



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

Rev. Deacon Stephen Mathewes, Seminarian
Rev. Deacon Luke Toumi
Subdeacon Gheorge Doros
Subdeacon Joseph Kouyoumjian

*It is our pleasure to welcome visitors and friends to our church.
If you would like to know more about our parish,
or the Orthodox Church, please feel free to ask.*

**Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins
and have prepared themselves by fasting
are invited to receive Communion.**

*Everyone is welcome to venerate the cross and share Holy Bread.
Following Liturgy, please join us in the parish hall for coffee and refreshments.*

CALENDAR

<u>Sunday</u> -	Agape Vespers, 12:00 noon
<u>Monday</u> -	Bright Week Liturgy, 9:00 am Wake for Constantin Iovan, 5:00-7:00 pm in the church
<u>Tuesday</u> -	Funeral for Constantin Iovan, 10:00 am
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Great Vespers, followed by a "festal potluck supper", 6:00pm (grills available)
<u>Saturday</u> -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Sunday of Thomas Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am BBQ to celebrate the Feast of Saint George (transferred from Holy Week)
<u>Fasting</u> -	No fasting during Bright Week, not even Wednesday or Friday.

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GREAT
AND
HOLY
PASCHA

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*We extend thanks to God and offer our gratitude for
during Lent and Holy Week, including those who clean
who prepared meals; our singers and readers; those who
the subdeacons, altar servers and the ushers; those who
to all who have offered their most-worthy prayers for*

PRAYERS OF OBLATION & PASCHA

The Abril Family	Don & Camille Florio
Nick Abdallah	Susan Florio
Olga Abdallah	David Franciosi
Alexseya Anderson	Phyllis Georgeu
Hellas Assad	Thelma Hamaty
Nabil Ayoub	Allan Howard
Sheila Bennett	John Howard
Daniel & Elaine Bitar	George & Catherine Kech
Donald, Christine, Michael and Jennifer Byron	Alice Kelley
Sophie Boulis	Helen Kelley
Tom & Joan Cassidy	Lillie Kelley
Charles & Marie Coffin	Father Joseph, Erin, Nick and Zach Kimmett
Nick & Doris Copoulos	Karen Kinosian
Alex & Mary Deeb	Joseph & Lucine Kouyou
Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies	Brian & Marlene Lupaczyl
Margaret Domet	Pat & Toni Marshall
Paul & Helen Donohue and Family	Mary L Michael memory of Ernest Mic
The Doros Family	Catherine Mike
Emaline Eakle	Estelle Mike
Dolores Elias	Jennie Mike
Laila Esber	Kay Moseley
Florence Esper	Ken & Barbara Nashawaty
Cleo Eysie	Philomena Nathan
Joseph & Loretta Eysie	Edmund & Regina Noon
Paul Eysie	The Oleinik Family

Paschal Greeting from the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North & Central America

"Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you." St. Mark 16:6-7

Christ is risen! On this radiant and sublime feast the sorrow of the disciples of our Lord was turned to astonishment and joy. Those whose world had seemingly come to an horrific end, found that their world had, in fact, begun anew and with splendor. The great enemies of the human race: death, sin, the devil and his twisted cohorts, lay collectively defeated, mauled and ruined in the tomb. Hades laments at its loss. No more was sin to tyrannize us. No more was the uncertainty of death to hang around our necks like a mighty millstone bending the human race down to the ground.

On this sublime and majestic day of the Resurrection of Christ men and women cry out in every language: Christ is risen! On this day of Pascha, we gather to celebrate the continued and real presence of Christ in our midst, Whose Resurrection from the dead is at the very core of our Christian faith. We live in a "newness of life" ushered in by our Savior's mighty victory on this holy day. In forty days our Resurrected Lord will gloriously ascend into the heavens. When the Holy Prophet Elias ascended in the chariots of fire he left his spiritual son the Holy Prophet Elisha his mantle. When our Lord Jesus ascended into the heavens to sit down at the right hand of His Father on high, He did not leave us His mantle but His very resurrected and glorified flesh in the Holy Eucharist. Christ's authentic presence is continually experienced by each and every one of us not just as we gather together in His name for prayer, or when we hear His Holy Gospel. His presence is made manifest in the most superb way when we partake of His very real Body and Blood in the most blessed sacrament of Holy Communion, through the physical elements of bread and wine. By a communion in these holy mysteries we participate in Christ's Resurrection, and renew ourselves.

The mighty impact of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the lives of His disciples is most illustriously set forth in the account of the Acts of the Apostles. Beginning on Holy Pascha itself Orthodox Christians throughout the world begin to read the Acts. The Acts, written by the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, is the history of the early Church. It is the demonstration of the Resurrection, the very proof of our Savior's victory over death. That proof is manifested in the changed lives of His disciples. No more do we see the timid and fearful disciples, but we behold roaring lions and invincible witnesses. No more do we see disciples hiding from the Jews and the Roman authorities, but we see the embrace of the whole world by the disciples.

Beloved Christians, WE are to be the proof of the Resurrection in this day, in this hour, and in our own cities and towns in this beloved nation. The Gospel is demonstrated and proved true not by cogent syllogisms or crafty intellectual apologetics but by our Christian lives. Our mutual love and laying down our lives for each other prove the Resurrection. Our joy in the face of trials, and our confident hope in the wake of tragedy shows forth the Resurrection of the Lord and expresses our eager expectation of His coming Kingdom. Our freely given alms and deeds of compassion evidence our profound conviction that the Lord Jesus Christ is alive from the dead even now, blessing, healing, saving, and rewarding. On this Holy Feast of Pascha, as we fill our churches and our hearts with the light and joy of the Resurrection, let us joyfully profess our belief in the Risen Lord, Who is in our midst. Glory to His Third-Day Resurrection!

+ *The Members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops*

- CBS TV's "**60 Minutes**" will air a forty-minute segment on *The Holy Mountain of Athos*, tonight (the 24th.) It will be a ground-breaking program, including scenes of worship and daily life, as well as interviews with the abbots of several of the Holy Mountain's twenty monasteries.
- The 11th annual benefit evening for Theophany School is Saturday, April 30th, 6:30 pm at the Apollo Function Hall in Norwood. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet and live music are included in your \$50 ticket.
- The **Parish Life Conference** is June 17-19th, in Hyannis. His Grace Bishop THOMAS will be the hierarch. See: www.stjohnd.org/conference2011/index.htm for information, registration and a link to the ad-book form.
- The **Archdiocese Convention** is July 24-31 in Chicago. Details at www.archdioceseconvention2011.org/

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered by the Parish Council on behalf of the entire congregation.

PASCHAL BREAKFAST - Join us in the parish hall after Liturgy to break the fast! Thanks to the Parish Council for this feast and to our Head Pascha Chef Andrew Howard.

PASCHAL FIRE - Take home a seven-day votive candle, lit with the Paschal fire. \$10.00 each.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE - Please remember the poor and hungry throughout the world. If you took a **FFHP** box, bring it back to church next week.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Donations, memorial and other gifts will be listed in the bulletin Sunday, May 1st.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelhachem Family; Kh. Joanne (Bitar), David (Rediker), Michael (Pepin), Beve (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Janet, N. William, Kate (Melchert), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathryn (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Sam, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Sarah, Josephine, Sterling.

Pray also for Elsa (Nashawaty Stallings) and David (Elliott) - currently deployed in the US armed forces.

Pray for the newly departed Constantine Iovan (father of Mara Giovanna)

April 17 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Patron Collections
2558.00	\$1055.00	\$225.00	\$ 412.00	\$1200.00

MUSIC FOR THE PROCESSION (TONE 6)

The angels in heaven, O Christ our Saviour / sing of Thy resurrection / and do Thou enable us on earth / to glorify Thee with a pure heart.

EISODIKON

In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel. O Son of God who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PASCHAL TROPARION

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

المسيح قام من بين الأموات
و وطنى الموت بالموت
و وهب الحياة
للذين في القبور

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών,
θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας,
και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι,
ζωήν χαρισάμενος!

Христос воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех живот
даровав!

Hristos a in viat din morti
cu moartea pe moarte calcand
si celor din morminte viata daruindu-le.

Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos
con su muerte ha vencido la muerte
y los sepultados ha dado la vida.

PASCHAL KONTAKION (TONE 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal! Thou didst destroy the power of Death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, Rejoice! to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen!

PASCHAL HYPAKOE (TONE 4)

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, and heard the angels say unto them, Why seek ye him as man with the dead, who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for he is the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind.

AT THE PLACE OF "HOLY GOD"

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

MEGALYNARION

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace, "Rejoice! Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead!" Rejoice! Rejoice, O ye people! Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, exalt and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

KOINONIKON

Partake ye of the Body of Christ, taste of the Immortal Source.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

This is the day which the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for His mercy endures for ever.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (1:1-8 - Pascha)

In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

Alleluia. Thou, O Lord, shalt rise up and have pity upon Zion, for it is time to have compassion on her; yea, the time is come. *Alleluia.* The Lord from Heaven hath looked upon the earth, to hear the groaning of them that be in fetters, to loose the sons of the slain. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (1:1-7; Pascha)

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