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Commemoration of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt

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Sunday April 21, 2024

**Tone 5/ Eothinon 02
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Hieromartyr Januarios, bishop of
Benevento & companions;

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الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. There are Service Books in the pews. Orthodox Christians must be prepared for Holy Communion through Confession, Fasting, Prayer and by being at peace with others. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Holy Communion. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

WELCOME

**The mission of St. George
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Is to serve God and the community by commitment to the Gospel's command to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ through faith, hope, and love. It is a parish of the Self -Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

The Orthodox Church follows the faith and practice of the apostles and disciples of Christ handed down by the ancient Christian fathers and twenty centuries of Church tradition. Genuine Christian life nurtures and stimulates our spiritual and moral development. The liturgical life of the Orthodox Church has been developing over the last 2000 years. By taking part in the mysteries of Christ's life, death and resurrection at the liturgical services, the community members are drawn to repentance and the gradual change of their inner selves.

To join the community of St. George or to find out more information, please fill out the Guest Book in the Narthex. We hope this day will be spiritually rewarding for you. Fr John will be happy to answer any questions. Join us in the hall after Liturgy for our Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

The coffee Hour is sponsored in memory of Nicola & Sanieh Bashour and Salim Altoun by Dr. Fadi & Daad Bashour and their Family



Bread of Oblation is offered for the health and safety of Mahdi & Abir Kona and their family by Mahdi Kona

Candles are offered for the Health, Safety & Spiritual Welfare of:

All of our parishioners, their family members and their friends.

The sick, shut-ins, homeless and needy

Archdeacon Yared and Shammasseh Diane

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Mark and Dr. Antony George (Happy Birthday) by Dr. Antony George

My Daughters Olivia, Domenica and Alayna by Dr. Antony George



Candles are offered in Beloved Memory of:

All of your beloved ones falling asleep in the Lord.

All Clergy and servants of God.

All the Victims of war and violence and diseases in the whole universe.

Michel Hayek, Michael Simone & Bob Mourad by the Hayek family

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"Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat? So Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day".

John 6:52-54

*"With fear of God, faith And love draw near".
Come to Church, Jesus loves you, we love you
we are waiting for you.*



UPCOMING DIVINE SERVICES

Monday April 22 Great Compline @ 6:00 pm

Wednesday April 24 Presanctified Gifts Liturgy @ 6:00 pm

Friday April 26 Little Compline + Canon of the Rising of Lazarus @ 6:00 pm

Lazarus Saturday April 27 Matin and Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am



Palm Sunday 04-28-2024 Matins Service @ 9:30 am, Divine Liturgy @ 10.30 AM

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 21, 2024

Tone 5/ Eothinon 2; Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

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Today's Liturgy Inserts	تغييرات في القداس
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT	قُداس القديس باسيليوس الكبير
<p>طروبارية القيامة (باللحن الخامس)</p> <p>لِنُسَبِّحْ نحن المؤمنين ونسجدُ للكلمة. المساوي للأب والروح في الأزليَّةِ وعدم الابتداء. المولود من العذراء لخلصنا. لأنه سرٌّ وارضى بالجسد أن يعلو على الصليب. ويحتمل الموت وينهض الموتى بقيامته المجيدة.</p>  <p>Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5) Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection</p>	
	<p>الإيصونديكون</p> <p>هَلُمَّ نَسْجُدُ وَنَرُكِعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلِكِنَا وَآلِهِنَا. خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ هَلُوبَا.</p> <p>Entrance Hymn O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.</p>
<p>تُعَاد طروبارية القيامة</p> <p>We repeat the Resurrectional Apolytikion</p>	
<p>طروبارية القديسة مريم المصرية (باللحن الثامن)</p> <p>بِكَ حَفِظَ التَّمَثَالُ باحتراسٍ وثيقٍ أيتها الأمُّ البارةُ مريم. لأنكِ قد حملتِ الصليبَ فتبعتِ المسيح. وعملتِ وعلمتِ أن يُتَغاضَى عن الجسدِ لأنه يزولُ. وأن يُهْتَمَّ بأُمُورِ النَّفْسِ غيرِ المائتة. فلذلك أيتها البارةُ تَبْتَهِّجُ رُوحَكَ مع الملائكة.</p> <p>Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt (Tone 8) Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.</p>	
<p>Troparion of St. George the Great Martyr (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.</p>	



Troparion for the Patron Saint of the Church

طروبارية القديس جاورجيوس الالابس الظفر (باللحن الرابع)

بما أَنَّكَ للمأسورين مُحَرَّرٌ ومُعْتِقٌ، وللْفُقَرَاءِ والمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وشَافٍ
وعنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا العَظِيمُ في الشُّهَدَاءِ جاورجيوسُ الالابِسُ الظَّفَرُ تَشْفَعُ إلى
المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

القنطاق للسيدة (باللحن الرابع)

يا شَفِيعَةً المَسِيحِيَّينَ غيرِ الخَازِيَةِ، الوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الخَالِقِ غيرِ المَرْدُودَةِ. لا تُعْرِضِي عن أصواتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نحنُ
الخطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالمَعُونَةِ بما أَنَّكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نحنُ الصَارِخِينَ نَحْوَكَ بِإِيْمَانٍ. بِادِرِي إلى الشِّفَاعَةِ وأسْرِعِي في
الطَّلْبَةِ يا والدَةَ الإلهِ، المَتَشَفِّعَةَ، دائِماً في مُكْرَمِيكَ.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

THE TRISAGION

الرسالة للأحد الخامس من الصوم

Epistle for the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Make your vows and pay them to the LORD our God.

God is known in Judæa, His Name is great in Israel!

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

صَلُّوا وأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا نُذَوِّرْكُمْ

اللهُ مَعْرُوفٌ في أَرْضِ يَهُودَا

فَصَلِّ من رِسَالَةِ القَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرِّسُولِ إلى العِبْرَانِيِّينَ
(9:11-14)

يا اخوةُ إِنَّ المَسِيحَ إِذْ قَدْ جَاءَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةٍ لِلخَيْرَاتِ
المَسْتَقْبَلَةِ فَيَمَسُكِنِ أعْظَمَ واكْمَلَ غيرِ مَصْنُوعٍ بِأَيْدِ أَيِّ
لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الخَلِيقَةِ * وَلَيْسَ بِدَمِ ثِيُوسٍ وَعُجُولٍ بَلْ بِدَمِ
نَفْسِهِ دَخَلَ الأَقْدَاسَ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا * لِأَنَّهُ إِذْ
كَانَ دَمِ ثِيْرَانٍ وَثِيُوسٍ وَرَمَادَ عِجَلَةٍ يُرَشُّ على المُتَجَسِّسِينَ
فَيَقْدِسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الجَسَدِ * فَكَمْ بِالأُخْرَى دَمِ المَسِيحِ الَّذِي
بِالرُّوحِ الأَرْلِيِّ قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ اللهُ بِلا عَيْبٍ يُطَهِّرُ ضَمَائِرَكُمْ
مِنَ الأَعْمَالِ المَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللهُ الحَيَّ.

لإنجيل للأحد الخامس من الصوم

Gospel For the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس مرقس الإنجيلي البشير
والتلميذ الطاهر (10:32-45)

في ذلك الزمان أخذ يسوع تلاميذه الاثني عشر وابتدأ يقول لهم ما سيرضُّ له* هوذا نحن صاعدون إلى اورشليم وابن البشر سيُسَلَّم إلى رؤساء الكهنة والكتبة فيحكَمون عليه بالموت ويُسلمونه إلى الأمم* فيهزأون به ويصُفون عليه ويجلدونه ويقتلونه وفي اليوم الثالث يقوم* فدنا إليه يعقوب ويوحنا ابنا زبدي قائلين يا مُعَلِّم نريد أن تصنع لنا مهما طلبنا* فقال لهما ماذا تريدان أن أصنع لكما* قالا له أعطنا أن يجلس أحدنا عن يمينك والآخر عن يسارك في مجدك* فقال لهما يسوع إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان. أتستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا وأن تصطبغا بالصبغة التي أصطبغ بها أنا* فقالا له نستطيع. فقال لهما يسوع أما الكأس التي أشربها فتشربانها وبالصبغة التي أصطبغ بها فتصطبغان. وأما جلوسكما عن يميني وعن يساري فليس لي أن أعطيَهُ إلا للذين أعدَّ لهم* فلما سمع العشرة ابتدأوا يغضبون على يعقوب ويوحنا* فدعاهم يسوع وقال لهم قد علمتم أن الذين يُحسبون رؤساء الأمم يسودونهم وعظماؤهم يتسلطون عليهم* وأما أنتم فلا يكون فيكم هكذا* ولكن من أراد أن يكون فيكم كبيراً فليكن لكم خادماً* ومن أراد أن يكون فيكم أول فليكن للجميع عبداً* فإن ابن البشر لم يأت ليخدم بل ليخدم وليبذل نفسه فداءً عن كثيرين.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

إِنَّ الْبَرَايَا بِأَسْرَهَا، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِئَةً نِعْمَةً: مَحَافِلَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ،
وَأَجْنَاسَ الْبَشَرِ. أَيُّهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدِّسُ، وَالْفَرْدَوْسُ النَّاطِقُ،
فَخَرُ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ، وَصَارَ طِفْلاً، وَهُوَ
إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ. لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ مُسْتَوْدَعَكَ عَرْشًا، وَجَعَلَ
بَطْنَكَ أَرْحَبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. لِذَلِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِئَةً نِعْمَةً، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ
كُلُّ الْبَرَايَا وَتُمَجِّدُكَ.

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; **of our father among the saints, Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia**, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint George the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, **of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt, whose memory we celebrate today**, whose memory we celebrate today, , and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

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On Repentance

By Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

The term "repentance" scares many people because self-reflection has become undesirable, if not irrelevant. Today's human beings do not want to see their own flaws and shortcomings. They prefer to be praised by everyone, honored in every circumstance. Hiding inside all people are illusions about themselves that they don't want to break. People convince themselves that pride provides psychological comfort, and in their stubbornness, they believe in their own goodness and that they don't make mistakes. They justify themselves by blaming others. Their attitude is, "They are the ones who are wrong," or at best, "I'm not the one who started it." They tell themselves, "I had to protect myself and put an end to their evil!" This is how people avoid self-criticism, allowing their flaws to grow deep within, escaping settings that speak about repentance or blocking their ears to such talk.

Moreover, many wrongly believe that repentance means regret, sorrow, and sadness in their quest for joy and happiness. Why would they then accept something that spoils their happiness? Why would they demand more burdens for themselves? Repentance, in their minds, is associated with misconceptions influenced by distorted upbringings, plus erroneous teachings and spirituality that are particularly evident in medieval Western Christian literature, which has spread its culture everywhere. The Christian West knows a form of repentance that is distorted, exaggerated and rigid. Thus, repentance became a horrible punishment founded on penances, depression, fear, and submission of the flesh to suffering and contempt.

In Orthodox theology, however, repentance signifies a new birth, a spiritual cleansing from within. It is a continuous self-correction, a perpetual awareness of not persisting in sin and error, a continuous rise from every fall, and a constant striving to what is better. It is a state of yearning not to be distanced from God, our beloved.

We embark on the path of repentance when realizing we are lost, estranged from our fatherly home. This is clearly illustrated in the parable of the Prodigal Son. When the rebellious son lost all his wealth and fell into bad company, poverty and destitution, he came back to himself and remembered his father's house, longing for the dignity and honor he had with his father. The world with all its pleasures is captivating, promising a sought-after happiness that is in fact ephemeral, deceptive, and shallow. The joy of this world fades quickly in the face of any difficulty or distress.

However, the hardness of the human heart – which stems from yearning for happiness that is ignorant of the joy of living with God – pushes us to sin again and seek a false consolation, instead of cultivating intimacy with God and the sweetness of His companionship. People, in general, tend to be more concerned with what is tangible and perceptible. However, God, the all-merciful, allows us to face numerous trials to realize our delusion, granting us the possibility to liberate ourselves from it so that we may know our true home, just as the Prodigal Son did.

Unless one experiences the humiliation of being away from home and the absence of peace for which he longs because of his sin, he will not return to his Father's house. Additionally, he will not experience the joy and richness of repentance.

The Apostle Paul defines Christian repentance as follows: "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13). The Orthodox Church focuses, in its teaching about repentance, on the two aspects: forgetting and reaching forward. The Church moves us beyond sin and toward virtues. Perhaps the most beautiful description of repentance came from Saint John Climacus: "It is exchanging one love for another: exchanging the love of earthly things for the love of heavenly things." Therefore, we often notice that those who have known God after living far from Him have experienced deep repentance, a depth that those who are like the "elder son" inside the house in the gospel parable do not usually enjoy.

But can we forget what lies behind if we do not understand it or know any better? Hence, self-reflection (coming back to ourselves) and self-examination are the first steps in our journey of repentance. When taking these steps become constant, they generate continuous spiritual alertness

and heightened awareness, allowing us to sense the negative effects of our sins whether in word, deed or thought. At that moment, we rush to discard them, replacing them with their virtuous counterparts.

This is how we ascend to true life. The life of repentance moves us up the ladder of divine ascent step by step, until we reach the fullness and abundance of life in Christ. Repentance is not an independent act with its own time frame, requirements and completion. No, it is a journey of life, or if you will, a lifestyle, sometimes requiring concentration on a specific aspect. However, it does not stop there, nor does it ever end. It is a life of wakeful, conscious, peaceful vigilance, aware of its reality, forever aspiring to transcend it. It is a life open to God, to people, to spiritual energies, and to deified humanity. It is a life not content with reality but continually elevates it. It is constantly ascending until it reaches the stature of Christ. The model for those who live a life of repentance is the following verse from the Apostle Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

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April 9, 2024

Beloved Clergy of our Archdiocese,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

With my blessing, our archdiocesan Christian Education Ministry will host a **Christian Education Conference at the Antiochian Village, June 6–9, 2024**. The theme of the conference is “**Handing Down the Faith: Equipped for Every Good Work.**”

The V. Rev. Fr. Nicholas Belcher, Chair of our Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries; Mrs. Anna-Sarah Farha, Director of our Christian Education Ministry; and their coworkers have prepared engaging workshops, a general session on moral issues (moderated by an esteemed clergy panel), an introduction to new church-school curriculum, and focus groups for educators. There will also be a series of lectures delivered by distinguished clergy and a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, with His Grace Bishop Thomas presiding.

I wish to extend my warmest invitation to all—clergy, educators, and parents—to attend this conference, in order to grow more effective in this important ministry, to which our Lord Jesus Christ has called us. The Christian Education Ministry has emailed announcements about the conference to church-school directors, and several directors and teachers have already registered.

Let us make every effort to ensure that all those serving the Christian Education Ministries in our parishes receive the conference invitation and are encouraged to attend—with financial assistance from the parish, if needed. The conference flyer (included with this letter) and the registration link below should be distributed through all parish channels immediately, so that the Christian Education Ministry and the Antiochian Village Conference and Retreat Center have adequate time to accommodate additional registrants. The deadline to register is May 20. A full schedule and registration details are available at <https://registration.antiochianvillage.org/OCEC2024>. All questions should be directed to Mrs. Anna-Sarah Farha at aodce@antiochian.org.

Praying that you and your families will be blessed and edified through the remainder of the Fast, as we journey toward the celebration of the Resurrection, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "SABA". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

✠ SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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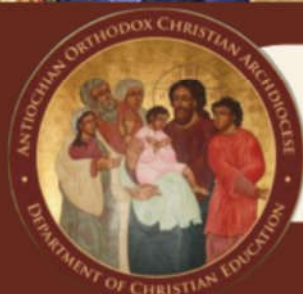
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The Antiochian Village
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Dear Saint George Family, Beloved in Christ

Our community is fortunate to have such compassionate and loving Parishioners. Because of your pledge and support, our Church is able to continue to serve you and to support the needy families. As we read in the 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

What makes us Christians is our faith being reflected by our actions in a beautiful way that manifests our identity through our work of love.

With The Parish Council we are making every effort to reduce our expenses, to ensure our reserve fund can be maintained for its intended purpose and the future growth and support of our Church. We are asking anyone who is financially able, to either mail a pledge donation check to the Church's Office or Donate via our website Donation button.

Also please let us know if you have any hardships that the Church can help with. We will try to support you in any way possible.

In closing, we ask for the Lord's Protection to keep all of us safe, and to guide all of us to become His new disciples and to serve and love His people

God is the source of all our wealth. *It's in the Bible*, Deuteronomy 8:18, NKJV. "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

God says we rob Him if we don't give tithe and offerings. *It's in the Bible*, Malachi 3:8, NKJV. Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ' In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

Do I tithe when in debt? We should pay what we owe to God first, and God will help us take care of our debts.*It's in the Bible*, Psalm 50:14-15, NKJV. "Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

What if I can't afford to pay tithe? God promises to richly bless us if we are faithful in tithes and offerings. *It's in the Bible*, Malachi 3:10, NKJV. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, " If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

God asks us to give voluntary offerings for His work—in addition to the tithe. *It's in the Bible*, Psalm 96:8, NKJV. "Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

We should give to God's work willingly. *It's in the Bible*, 2 Corinthians 9:7, "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.."

What if I think the church is corrupted, am I still required to tithe and give offerings?

The temple practices were corrupt in Christ's day, but Jesus still recognized the offerings as for God. *It's in the Bible*, Luke 21:3-4, NKJV. " So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

You can't out-give God. *It's in the Bible*, Luke 6:38, NKJV. "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

We should give in proportion to the blessing God has given us. *It's in the Bible*, Deuteronomy 16:17, "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

MEMO TO ALL PARISHIONERS

The Lenten Season is now upon us, and soon Holy Week and Pascha will be here as well. There are many things that the church needs for all of our special services, and we ask for your participation and support.

If you would like to offer a donation to St. George Orthodox Church for the health of or in memory of, any of your family members or friends, please fill out the form below, tear it off and mail it back to the church office as soon as possible.

We thank you and pray that you experience a rewarding and fruitful Lenten Season and celebration of our Lord's Holy Pascha.

OFFERINGS FOR LENT AND HOLY PASCHA

Dear Father John,

It would be a great joy for me (for us) to offer a donation of \$_____ towards the following:

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