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Reflection: On the Divine Liturgy: Let Us Listen to the Holy Gospel

"Wisdom! Let us attend. Let us listen to the Holy Gospel," the deacon or priest now intones. And the Gospel of the day is read. Note that it is not simply a matter of "hearing" the Gospel. We are called to listen to it, to be attentive to the divine Word, to open to it not only our ears but also our heart.

The word "Gospel" means "Good News." The ritual phrase, "Let us listen to the Holy Gospel," therefore, means: "Let us listen to the holy, good news." For every passage of the Gospel contains good news, a joyous message, the annunciation of something of supreme importance that concerns every one of us. Perhaps as we hear the passage to be read our reaction is, "I've heard that so many times! It really doesn't say anything much at all to me." Nevertheless, every portion of the Gospel, whichever it may be and even if we have already heard it countless times, always has something to say to us.

If we listen to the Gospel with humility and fervor, each and every time we will discover a sentence or a word that we have never really noticed before, one which will strike us as if we were hearing it for the very first time.

Nor is this message addressed to the assembly in general. It is addressed to each hearer individually, personally. It is addressed to me. Hearing the reading of the Gospel, I should think to myself: "This is the word that our Lord has preserved for me until today. This is what He wants to say to me today. This is what He has just spoken to me. I shall guard this word with care in the depths of my heart."



Epistle:

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul. The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians.

(3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

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Gospel:



St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

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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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On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Gospel...

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And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

January Parish Council Meeting

- The first Parish Council meeting for the year 2022 will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30 PM. The election of the new officers will take place.

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!!**

Family Night

- We invite parishioners to a Family Night event; an opportunity to have parishioners come together and do things together on the last Saturday of the month. There will be **Saturday, January 29th, 2022**, and will begin at 5:00 P.M. with Great Vespers, a presentation with Q/A about (Abortion), and will conclude with Pizza and refreshments. The entire event will start from 5:00 PM and will end at 7:00 PM.

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Holy Bread Of Oblation
For Sunday, January 16, 2022

- In loving memory of Dr. Samia Ragheb (4 year obs.), offered by her family.
- In loving memory of Salma Amash-Dalu (1 year memorial), offered by her daughter Amal Fakhoury & family.
- In loving memory of Farah Fakhoury (22 year obs.), offered by his wife, Fadiéh Fakhoury (Um Nidal), children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Coffee & Donuts

- This Sunday's coffee & donuts are offered In loving memory of Dr. Samia Ragheb, offered by the Ragheb & Gonzales family.

Special Coffee & Donuts
sponsorship — Cost \$250.00

January 16 - The Ragheb & Gonzales family
January 23 - Pat & Ghassan Elian

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

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.**

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

Always Put God First In Your Life.....

There was a boy who was very popular among others his age. He was an excellent leader in his school groups. One of his friends visited him and saw a homemade plaque in his room with the words "I am Third" on it. His friend asked him what it meant and he replied, "It is the motto I try to use in my life. It means "God is first, others are second, and I am Third. " The driving force in our lives should be trying to please God. Secondly, we should take into consideration the needs and pleasures of others. With our own pleasures subordinated, we will truly be the humble servants of God. By giving respect to the Creator of the universe, and knowing His love, you will begin to feel an overflow of dignity and respect for yourself and others. Putting Him first in all areas of your life will create a healthy and positive sense of respect, which is what really makes the world go round. When you do this, it restores order to your world. God first - then you. As it says in the Bible, "God will honor those who honor Him. " Promise for the Day: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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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1/17- Michael Koory,
1/18- George Darany, Rany Nasr
1/19- Selena Nuha Nasr
1/20- Rosalin Fakhoury
1/22- Samer Mazer, Linda Shady



***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

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- \$6,000.00 a month for utilities alone?

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Sunday, January 16, 2021

Epistle Readers:

English Reader: Mina Shammas

Arabic Reader: Aida Mazer

***Ushers: Walid & Rita Fakhoury, Riad & Hayat
Katrib, Dr, Simon Katrib***