m. Those who live in Iowa can meet us at the village at 10:45 a.m. located next to (but not in) Scott County Park. The site manager, Deborah Leistikaw, will give us a guided tour. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Following the tour, we will meet in the village "Soda Fountain" for a "dutch-treat" box lunch (\$8.50 per person) where you can also order a float, soda or a banana split. Please RSVP to Kay Coin (309-786-0240) if you plan to attend.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please call the office. Ever since the change in the privacy laws, hospitals are reluctant to call churches. Please call us so that we can avoid missing our parishioners in their time of need.

REACHING OUT

In an attempt to reach out to former parishioners of St. George we are asking all members to please call the church office with any former members who have fallen away from the church. Fr. Michael will then reach out to them. Please if you have anybody in mind please call the church office or speak with Fr. Michael

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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL, HOPE/JOY AND GOYA REGISTRATION FORM

Family Last Name	Mother's First Name	Father's First Name
Address	City	Zip Code
1 st Number to call	2 nd Number to call	Best email for communications

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

FIRST NAMES	PATRON SAINT	BIRTHDAY (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

HOPE/JOY

GOYA

Child's Name

Child's Name

First Names	GRADE IN SCHOOL				
	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

October 15, 2016

Time: 2:00 pm

Hope/Joy Outing

Admission and Parking free
2 and Under Free

Bounce House

Corn Maze

Hayride

Petting Zoo

And much more

Passes available

Individual pricing available

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