

# ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Schedule of Services

Saturday Great Vespers at 5pm; Confession available after Vespers  
Sunday Orthros at 8:30am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30am  
*Confession, Unction and other sacraments and services may be arranged by appointment*

## A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

We are very pleased to have you worshipping with us today. Please introduce yourself to the clergy and members of the community.

While we are more than happy to have you join your prayer with ours, please note that we understand the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our unity in the Orthodox faith. For this reason **Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ is only for members of the Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and periodic Confession. Everyone, however, is invited to partake of the blessed bread which will be offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors at Communion time as a sign of hospitality and blessing.

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Righteous Mother Pelagia the Penitent of Antioch

Tone 1 Eothinon 7

Today we also commemorate: Marytr Pelagia the Virgin of Antioch; Venerable Thais of Egypt; New-martyr Ignatius of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable Philotheos, Patriarch of Constantinople; Martyr Ignatius the Monk of Bulgaria

Apolytikion of the Resurrection - Tone 1: 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 pow'rs 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.

Apolytikion of St Pelagia - Tone 8: Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; 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.

Apolytikion of St. George - Tone 4: Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of the Theotokos - Tone 2: 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.

جسد ربنا يسوع المسيح يعطي للمسيحيين الاورثوذكسيين الذين هياوا انفسهم بالصوم والصلاة والاعتراف. الرجاء عندما تتقدموا الي مناولة جسد المسيح المقدس ان ترسموا اشارة الصليب قَبْل ان تقتربوا من الكأس لكي لا تضرب يدك الكأس ويسفك دم المسيح وجسدة علي الارض. بصوت واضح. اذكر اسمك المعمداني وافتح فمك لوضع القربانه به. بإمكانك ان ترسم اشارة الصليب بعد المناولة بعد الابتعاد عن الكأس.

## Fasting Guidelines

This week we as usual on Wednesday, Oct 11, and Friday, Oct 13.

## Welcome, Fr George!

We welcome with great joy today, Fr George Saada, who has been assigned by His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph, to serve our parish community. Please greet Fr George warmly as he joins us here in Portland. Next Sunday, Oct 15, Fr George will serve as the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy and the homilist; please spread the word, especially to the Arabic-speaking members of our community, to gather next Sunday to welcome our new priest and to receive the blessing of his words of inspiration.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONASTERY BENEFIT DINNER – Gerontissa Efpraxia and her Synodia cordially invite you to an evening of fine dining at the eleventh annual St. John the Forerunner Monastery Builders Benefit Dinner and Auction. Sunday, Oct 15, 2017, 5:30pm, Fort Dalles Readiness Center, 402 East Scenic Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. For reservations, please visit [www.stjohnmonastery.org](http://www.stjohnmonastery.org).

CHURCH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER – We will hold our first Church School fundraiser at Ozzie's Deli inside Mall 205 on Sunday October 22. It will take place from 11:30am-2:30pm. There will not be a coffee hour this day. Please be sure to give a big thank you to owner Aziz Faris for helping our Sunday School children!

HELLENIC-AMERICAN MUSEUM GALA – "Ancient Futures - Gala for the Arts" is coming very soon! Saturday November 4, 2017 is the date to mark on your calendars. Come and help celebrate the museum's 10th anniversary. It promises to be a festive evening with silent and live auctions, Dessert Dash, and other fun activities, capping the evening with Greek dancing. Ticket sales have begun. Deadline for reservations is October 23rd. You can also make your reservation online at the Gala website --[hacmgala.wordpress.com](http://hacmgala.wordpress.com). Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum of Oregon and SW Washington – *Honoring the future by preserving our past*– 3131 NE Glisan St. Portland, OR 97232 – 503-858-8567 – [www.hellenicamericanccc.org](http://www.hellenicamericanccc.org)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Oct 15 – date available; Oct 22 – Church School Gyros Fundraiser; Oct 29 – Denice Lazzara & Erin Robertson; Nov 5 – Linda Dibe; Nov 12 – Krista Robertson; Nov 19 – Joanne Faris; Nov 26 – date available

Holy Bread: Oct 15 – date available; Oct 22 – date available; Oct 29 – date available; Nov 5 – Linda Dibe; Nov 12 – Nadia Kahl & Weesam Karam; Nov 19 – Evander & Andrea Faris

Ushers: Today – Team 2: Michel Teeny, David Morgan, Antoun Kehdi, Robert Keys; Oct 15 – Team 3: Larry Williams, Wadie Khouri, David Robertson, Nick Charles; Oct 22 – Team 4: Marwan Abukhader, Beshara Kehdi, Patrick Barnes, Kerry Rose; Oct 29 – Fifth Sunday Volunteer Team; Nov 5 – Team 1: Patrick Stuart, Desale Araya, Doug Helling, Nabeel Hanna