

# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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13th Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 4  
Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae  
Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius



From the Fathers...

“Forgive me, Lord, soften my heart and teach me not to watch how people treat me, but how I relate to people. And if they are hostile, inspire me, Lord, to pay them love and goodness and pray for them!”

- Archimandrite John Krestiankin



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.



O Michael, the Chief Captain,/ thou hast been revealed as the brightest attendant of the triply-radiant Godhead./ Together with the heavenly powers thou criest out with joy:/ “Holy art Thou, O Father,/ Holy art Thou, O Word, also without beginning,/ Holy art Thou, O Holy Spirit:/ one glory, one kingdom, one nature, // one Godhead and power!”

O Michael, first of Angels, / fiery is thine appearance and miraculous thy beauty!/ Thou dost traverse creation by thine immaterial nature,/ fulfilling the commands of the Creator of all./ By thy might thou art known as powerful, // and thou hast made thy temple, honored by thy holy name, a source of healings.

Rejoice with us, O Princes of the angelic Powers,/ for your leader and our champion, the great Chief Captain,/ gloriously appearing in his honored temple, sanctifies it!/ Therefore, rightfully singing praises to him, we cry out:/ “Save us under the protection of thy wings, // O Michael, the greatest archangel!”  
*(Stichera of Lord, I Call)*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

### **Resurrection Troparion in Tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord/ learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,/ they cast away the ancestral curse/ and elatedly told the apostles:/ "Death is overthrown!/ Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!"

### **Greatmartyr 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.

### **Archangel Michael Troparion in Tone 4**

O Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts,/ we who are unworthy beseech thee:/ by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory,/ and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee:// Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the commander of the Powers on high!

### **Resurrection Kontakion in Tone 4**

My Savior and Redeemer/ as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains./ He has shattered the gates of hell,/ and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

### **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*

### **Archangel Michael Kontakion in Tone 2**

O Michael, commander of God's armies/ and minister of the divine glory,/ prince of the bodiless angels/ and guide of mankind;/ ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,// as the supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.

*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 Corinthians 16:13-24**

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand – Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42**

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

## THIS WEEK AND LIFE IN CHRIST

### Sunday, September 6th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

*Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae*

*Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius*

*St. David of Hermopolis in Egypt*

1 Corinthians 16:13-24, Matthew 21:33-42

### Monday, September 7th

7:30 PM Adult Education (Online)

*Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

*Martyr Sozon of Cilicia*

2 Corinthians 12:10-19, 2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2

Mark 4:10-23, Mark 4:24-34

### Tuesday, September 8th

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting (Online)

*Nativity of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos*

*Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos: Kursk-Root, Pochaev*

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

### Wednesday, September 9th

*Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

*Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim & Anna*

*Commemoration of the Third Ecumenical Council*

2 Corinthians 13:3-14, Mark 4:35-41

### Thursday, September 10th

*Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

*Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora*

Galatians 1:1-10, 20-2:5, Mark 5:1-20

### Friday, September 11th

*Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

*Ven. Theodora of Alexandria*

Galatians 2:6-10, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Mark 5:22-24, 35-6:1, Matthew 23:1-12

### Saturday, September 12th

9:00 AM Golf Tournament

5:00 PM Readers Vespers (In Person Only)

*Saturday Before Exaltation*

*Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

1 Corinthians 2:6-9, Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 10:37-11:1, Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

### Sunday, September 13th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (In Person Only)

7:00 PM Church School (Online)

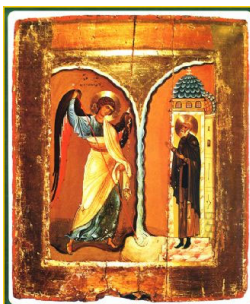
*Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross*

*Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher*

Galatians 6:11-18, 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4, Hebrews 3:1-4

John 3:13-17, Matthew 22:1-14, Matthew 16:13-18

### Two Miracles



Mark 5:1-20 recounts one of the most dramatic of Jesus' healing miracles. The Church also remembers a very striking miracle performed by the Archangel Michael at Colossae.

The story of the Archangel's miracle begins with the gratitude of a pagan father. This man's daughter, previously mute, was enabled to speak when she drank waters from a healing spring located near the city of Hierapolis. The father, desperate to find a cure for his daughter, had taken her to the spring after being told to do so by the Archangel Michael in a dream.

Overwhelmed with thankfulness, the father and his family members were all baptized. Then the father oversaw the building of a church dedicated to the Archangel. As the miracle became widely known, people with illnesses and disabilities began coming to the spring for healing. Some were Christians, some were pagans and idol worshippers, and it made no difference. The spring's waters were effective for everyone.

Many pagans who found healing at the spring followed the example of the mute girl's father, accepting baptism into the Christian faith. They were encouraged by the example of a believer named Archippus, who lived at the church and served as its sacristan for decades. His unassuming manner, combined with sincere faith, made Christianity attractive to people who met him.

But some pagans feared the growing influence of the church that so strongly symbolized Christ's healing power, and decided to destroy it. They diverted a powerful mountain stream so that it would begin rushing toward the church and inundate it.

Saint Michael intervened by opening a fissure in the mountain, so that the stream's water plunged into it, bypassing the church. Since that time the place of the miracle has been called "Chonae" which means "plunging."

The account of the healing miracle in Mark's Gospel presents us with a man most people would hope to avoid. He lived "among the tombs" and was so violent that "he had often been bound with fetters and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the fetters he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him." He was clearly miserable, for he "was always crying out, and bruising himself with stones."

Such a man panics some people, and the only way they can think of to deal with him is with more and more chains. Jesus, by contrast, dealt with him calmly, fearlessly and lovingly. Instead of binding the man, Jesus freed him. He drove the demons out of him, and before long the people saw that he was "clothed and in his right mind."

The healing didn't make people happy; in fact they were "afraid" and asked Jesus to go away. Perhaps even something as terrible as demon possession had become familiar, and frightened them less than having to see God's love and power right before them in the Person of Christ.

Might we, confronted with God in person, also hope He would just go away?

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

## Updated Guidance for COVID-19

### Reopening Guidelines

The Cathedral remains in Stage 4 of the reopening process for the time being. We are now allowed to have 100% of social distancing capacity. Sign-up for church services is available online.

### Face masks are now required to be worn during all services.

Exceptions to the face mask requirement set forth in the Public Health Order pertinent to St. George are as follows:

- individuals are under 10 years of age (and cannot reasonably keep from handling the mask),
- those with respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disability that contraindicates the wearing of a facial covering,
- officiants of religious services (altar servers will wear face masks).

Those who fall in the vulnerable populations should remain at home.

### Online Adult Education

Please join us for an Adult Education series “Mothers and Martyrs: An Examination of Women Saints in the Orthodox Church” on **Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm**. Online classes will be held via Zoom. The Zoom link is sent through our email list.

### Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meeting will be **September 8th at 6:30pm**. We ask that any committee reports or board requests be submitted by the Sunday before the parish council meeting. You may email the church or place in the president’s box. Parish council meetings are open to all members. This meeting will be online.

### Church School

Church School begins **Sunday, September 13th** with a treasure hunt and ice cream social! Due to COVID, all classes will meet **Sundays at 7pm ONLINE**. Please email Vicki Ghareeb at [vickighareeb@yahoo.com](mailto:vickighareeb@yahoo.com) to register your children. Upon registration, you will receive the link to the classes. We are looking forward to growing in Faith and fellowship as creatively as possible!

### Clean Up Day

We will have a Church Clean Up Day on **Wednesday, September 16th at 9:00am**. Please bring tools and cleaning supplies. Social distancing and masks are required. Please contact Stan Pentsos with any questions.

### Diaper Collection

As we were unable to serve the St. Peter and Paul community with meals during COVID, The Outreach Ministry will be taking a diaper collection in September and October. The diapers will delivered to St. Peter and Paul in November to be dispersed to the community. Thank you for your support.

### 12th Annual St. George Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual St. George Golf Tournament will take place on **Saturday, September 12, 2020**. Save the date!

### *How Can I Help? I Don't Golf*

The Golf Committee is requesting your help in making our Golf Tournament a great success. Due to the current pandemic, as well as a decrease in hall rentals, your help is needed in this annual fundraiser. Here are some ways you can help:

1. Sponsor a sign
2. Donate a gift card for prizes (gas card, favorite restaurant, or grocery card)
3. A money donation for expenses
4. Donate golf related prizes (golf balls, hats, gloves, T-shirt)

See Stan Pentsos with any questions!

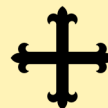
## We are praying for...

### Health and Well-Being:

Gordon (Nicholas), Susan (Susanna), Soteria, Maria, Tanya, Lawrence, Kathleen, Karen, Panka, 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, Jachin, Simon, Beth, Andromeda, and Lazarus



### Sanctuary Lamp

Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships are available.



### Celebrations

#### Birthdays:

Gregory Ghareeb (9/6)  
Daniel Corey-Goodman (9/6)  
Anna Margheritino (9/7)  
Jim Mackiewicz (9/10)  
Laura Barton (9/11)

#### Name's Days:

Maria Pappas (9/8)  
Anna Margheritino (9/9)  
Anna Ghareeb (9/9)

#### Anniversaries:

Mike Goodman & Mary Corey (9/12)

