

# 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.

August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Tone 2 Eothinon 11

Today we commemorate: Prophet Samuel; Martyr Photeini of Blachernae; Martyrs Heliodoros and Dosai of Persia

Apolytikion of the Resurrection - Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee, O Christ Thou Giver of Life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Dormition - Tone 1: In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity, and in thy repose, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for thou art the Mother of Life and thou didst pass over into life, and through thine intercessions, from death thou dost redeem our souls.

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 Dormition - Tone 2: Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

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 قبل ان نقتربوا من الكأس لكي لا تضرب يدك الكأس ويسفك دم المسيح وجسدة علي الارض. بصوت واضح اذكر اسمك المعمداني وافتح فمك لوضع القربانه به. بامكانك ان ترسم اشارة الصليب بعد المناولة بعد الابتعاد عن الكأس.

## Fasting Guidelines

This week we fast as usual on Wednesday, Aug 23, and on Friday, Aug 25.

## Church School

Parents, please plan to enroll your students with the church school staff who will be collecting registration information during coffee hour, beginning today. Church School classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 10. When Church School is in session, students will be dismissed to the parish hall for prayers and a snack immediately following Holy Communion.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PARISH COUNCIL – There will be a special meeting of the Parish Council on Sunday, Sep 3, at 11:30am in the parish office.

SEPTEMBER FESTAL SCHEDULE – We will celebrate the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos on Thursday, September 7, with a Vigil beginning at 5pm and the Divine Liturgy beginning at approximately 7pm. We will celebrate the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 13, with a Vigil beginning at 5pm and the Divine Liturgy with the Elevation beginning at approximately 7pm.

## **Saint George Annual Middle Eastern Festival. August 27, 2017 from Noon - 7 PM.**

**احفظ هذا التاريخ: مهرجان كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس السنوي. 27 آب 2017 من الظهر الي 7 مساءً.**

Coffee Hour Hosts: Aug 27 – Middle Eastern Festival; Sep 3 – *date available*; Sep 10 – Kh Krista West; Sep 17 – *date available*; Sep 24 – *date available*; Oct 1 – *date available*

Holy Bread: Today – Nadia Kahl & Weesam Karam; Aug 27 – Nadia Kahl; Sep 3 – *date available*; Sep 10 – *date available*; Sep 17 – *date available*; Sep 24 – *date available*; Oct 1 – *date available*

Ushers: Today – Team 3: Larry Williams, Wadie Khouri, David Robertson, Nick Charles; Aug 27 – Team 4: Marwan Abukhader, Beshara Kehdi, Patrick Barnes, Kerry Rose; Sep 3 – Team 1: Patrick Stuart, Desale Araya, Doug Helling, Nabeel Hanna; Sep 10 – Team 2: Michel Teeny, David Morgan, Antoun Kehdi, Robert Keys

## A Note from Fr Alban & Kh Krista

Dear St George Parish Family,

As most of you know, our daughter, Josephine, is marrying Lukas Breen on Sunday, Sept 10, with the wedding at St George. You are all very dear to us and it would be our fondest wish that all of you could be present to celebrate this day of great joy with our family. However both our church temple and our parish hall have a very limited seating capacity and Josephine and Lukas have many close friends and many family members as well as close connections in four different Orthodox parishes. This, unfortunately, means that there is no room in the service or the reception for many of you whom we wanted to invite. If you have not received an invitation, please be assured that we do love you and we do wish that there was room for you to be present celebrating with us. Whether present or not, we ask for your prayers for God's blessings upon Josephine and Lukas as they begin their married life together. Thank you for your love, your prayers, and for your gracious understanding!