

The Spirit of St. George

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The Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom. . . Archbishop of Constantinople

Whosoever is a devout lover of God let him enjoy this beautiful bright Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord. And if any be weary with fasting, let him now receive his penny. If any have toiled from the first hour, let him receive his due reward. If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast. And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any have delayed to the ninth hour, let him not hesitate, but let him come too. And he that hath arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Lord is gracious and receiveth the last even as the first. He giveth rest to him that cometh at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that hath toiled from the first. Yea, to this one he giveth and upon that one he bestoweth. He accepteth works as he greeteth the endeavour. The deed he honoureth and the intention he commendeth.

Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. Ye first and last receiving alike your reward; ye rich and poor, rejoice together. Ye sober and ye slothful, celebrate the day. Ye that have kept the fast and ye that have not rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare ye royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake ye, all of the cup of faith. Enjoy ye all the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal kingdom hath been revealed. Let no one mourn that he hath fallen again and again; for forgiveness hath risen from the grave. Let no one, fear death; for the Death of our Saviour hath set us free. He hath destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled Hades when he descended thereto. He vexed it even as it tasted of his flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, Thou, O hell, hast been vexed, by encountering him below. It is vexed; for it is even done away with. It is vexed for it is made a mockery. It is vexed for it is destroyed. It is vexed for it is annihilated. It is vexed for it is now made captive. It took a body, and, lo! It discovered God. It took earth, and, behold, it, encountered heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen and thou art annihilated. Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.



Fr. Chris wishes to thank everyone that welcomed him into their homes during the Home Blessing season. Your kindness and hospitality were unsurpassed! May God bless you and keep you always.

Bishop JOSEPH'S Visitations

May 1	St. Luke Church, Garden Grove, CA
May 2	St. Andrew the First-Called, Riverside, CA
May 3	St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA
May 4-5	St. Michael Church, Las Vegas, NV
May 8	St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA
May 18-19	St. John the Baptist Church, Orinda, CA

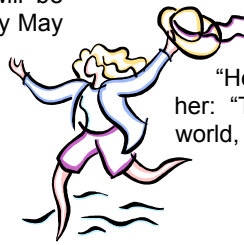


~ The Ladies Corner ~

Our spaghetti luncheon that was held at the end of March was a great success. We were able to raise almost \$800 to send to the Project Mexico Orphanage. We are very lucky to have had the sauces donated by two wonderful Chefs! Thanks again to John and Natascha Karadsheh for donating their wonderful sauces for such a worthy cause!

Ruby and I would like to send out a sincere thank you to all of those who were here to help for the Lenten Retreat with Mother Cassiana in April. We really appreciated everyone's hard work and dedication! And because of your help, the weekend was a great success! As was the Pan Orthodox Vespers hosted on Sunday the April 14th. We heard so many wonderful comments about the delicious food that was prepared as well as the outstanding service. Thanks again to all those who participated!

The ladies will be hosting their May meeting at the Moon Valley County Club in honor of Mothers Day, and all of the wonderful mothers that we have in our church community! Everyone is invited to help us honor these women, so please bring a friend and enjoy a tasty Tuscan buffet with us. The cost will be \$15.50 per person. The luncheon will be held on Thursday May 9th at 11:30 am. We hope to see you there. Please call your R.S.V.P. in to Jennifer Sweilem by May 6th at 480 329-5684. Ladies President, Jennifer Sweilem



~ Motherhood ~

Motherhood is *now!* The good and the bad of it. The rewards and the trials. Tremendous pressures are placed upon you as a mother, for you have been chosen to work with God in the awesome task of nurturing the priceless treasures God has given you.

As a mother, you accept your children's faltering steps toward independence with discipline, humor, patience, and a tremendous amount of trust. At times the struggles almost become an endurance contest. You wonder if you can handle all the confusion another day: the ringing phone, the broken dishes, the blaring television, the hurtful words. High temperatures, school conferences, dentist appointments, rebellious tears. Is there ever an end?

But suddenly in the midst of turmoil you catch a broad grin. You feel a warm hug. At bedtime somebody prays, "Thank you, God, for Mom and for Chocolate-chip cookies . . . and for love."

You renew again your deep desire to create a genuine God-hunger in your children. God has chosen you for such a task as this.

"Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" Proverbs 31:28-29

Stewardship Pledged Members To-date

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of March 31 st	Current Mth Actual	Current Mth Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Envelope/Pledges	\$ 15,511	\$ 15,000	\$ 58,638	\$ 45,000
Archdiocese Dues Income	\$ 376	\$ 1,385	\$ 4,282	\$ 4,156

May 2002 Weekly Servers

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Epistle Reader	Acts 1:1-8 Richard Nichols, Kassab Saigh	Acts 5:12-20 Philip Abdoulah	Acts 6:1-7 Becky Abrahams	Acts 9:32-42 Irene Saigh
Greeters	Richard & Marion Saba	Anna & Tess Bronnenkant	Ray & Rose Marie Toronto	Adel & Enaam Hweimel
Ushers	Maram Quomsieh Enaam Hweimel Margaret Raymond Issa Abuaita Aziz Haddad Philip Abdoulah	Eva Quomsieh Suzanne Sayegh Salwa Nassar David Durgam Majed Sayegh Tom Habib	Molly Abrahams Evelyn Kosobud Anna Bronnenkant Adel Hweimel Jim Bagues Bruce Florence	Kathy Sayegh Sally Ghiz Marion Saba James Saliba, Jr. George Maloley Joe Abraham
Altar Servers	Simon Abrahams David Yates Mathew Saliba Rick Khoury	Philip Bolanos Jordan Gray Basil Dahlan Musa Sayegh Bryan Johnson	Andrew Leahu Ronnie Sayegh Danny Sayegh Joseph Hasou Odeh Sayegh	Mathew Saliba Alex Saliba David Yates Joseph Sayegh Michael Aboud-Rihani
Hall Lock-up	Marion Saba	Aziz Haddad	Issa Sweilem	Ralph Clair
Coffee Hour	St. George Family Meal	Ilham Gebran	Susan & Saliba Sayegh	Sweilem & Rideout Families

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Church Service Times

Great Vespers Saturdays 5:00 p.m.
(unless noted on monthly calendar)
Sunday Orthros (Matins) 8:50 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Confession: Sundays 9:00-9:25 a.m.
Or by appointment with Fr. Chris

Articles are welcomed to be submitted for consideration.
They must be turned into the office by the 15th of the
month to be published. Please call or send name and
address changes to the church office.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!



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