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Sunday after Theophany

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Reflection: Martyr Tatiana of Rome, and those who suffered with her

Commemorated on January 12th

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into an illustrious Roman family, and her father was elected consul three times. He was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter to be devoted to God and the Church. When she reached the age of maturity, Tatiana decided to remain a virgin, betrothing herself to Christ. Disdaining earthly riches, she sought instead the imperishable wealth of Heaven. She was made a deaconess in one of the Roman churches and served God in fasting and prayer, tending the sick and helping the needy.

When Rome was ruled by the sixteen-year-old Alexander Severus (222-235), all power was concentrated in the hands of the regent Ulpian, an evil enemy and persecutor of Christians. Christian blood flowed like water. Tatiana was also arrested, and they brought her into the temple of Apollo to force her to offer sacrifice to the idol. The saint began praying, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The idol was mashed into pieces, and part of the temple collapsed and fell down on the pagan priests and many pagans. The demon inhabiting the idol fled screeching from that place. Those present saw its shadow flying through the air.

On the third day, pagan priests came to the temple intending to offer sacrifice to Zeus. They beheld the idol on the floor, shattered to pieces, and the holy martyr Tatiana joyously praising the Lord Jesus Christ. The judge then condemned the valiant sufferer to be beheaded with a sword. Her father was also executed with her, because he had raised her to love Christ.



Epistle:

Let your mercy, O Lord,
be upon us, as we have set our
hope on you. Rejoice in the
Lord, all righteous men.

*Lesson from the Epistle of Saint
Paul to the Ephesians
(c. 4, v. 7 - 13)*

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended,"

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Gospel:



Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

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Please Pray For The Health And Spiritual Welfare Of:

David Khoury, Nichole Roedding, Michael, Andrew and James Muawad, Mark Mackool, Marion Severs, Fares Fakhoury, Yvonne Holwey, Gladys Solomon, Said Muawad, Minerva Basila, Nour Dahdal, Sue Williams, Rose Baz, Jeannie Packard and Jacque Williams.

Epistle:

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what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel...

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"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Contribution :

Updates & End of Year Statements

Attention parishioners...You need to update your pledges contributions, Archdiocese dues and other church commitments for the year 2021. We ask that you do so as soon as possible. The 2021 year end statements will be sent out in **January 2022**.

Attention Parishioners

The Church office wants to inform and remind you that if you want to place anything in the **Observer**, you have to give at least 10 days notice from the given date you wish to have it in the **Observer**. The Observer deadline to go to the printer is every Thursday by 12:00 p.m. **Thank you for your cooperation!!**

Moving or Going Out of Town?

We can not express how important it is to let the office know if you have moved, changed your phone number, or going out of town. When The Observer is mailed and you are out of town, it costs the office additional postage. Please call the office and let us know about any changes or give us the dates you will be out of town. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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- In loving memory of the Masaid family, and Gary Hicks, Henry Myszke, offered by Dorothy Myszke.
- In loving memory of Rodolf Moussa (One year memorial), Samar Moussa, Sonia Haydar & George Bshara, offered by Dr. Adib & Sandy Moussa & family.
- For the health and spiritual welfare of Adib, Sandy, Rudolph, & Yara Moussa, offered by the Moussa Family.
- In loving memory of Elias Ghosn, passed away in Lebanon, offered by Ghassan, Pat Elian and family

Coffee & Donuts

- This Sunday’s coffee & donuts are offered for the good health of the Moussa family, offered by Dr. Adib & Sandy Moussa & family.

Offered but not posted

- In loving memory of mother, Fahima Antypas, offered by Fr. Joseph & Khourieh Elen Antypas and family.

Special Coffee & Donuts
sponsorship — Cost \$250.00

- January 02 - Roger Farah
- January 09 - Dr. Adib & Sandy Moussa & family.
- January 16 - The Ragheb & Gonzales family
- January 23 - Pat & Ghassan Elian

• ***Call the church office for sponsorship.***

Home Blessings

Home blessings will begin shortly. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

_____ Yes, I would like my home blessed
_____ No, I would like to wait

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Time Preferred: ____ AM ____ PM

God's mercy will never dry up...

Sometime back I heard of this interesting example. A small fish lived in a stream in which water was exceedingly decreasing. The fish felt worried that as the water was steadily going down if the stream would dry up altogether all of a sudden. So it complained to God out of anxiety. God asked the fish whether it had enough water to swim. The fish answered that it had; God asked whether there was enough water for the fish to drink. It said there was; Again God asked whether it had enough water to breathe and the fish answered that it had. Then God asked the fish, why it was so anxious when it had everything it needed? Many of us are worried in this way. If you set your faith on God, you can live in joy. His mercy will never dry up. It will be poured on us continuously. If you have lost faith in prayer, resume praying.

For God's mercy endures forever!!

Attention Parishioners!

- Please allow all the Sunday school students to receive communion FIRST on Sundays so that they may get to their classes on time. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Attention Parishioners

- We would appreciate when you use your church pledge envelope and write your check, if you would place your pledge number on your check. Also, add your name on the envelope. This will help our treasurer and staff in documenting your donation more efficiently. Thank you!

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Happy Birthday....

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1/11- Julianna Zuk
1/12- Dennis Gannan, Mary Saleh
1/14- Andrea Gannan,
1/15- Victoria Fadel



***May the Lord Jesus Christ bestow his
blessings upon them***

Welcome

St. George is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, under the Primacy of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, Archbishop of New York and of all North America, and whose auxiliary Bishop is Anthony who resides in Toledo, Ohio. The mission of St. George Church is to serve God in the Greater Detroit Area by commitment to the Gospel Command and to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ through faith, hope, and love.

St. George Church follows the faith and practice of the Apostles and Disciples of Christ handed down by the ancient Christian fathers and twenty centuries of Church tradition. Genuine Christian life nurtures and stimulates our spiritual and moral development.

To join the community of St. George of Troy or to find out more information, please give your name, address, and telephone number to one of the ushers. Father Joseph will be happy to contact you and answer any questions. We hope this day will be spiritually rewarding for you. Please join us in the

Do You Know It Costs....

- \$ 60.00 per baptized Soul for Archdiocese dues totaling \$40,000 per year?
- \$6,000.00 a month for utilities alone?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?

Please use your pledge envelopes **regularly** and help us meet our challenges.

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Sunday, January 09, 2021

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English Reader: Pat Elian

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