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Sunday, August 2, 2020

Eight Sunday After Pentecost & Eighth Sunday of Matthew

Tone 7 Eothinon 8

Commemorations: Relics Translation of Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon
Venerable Photini the wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus; Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, wonder-worker of Moscow

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON IN TONE FOUR

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head * because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; * for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest * Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. * O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

EPISTLE:

The Lord will give strength to His people.

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Assaad, Norma and Joyce Haddad, Julie and Gregory Coleman, the victims of COVID-19, their families and all members of St. George parish.

In loving memory of Michel, Georgette, Aziz, Evelyne and all departed members of their families, all the victims of the COVID-19 and all deceased members of St. George.

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/chrismated members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron-Holy Bread*. Please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Tyler Anderson, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Lauretta Villareal, Genevieve Lehnens, Jim Etoll, Mike Etoll, Deanna Scharf, Dwight Johnson, George & Ellie Saba, Anna Windsor, Peter Hafiz, Nicholas Peter Andrews, Fr. Duane, John and John Etoll, Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret

Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Joe Etoll, Lamese McDowell, Edgard Siouffy, Berhane Haliemichael, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Nancy Maker, Mike & Sandy Brown, Natalie Mozey, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Alan, Mary Poulsen, Mervat and Abigail Lotfalla & Samira Shehata.

If you are ill or having surgery and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Mangels.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE

ANY announcement in the weekly bulletin and Newsletter is subject to approval by Fr. Mangels/and the Council. **It is important to notify Brigitte by e-mail (bgkstgeorge@gmail.com) or phone with all your bulletin information by NOON Wednesday of the week before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.**

HOLY BREAD LIST

Aug 05, Alice Woog
Aug 09, Joe & Bev Zaine
Aug 14, M. Rudquist
Aug 16, Mervat Lotfalla
Aug 23, Boshra Haddad
Aug 29, Denise Ferraro

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Transfiguration
Dormition

To schedule Holy Bread and/or a memorial, contact Joannie Alevizos. It is completely proper to observe more than one memorial or Holy Bread on the same Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate "yes" or "no" if you will also be providing coffee hour.*

Coffee hour does not need to be an elaborate meal. If you have any questions, call Sanaa Jubran.

HOLY BREAD

As you know, the offering of the Holy Bread is a beautiful way to participate even more fully in the Divine Liturgy. This is especially true when it is the work of your own hands. Even though we are not fully present in the Church yet, we are still in need of the Bread which becomes the Body of Christ in the Liturgy. Think about taking a Sunday or weekday and making the Holy Bread. **UNTIL THE KITCHEN IS REOPENED, PLEASE MAKE THE BREAD AT HOME.** Joanie Alevizos is the coordinator for this ministry, **please contact her (651-453-1894)** if you would like to offer the bread for your intentions.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Wednesday, August 5, Transfiguration Evening Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm
- Saturday, August 8, Great Vespers at 5:00pm
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Think About It: They please the world most who please Christ the least. *St. Jerome of Stridonium*

UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES, ETC.

Governor Waltz issued a new Emergency Executive Order regarding the use of face masks in Church. From now until we hear otherwise, Face Masks shall be used in Church. Please refer to the Update, I sent out on Friday, July 24 for more information.

With the new directives from Metropolitan Joseph and the Emergency Executive Order 20-62 of Governor Waltz, we have been allowed to increase the number of people attending Divine Services to 25% of capacity with people **practicing social distancing!** Please go online to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444A8AC23ABF85-stgeorge> to sign up for the Services. We have 50 slots

available for each Service. **PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR TWO SUNDAYS IN A ROW.** We must let people come back to the Church. Look on the signup sheet **early on Sunday morning** and if there is room, then you can sign up again. The Services continue to be available via **Livestreaming** on YouTube thanks to the efforts of Heath Nelson, Mike Varian and James Baker!

We have been given the permission to distribute Holy Communion and hear Confessions by **appointment.** Those who might be afraid to come back to Church in a larger setting can sign up to receive Holy Communion after all Services. We hope soon to be able to start doing more things at Church but until we hear differently **we are still not having meetings or using the facilities for any reason.** Try to do everything from home, by phone or email. If you have any questions, concerns, or needs, please contact Father John Mangels at 303-520-0981 or ajamnn@aol.com.

THE DORMITION FAST

On Saturday, August 1st, we began the annual Virgin Mary Lent in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition (August 15). We will have a Paraklesis Service on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00pm. The Service of supplication offered during the Dormition Fast will give us the opportunity to submit names of people we would like prayed for. The Feast will be celebrated with an Evening Divine Liturgy at 6:30pm on Friday, August 14.

THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

We will celebrate the **FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30pm. Please sign up if you plan on attending.

NEW VIDEO FROM BISHOP ANTHONY

On Friday, Bishop Anthony added a new video to his YouTube channel. It is a general reflection on the Spiritual Life. It is recommended to you for your spiritual edification. [IMG_4683.MOV](#)

Wisdom from the Church Fathers: Have our *Panagia* (Virgin Mary), Jesus' dear sweet mother, as your protectress and entreat her constantly. Embrace her holy icon as if she were alive, and wet it with tears as the myrrh bearer did to Jesus' feet. And you will derive substantial consolation as if she were beside you. *Elder Joseph the Hesychast*

CHURCH SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME

Thank you so much for your continued support of your parish during this time! We are very much aware of what a hardship this crisis is putting on people throughout the country. If you are able, please continue to financially support your Church during this time. Your weekly/monthly contribution can be mailed to the Church so that we can keep up with our commitments. Many, many thanks!

The Parish Council has approved numerous ways to donate to St. George.

1. Venmo is a free secure app that can be downloaded and installed on a mobile phone. Donors that install the Venmo app can directly transfer money from their bank account to St. George's Old National Bank account with no fees incurred. However, If a credit card transaction is used by the donor, the donor will incur a 3% fee. **Venmo** your donation to @stgeorgeoc. The church is automatically emailed a notification of your donation.
2. From your online bank account, do an External Transfer directly to the church's Old National Bank account. Info you will need: Routing Number **086300012** Account Number **322042** Please send an email to stewardshipstgeorge@gmail.com so that our Financial Secretary can properly record your donation.
3. From your online bank account, schedule Bill Pay and a paper check will be written to the church.
4. A paper check can be written and mailed to the church.

5. When you come to Church, the collection tray will not be passed. Please leave your offering in the plate on the Candle Table before or after Services.

THE FATHERS SPEAK: Faith is the beginning of our union with God: the true believers are the stones of the church of God, prepared for the edifice of God the Father, which is raised up to the heights by the power of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Cross and help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). The works of faith are love, peace, longsuffering, mercy, humility, bearing one's cross and life by the Spirit. True faith cannot remain without works. One who truly believes will also surely perform good works. *St. Seraphim of Sarov*

FOCUS MN

Check out the FOCUS website focusmn.weebly.com or contact either Vera (651-324-2705) or Judy (612-490-8611) to see what their needs are.

Clothes Closet: Operating on an appointment basis. Need on site volunteers who are willing and able to meet face to face (with masks) with clients. We are only accepting donations of winter wear for men, women and children including coats, boots, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens.

Reception: We are in need of a few volunteers who are willing to be receptionist for the building. This means you will answer the phone and take messages, let people into the building and direct them to where they need to go, answer questions about our programming, and perhaps make inquiries for us or confirm clothes closet appointments. In general, hours will be 10-2:00. This can be divided between two different people, can be split 10:00-12:30 and 12:30-2:30

Food Shelf: operating on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Occasional help is needed stocking shelves, filling bags of staples for distribution, dividing large quantities into smaller bags for distribution/picking up food.

Bagged Lunch/Sandwiches: Approximately 200 bagged lunches made weekly for various youth partners and for neighborhood distribution. Production of the sandwich/lunch bags occurs Thursdays from 10:00 - 12:00 and distributed Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30-12:30 outside FOCUS House. Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches, pack bags, and distribute /deliver the lunches.

Sunday Dinners: Served from 5-7pm Sunday evenings as to-go meals. Groups have signed up to prepare and bring the meal for most Sundays between now and Christmas.

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: The Apostles maintained this rule: Not to complain in suffering and adversity, but bravely and patiently to accept whatever things happen in this world. We too must bear whatever happens with patience and courage. For it is written, "A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; a heart that is contrite and humbled, God will not despise" (Psalm 50:17). *St. Cyprian of Carthage* (+258)

NEIGHBORS, INC

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matthew 25:35 Due to the Coronavirus only MONEY donations are accepted. Please give your donation to George Droubie or Michelle Apman for Neighbors. **The smallest thing you do can make the biggest difference!**

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If anyone, particularly our older or shut-in parishioners needs help with anything, please call either Fr. John or George/Brigitte Khoury. We have a number of parishioners who are willing to help with bringing food or supplies to you. It is important that we follow the guidelines that have been given us but in an emergency or time of need, don't hesitate to call!

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: The sinful soul which does not know the Lord fears death, thinking that the Lord will not forgive his/her sins. But this is because the soul does not know the

Lord and how greatly He loves us. But if people knew this, then no man would despair, for the Lord not only forgives but rejoices exceedingly at the return of a sinner. Though you be at death's door, believe firmly that the moment you ask, you will receive forgiveness. *St. Silouan the Athonite* (+1938)

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Lord, our God, Who are rich in mercy, and with your wise providence govern our life, hear our prayer, receive our repentance for our sins, stop the new epidemic, as You once ceased the punishment of Your people in the time of King David.

You, Who are the Physician of our souls and bodies, grant recovery to the sick, raising them hastily from the bed of suffering so that they may glorify You, our Merciful Saviour, and protect the healthy ones from any disease.

Bless, O Lord, strengthen and protect with Your grace all those who with philanthropy and sacrifice take care of the sick at their homes or in hospitals.

Remove all disease and suffering from among the people and teach us to value life and health as Your gifts.

Give us, o God, Your peace and fill our hearts with steadfast faith in Your protection, with hope in Your support and with love for You and our neighbour.

For it is Yours to have mercy on us and save us, our God, and to You we give glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Think About it: Man in Communism has ceased to exist; he is socialized, communized, and dissolved even to the very core of his being. He has no will but the will of the State; no thought but the thought of the Collectivity; no blood but the blood of the race; no rights but the rights of the nation. Mystically submerged body and soul, he no longer has life in God but only life in the collectivity. He has been transubstantiated not into a divinized creature of God, but into a mechanized tool capable of producing the maximum of capital in the minimum of time. Man has ceased to exist; there remain only numbers, instruments, quantity, tools, and all are functions of the mass. There is now no God but Caesar. +*Fulton J. Sheen*

Think About It: "It is not possible to turn Earth into paradise; [but] we must prevent it from turning into hell." + Pavle, Orthodox Patriarch of Serbia

