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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 18, 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 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Leontios of Greece, and Hypatios and Theodoulos, who were martyred with him in Phoenicia.

Verses

An anvil doth Leontios have for a body: An anvil to iron hammers, that is, to torments.

On the eighteenth Leontios in wounds expireth.

Being of great bodily stature and strength, Leontios was an illustrious soldier in the Roman legions who had won many victories, and was known for his prudence and sobriety of mind. When it was learned that he gave grain to the poor from the imperial stores, and was moreover a Christian, Hadrian the Governor of Phoenicia sent Hypatios, a tribune, and Theodoulos, a soldier, to arrest him. Saint Leontios converted them on the way to Tripoli in Phoenicia, where Hypatios and Theodoulos were tormented and beheaded by Hadrian for their confession of Christ. Then Hadrian with many flatteries and many torments strove to turn Leontios from Christ. All his attempts failing, he had Leontios put to such tortures that he died in the midst of them, receiving his crown from Christ our God, in the year 73.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Leontios the Hagiorite of Dionysiou monastery on Athos.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



Divine Liturgy, Sunday, June 18, 2017
Tone 1 / Eothion 2; 2nd Sunday after Pentecost;
2nd Sunday of Matthew

Martyrs Leontios, Hypatios and Theodoulos at Tripoli in Phoenicia; Venerable Leontios the Hagiorite of Dionysiou monastery on Athos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

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.

THE EPISTLE

(For Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

+++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:

Vickie Matthews by The Bechara Family
Jeanette Beylouni by The Bechara Family
George H. Chaber by George and Phyllis Chaber
Vickie Matthews by Joan Chaber
Jeanette Beylouni by Joan Chaber
George Chaber by Joan Chaber
George Chaber by Elaine and Nadia Chaber
George and Mary Chaber by Elaine and Nadia Chaber

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
Frieih Sayegh by Nawal Sayegh
Mary Jane Rodgers by Niddal and Rita El Khoury
Vickie Matthews by Niddal and Rita El Khoury
Vickie Matthews by Fred and Ann Diker

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

Sunday, June 18	Matins at 9 a.m./Liturgy at 10 a.m./High School Graduate Sunday
Tuesday, June 20	Ladies Society Meeting at 7 p.m.
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.
Monday, June 26	Parish Council Meeting and Elections at 7 p.m.
June 28 to July 2	Parish Life Conference in Morristown, NJ

High School Graduates and Church School Progression Today

Today we honor our High School Graduates Nancy Najjar, Josh Ipkovich, Clare McKinley, and Marisa Gueli. We will also hold our Church School progression today. We pray that God will bless our graduates and all the children of our parish 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.

<u>JUNE</u> 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