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31st Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 6
Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt
St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus



From the Fathers...

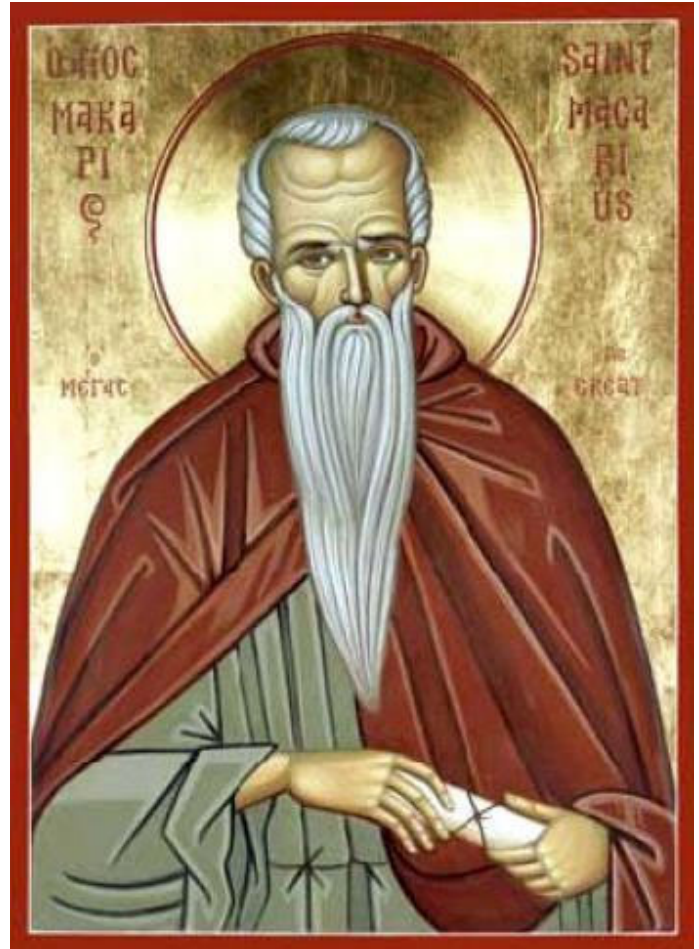
“The Lord comes into souls that seek after Him, into the deep of the heart—hell, and there lays His command upon death, saying, “Bring out the imprisoned souls that are seeking after Me, which thou detainest by force.” So He breaks through the heavy stones that lie on the soul, opens the sepulchers, raises up the man that is dead indeed, brings out of the dark jail the imprisoned soul.”

- St. Macarius the Great



Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



Desiring blessedness that passes understanding, / thou didst take abstinence for luxury, O inspired one, / poverty for wealth, lack of possessions as true abundance / and humility for glory. / As thou didst intend, thou didst reach thy heart's desire, O Macarius, // and now thou dwellest in the mansions of the saints.

Rejoice, O Egypt! / Thou didst bring forth a great protector, Macarius the blessed, / who didst shine with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, / transcending all asceticism with his virtuous way of life. / We offer him as mediator, beseeching him // that he may intercede with Christ for the salvation of our souls (*Stichera of Lord I Call*)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in Tone 6

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;/ the guards became as dead men./ Mary stood by Thy grave,/ seeking Thy most pure body./ Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it./ Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Great Martyr George Troparion in 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.

St. Macarius Troparion in Tone 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body/ Thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Macarius./ Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer;/ healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith./ Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!// Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown!// Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

Resurrection Kontakion in Tone 6

When Christ God the Giver of Life,/ raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,/ He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Great Martyr George Kontakion in Tone 4

As we the faithful flee to thee for refuge and seek thy protection and speedy help,/ We entreat thee, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing thy praises may be delivered from the snares of the enemy/ and from every peril and adversary,// that we may cry: "Rejoice, O martyr George!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

St. Macarius Kontakion in Tone 4

The Lord truly placed thee in the house of abstinence,/ as a star enlightening the ends of the earth,// Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,/ constant advocate before the Creator;/ despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,/ but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith./ Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,// for you always protect those who honor you!



Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what

it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

THIS WEEK AND LIFE IN CHRIST

Sunday, January 19th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM Church School & Fellowship

Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt

St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus

1 Timothy 1:15-17, Luke 18:35-43

Monday, January 20th

Venerable Euthymius the Great

Martyrs Innas, Pinnas, and Rimmas

Hebrews 13:17-21, Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, January 21st

Ven. Maximus the Confessor

Martyr Neophytus of Nicea

James 2:14-26, James 3:1-10

Mark 9:42-10:1, Mark 10:2-12

Wednesday, January 22nd

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

Monk-Martyr Anastasius the Persian

James 3:11-4:6, Mark 10:11-16

Thursday, January 23rd

Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra

Ven. Mausimas the Syrian

James 4:7-5:9, Mark 10:17-27

Friday, January 24th

Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg

Martyrs Babylas of Sicily

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10, Mark 10:23-32

Saturday, January 25th

5:00 PM Great Vespers

St. Gregory the Theologian

Martyrs Felicitas of Rome

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Luke 16:10-15, John 10:9-16

Sunday, January 26th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM Parish Annual Meeting

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia

Ven. Xenophon of Constantinople

1 Timothy 1:15-17, Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 15:21-28, Luke 21:8-19



Christmas Flower Sponsors

Thank you to all who sponsored Christmas flowers in 2019. May God bless you!



Joanne & Stan Pentsos

In honor of:

Nancy Angin—Good health

In memory of:

James & Maria Angin

Greg Gertsakis

Dimitra Pentsos

Risto Pentsos

Petros Pentsos

Fani Pentsos

Sally Grether

In honor of:

Carl and Dan Grether

In memory of:

Despina and Stergios Howles

Beleny Family

In memory of:

David and Donna Beleny

Gheorghe Alexa

In honor of:

Otilia Alexa

In memory of:

Constantin Blanaru

Judith Mechlowitz

In memory of:

Jules Mechlowitz

Lombie Uladeff

Donald Vencill

Larry Vencill

George Popoff

In memory of:

Anna Blagova, great grandmother

Mollie Popoff, grandmother

James Popoff, grandfather

Chris & Anna Petroff, stepfather and mother

Pete Popoff, uncle

Dorothy Gergezy, aunt

Josephine Popoff, wife

Ben Popoff, son

HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED TO CHAT? CALL OR EMAIL FR. GREGORY.

Ladies Guild Meeting

The Ladies Guild will meet **TODAY** after Divine Liturgy.

Parish Council Vacancies

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please see Cyndi Hopper or any Parish Council member for more information.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is **Sunday, January 26th**. A reminder that according to the Diocesan Constitution (Article VIII, Sec. 1), voting membership is determined by the following criteria:

- At least 18 years old
- Partakes of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in his/her home parish at least once a year (see Fr. Gregory if you confess to another priest)
- Has belonged to the parish for a period as may be fixed by the parish (at least one year)
- Regularly fulfills all financial obligations (which essentially means filling out the annual stewardship form)

Only voting members may be elected to vacancies on the Parish Council (Article VIII, Sec. 5)

House Blessing Sign Up

The house blessing sign up sheet is now available in the narthex. Please include your address so Fr. Gregory knows where to find you. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your home blessed, and to sit down with Fr. Gregory to get to know each other better.

Weather Related Closings

In the event that services are canceled due to weather, we will send an announcement via email, will post on Facebook, and will alert the news stations.

Confession Available

Fr. Gregory is available to hear confessions after Vespers and by appointment. Just a reminder, confession and communion are Diocesan Bylaw requirements to maintain full voting membership in the parish.

Hierarchical Ordination

St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Southfield, MI will be the site of the Ordination to the Episcopacy of Archimandrite Andrei (Hoarște) for the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America. Great Vespers with the Proclamation of Election on **Friday, January 31st at 7:00pm**. Profession of Faith immediately followed by the Divine Liturgy with the Ordination to the Episcopacy on **Saturday, February 1st at 9:00am**. A Grand Banquet will follow at the nearby St. John Armenian Church Cultural Center.

Pan-Orthodox Events

There will be a Pan-Orthodox Game Night on **Sunday, January 26th at 5:00pm** at St. George (Woodley). The next Pan-Orthodox Vespers will be served at Holy Trinity Cathedral on **Saturday, February 1st at 5:00pm**.

We are praying for...

Health and Well-Being:

Ethan, Anthony, Maria, Tanya, Melissa, Kelly, Lawrence, Mary, Brian, Karen, Sandy, Panka, George, Cheryl, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

Catechumens:

Tim, Laura, Ethan, Naomi, Olivia, Daniel, Phoebe, Ezekiel, and Jachin.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit today by Cy and Carol Yonov in memory of their family members who died in January. May their memories be eternal!



Celebrations

Birthdays:

Lydia Mackiewicz (1/21)

Name's Days:

Mat. Ksenia Bruner (1/24)

Fr. Gregory Bruner (1/25)

