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*Issue No. 4*

**Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday  
of Luke Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra**

Tone 6

Eothinon 9

## **Reflection: On the Divine Liturgy: The Great Entrance**

At this moment the priest will bear to the holy table the bread and wine that were prepared on another table, the "prothesis" or "proskomedion," located at one side of the sanctuary. The solemn procession by which this transfer is completed is called the "Great Entrance." Thus it complements the Lesser Entrance, which we have already described and during which the Book of the Gospels enters the altar in procession.

During the Great Entrance the choir sings: "Let us, who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, now lay aside all earthly cares." The words of the Lesser Entrance proclaimed that our entrance was united with that of Angels. At the Great Entrance we accomplish still more. We proclaim that in a mysterious way, through divine grace, we ourselves have become the images or representatives of the Angels. In a certain sense, we identify with them. This is why, during this transforming moment, we should put aside every worldly care, freeing ourselves from everything that does not have God as its unique focus.

At the same time, however, we should not, and indeed we cannot, forget or neglect the needs of our brothers and sisters. Therefore, before they cross the threshold of the iconostasis in a movement that culminates at the holy altar, the clergy commemorate the bishops of the Church, the leaders of the nation and city in which we live, and any other particular intention which is appropriate (the sick, the suffering, those persecuted for their faith, newly departed members of the community, etc. Only then are the bread and wine placed on the holy table and censed, while the choir sings: "That we may receive the King of all, who comes invisibly upborne by the angelic host. Alleluia!"



## *Epistle:*

***O Lord, save Thy people, and  
bless Thine inheritance. Unto  
Thee have I cried, O Lord, my  
God. The Reading from the  
First Epistle of St. Paul to St.  
Timothy. (1:15-17)***

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners;

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## *Gospel:*



**St. Luke. (18:35-43)**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant.

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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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but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Gospel...**

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They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And 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.

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**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.

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**Condolences**

- The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their condolences to Michel & Antoinette Touma and family, on the passing on of Antoinette's father, Antoun Debs, who passed away in Lebanon. May he rest in peace, and his memory be eternal.
- The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their condolences to Bassam & Lina Nahhas and family, on the passing on of Lina's father, George Kamleh, who passed away in Syria. May he rest in peace, and his memory be eternal.
- The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their condolences to Nadia Hanna, Zohir & Alia Molhem, Dr. Elie & Rola Molhem, Amin & Michlin Molhem & Richard & Samar Beitenjane and their families on the passing on of Nadia's husband, Naif Molhem. May he rest in peace, and his memory be eternal.

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*For Sunday, January 23, 2022*

- In loving memory of Camille Haddad (2 year obs.), Janette Haddad (13 year obs.), and Lorraine Haddad (4 year obs.), offered by Alexandra & Natalie Haddad & family.

*Coffee & Donuts*

- This Sunday's coffee & donuts are offered For the good health of the Elian family, offered by Pat & Ghassan Elian.

*Special Coffee & Donuts*  
*sponsorship — Cost \$250.00*

- January 23 - Pat & Ghassan Elian
- January 30 - Open
- February 06 - Ibrahim & Norma Zakhem
- February 13 - Don & Anita Pollock
- February 20 - Ibrahim & Norma Zakhem
- February 27 - Ibrahim & Norma Zakhem

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

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*Offered but not posted*

- In loving memory of Antoun Debs, offered by Michel & Antoinette Touma and family.
- In loving memory of George Kamleh, offered by Bassam & Lina Nahhas and family.

*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

## *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 the event on **Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## *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!

## *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!!**

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## ***Happy Birthday....***

1/23- Camille Naimy  
1/25- Donna Rassey, Dr. Issa Alesh  
1/26- Joseph 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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*Sunday, January 23, 2021*

### ***Epistle Readers:***

***English Reader: Pat Elian***

***Arabic Reader: Sandy Moussa***

***Ushers: Amanda Jahshan, Mina Shammass, Dr. Elias & Nancy Antypas***