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The three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke ("Zacchaeus")

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Reflection: On the Divine Liturgy: Community of Love and Faith

The Great Entrance is followed by a rather long list of petitions. Then the liturgy moves on to the solemn confession of our faith. As a prelude to this confession, the priest or deacon addresses to the faithful a supreme exhortation to love: "Let us love one another, that with one mind and one heart we may confess..." And the choir continues: "The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: one in essence and undivided."

This moment is of the greatest importance, since these words that have just been spoken express the very nature of the Church. In a common love and by a common love the Church proclaims its faith in the ultimate community of love which is formed by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Church itself is a community of love. As such, it declares itself to be as well a community of faith. Those who refuse to love others cannot worthily confess the love of the three divine Persons. I cannot say, "I believe in Love," if at the same moment I do not include in that divine love every man and every woman created in the image of God.



Epistle:

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God. The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings;

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Gospel:



St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was,

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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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for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel...

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but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Statements for 2021

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- If there are mistakes, errors, or figures that do not match your pledge records, please contact us. We will correct your statement.
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For Sunday, January 30, 2022

- In loving memory of father Georges Elias, & brother, Ellie Elias offered by Francois Elias.

Coffee & Donuts

- This Sunday's coffee & donuts are offered in loving memory of Georges Elias, & Ellie Elias, offered by Francois Elias.

Special Coffee & Donuts sponsorship — Cost \$250.00

January 30 - Francois Elias.

February 06 - Michel & Antonitte Touma

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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- In loving memory of Jean Sam (3 year obs.), offered by Christina Valijan.

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 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 followed by the Ladies Society meeting.

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

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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2/2- Janice Gutierrez
2/4- Suha Shammas

Happy Anniversary...

1/26- Fadi & Kristen Baradihi
1/27- Samir & Louann Saleh

***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 30, 2021

Epistle Readers:

English Reader: Ron Packard

Arabic Reader: Hayat Katrib

Ushers: Dr. Simon & Nicole Katrib, Rachel Packard & Nancy Antypas