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Liturgical Services

Confessions heard: 4:30-5 p.m. Saturday (or by appointment)

Great Vespers at 5 p.m. Saturday

Orthros (Matins) Service at 9 a.m. Sunday Morning

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. Sunday Morning

Church School (September-June) following Holy Communion

Feast Day Vesper-Liturgy at 7 p.m. on the Eve of the Feast

Sunday, June 11, 2017

We welcome you to our Church today. Our Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy at which the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive this sacrament unless you are of the Orthodox faith and are properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

THE SYNAXARION

On June 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew; the Archangel Gabriel, and his appearance to a monk on Athos to reveal the Theotokion “It is Truly Meet;” Venerable Barnabas of Basa in Cyprus and Barnabas of Vetluga. On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

Of all my Lord’s friends, I laud and sing the praises; And let any to come, with them all be numbered.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, “How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God” (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, “Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God’s commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.



**The Appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a Monk on Mt. Athos
Revealing to Him the Hymn, “It is truly meet...”**

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, June 11, 2017 Tone 8 / Eothinon 1

First Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday

Holy, Glorious Apostles Barnabas and Bartholomew; Barnabas of Basa in Cyprus and Barnabas of Vetluga; commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Athos and the revelation of the hymn “It is truly meet”

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

ST. GEORGE TROPARION

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 the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

THE EPISTLE

God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. Alleluia.

+++PRAY FOR THEIR HEALTH+++

Please remember our ill parishioners, especially Mary Zmary (Maefair Nursing Home); Michael Aberisk (Pope John Paul II Rehabilitation Center). Please call Fr. George if you know of someone who would like a phone call or visit.



Candle Offerings



(Please Note: All Candle requests must be given to Fr. George before Noon on Tuesday in order for them to be included in Sunday's Bulletin. This is also true for any announcements for the bulletin. Thank You.)

5 DAY VOTIVE CANDLES ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH OF:

Jeanette Beylouni by Sally Connolly
George H. Chaber by Sally Connolly
George H. Chaber by George and Phyllis Chaber
George Chaber and Jeanette Beylouni by Paula Chaber
Jeanette Beylouni by Malaki Saffi
George Chaber by Malaki Saffi
Jeanette Beylouni by Nancy Farris
George Chaber by Nancy Farris
Jeanette Beylouni by Niddal and Rita El Khoury
George Chaber by Niddal and Rita El Khoury
George Chaber by Joan Chaber
Jeanette Beylouni by Joan Chaber
Vickie Matthews by Joan Chaber
George Chaber by John and Joanne Hadad
Patricia Hadad by John and Joanne Hadad
George H. Chaber by Fred and Ann Diker
Jeanette Beylouni by Fred and Ann Diker
Jeanette Beylouni by Mary Jane Rodgers
George Chaber by Mary Jane Rodgers
Eleanor Kubeck by Mary Jane Rodgers
Malaky Saffi by Richard Jabara and Family
Father George and Family by Richard Jabara and Family.

5 DAY VOTIVE CANDLES ARE OFFERED IN BELOVED MEMORY OF:

John and George Beylouni by Jeanette Beylouni
George Farris by Nancy Farris
Raymond Beylouni by Jeanette Beylouni
Michelle Kayal by Her Family
Frieh Sayegh by Nawal Sayegh
George Sager by Sally Connolly
George Sager by George and Phyllis Chaber
George Sager by the Bechara Family
George Sager by Joan Chaber
George Sager by John and Joanne Chaber

PLEASE NOTE: If you are calling in or emailing your candle requests, please make your checks payable to St. George Church earmarked "Candles" or include a note with your donation.

Services and Events

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| Sunday, June 11 | Matins at 9 a.m./Liturgy at 10 a.m./General Assembly |
| Tuesday, June 13 | Ladies Society Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, June 15 | Parish Council Meeting and Elections at 7 p.m.. |
| Saturday, June 17 | Confession at 4:30 p.m./Vespers at 5 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 18 | Matins at 9 a.m./Liturgy at 10 a.m./High School Graduate Sunday |
| Friday, June 23 | Middle Eastern Festival |
| Saturday, June 24 | Middle Eastern Festival/Vespers at 5 p.m. |
| Sunday, June 25 | Matins at 9 a.m./Liturgy at 10 a.m. |
| June 28 to July 2 | Parish Life Conference in Morristown, NJ |

High School Graduates

We will be honoring our High School Graduates Nancy Najjar, Josh Ipkovich, Clare McKinley, and Marisa Gueli on Sunday, July 18th. We pray that God will bless them and grant them many, many years!

Ladies Corner:

Coffee Hour Sponsors

Please contact Joan Chaber James and Fr. George before you place your name on the calendar on the bulletin board next to the kitchen in the Church Hall if you would like to sponsor a coffee hour. Please let them also know if you need to change your coffee hour date! Please DO NOT write your name on a calendar date without first checking with Joan and Father.

Just a reminder—Those who are sponsoring coffee hour are also responsible for baking or purchasing the Holy Bread for the Divine Liturgy that morning. Fr. George needs the bread Saturday night as he performs the Proskomedia Service early Sunday morning before Matins. If you are unable to bake bread for “your Sunday”, bread can be purchased from our Ladies Society for \$10. If you have the names of living or departed loved ones that you would like Fr. George to remember during the Proskomedia Service and the Great Entrance, or if you would like a Trisagion Service, please give Fr. George their names when you bring the bread to church. If you haven’t sponsored a coffee hour during the past year, please consider helping us.

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| <u>JUNE</u> 11-- 18—Farewell Coffee Hour for Vickie Matthews 25-- | <u>JULY</u> 2-- 9-- 16-- 23-- 30-- |
| <u>AUGUST</u> 6-- 13-- 20-- 27-- | <u>SEPTEMBER</u> 3-- 10-- 17-- 24— |

Please remember that when it is your Coffee Hour, you are responsible for cleaning up the hall and kitchen and please remember to take any leftovers home with you so that they do not spoil in the Church Kitchen refrigerator.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed

We all enjoy the coffee hour and fellowship following the Divine Liturgy. This special time gives us the opportunity to see our fellow parishioners, catch up on the weeks' goings on, maybe set-up organization meetings, or just visit with everyone. To continue with this lovely custom, we need the support of all our families in the parish. So, please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, just a little something to "break our fast."

Thank you,

St. George Ladies Society

General Assembly on Sunday, June 11th

Our General Assembly and Election of Parish Council Members will be held following the Divine Liturgy today, Sunday, June 11th. Attached to the bulletin this Sunday are several important documents that we hope you will read prior to the General Assembly. This will help us run an efficient meeting both business wise and time wise. The Tentative Agenda is as follows:

AGENDA

Opening Prayer and Remarks by Fr. George

Quorum & last Meeting Minutes

Chairman & Committee Reports (written)

Financial Report

Organization Reports (written)

Nomination and Elections