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*Sunday of St. Thomas
(New Sunday)*

Reflection:

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”

By: Fr. Joseph Antypas

It is with a great joy that we welcome into our midst our father in Christ, His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph and his Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Michael. We pray that this Arch-pastoral visit will give our parishioners the opportunity to strengthen and appreciate the ministry of His Eminence in gathering our united and God-protected Archdiocese in a world that is suffering from confusion and lack of harmony. St. Ignatius of Antioch teaches that the church is where the Bishop is.

This pastoral visit comes during the bright week and reflects the spirit of renewal and our vision to the future of the church and its mission in the world. Having celebrated the feast of Pascha recently we are reminded that we should always celebrate the resurrection of Christ as our own resurrection. In fact, every Sunday is a ‘little’ Pascha.

We welcome our hierarchs, the clergy, and all parishioners and friends from our community. This memorable weekend will enter into our records, that we will remember this blessed visit that will help our parishioners to find how they can be bonded with the mission of our beloved Archdiocese, guided and directed by our beloved Archbishop.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Epistle:

*Great is our Lord, and great is His strength. Praise ye the Lord, for the Lord is good. The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.
(5:12-20)*

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people magnified them.

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Gospel:



John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you. When he had said this,

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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, Jeannie Packard and Jacque Williams.

Epistle:

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And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the cities around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the chief priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the sect of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said: "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel...

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he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Second Quarter Of
Fiscal Year Update**

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For Sunday, May 1, 2022

- ◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of Marina Antypas & Christina Antypas Valijan on the occasion of their birthdays, offered by Fr. Joseph & Kh. Elen Antypas.
- ◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of Elias Qamar on the occasion of his birthday, offered by his parents Khalil & Jackline Qamar.

A Warm Welcome

- ◆ The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George welcome Him Eminance Metropolitan Joseph and His Grace Bishop Anthony, this Sunday, May 01, 2022. We thank God for their blessed visit and we pray for their good health.

Special Congratulations

- ◆ To the Rev. Fr. Deacon Peter on his ordination into the holy priesthood by the laying of hands of our beloved Metrpolitan Joseph. We wish the newly ordained priest a fruitful ministry as attached to our St. George of Troy. May the Lord God grant him many years.

Family Picnic Save your Date

- ◆ Plans are underway for a Family Picnic at Boulin Park in Troy on **Saturday, June 4th**, starting at 12 noon. There will be a sign-up sheet in the galleria to help us know how many will attend as well as what type of food or supplies you can donate. More information to follow.

Food for Hungry People Boxes

- ◆ Please return your boxes for the "Food for Hungry People" soon. You may give them to any of our ushers or drop them at the church office. Thank you

Thank you note!

We need to acknowledge the following whose dedication and kindness helped all of us on our journey to Pascha.

- ◆ All those who prepared and donated for items needed during lent, for Church services: Incense, oil, candles, plants, palms, etc.
- ◆ Our chanters, ushers, altar servers, and readers, especially those who read the Gospel in many languages at Paschal Agape Service, including our dedicated choir director & members of our choir, and those who chanted in the Arabic choir.
- ◆ Our sincere gratitude to the dedicated staff for the work of love decorating the Bier of Christ of Good Friday.
- ◆ Mr. Walid Khalife for hosting, and serving us with the special Paschal “breakfast”.
- ◆ And, of course, all our parishioners and friends who participated faithfully in the services, and who generously made financial offerings, for the glory of God. To all I say “thank you”, and Christ is Risen!

Fr. Joseph Antypas

A Note Of Thanks

- ◆ The Ladies Society wishes to thank everyone who supported the Palm Sunday bake sale. We are especially grateful to those parishioners who donated such a wonderful selection of food items for our sale.



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Happy Birthday....

5/1- Gladys Solomon, Elias Qamar,
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5/6- Christina Valijan & Marina Antypas



Happy Anniversary...

5/6- Joe & 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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Sunday, May 1, 2022

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