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The Observer

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The Great Feast of Pentecost

Reflection: On the Divine Liturgy: We Have Seen the True Light Part I

The liturgy culminates in an atmosphere of thanksgiving, of joy, and (if we may speak in these terms) of exultation in God. Let us examine our conscience to see if these powerful words express for ourselves a personal, living and authentic experience, or if they remain nothing more than ritual formulas.

We have received the divine Mysteries of Christ. But have we really received them? How have we received them? We have received communion, perhaps. But have we really participated, in Spirit and in truth, in the Mystery of Christ? And if we have not received communion, does that mean that we can and should leave empty-handed, without really having tried to "receive" a divine reality? Even a person who has not received Holy Communion should in the course of the liturgy be touched by the breath of the Spirit, by grace emanating from the Savior, by a certain purifying and transforming inspiration. Whether we have communicated in the holy eucharistic gifts or not, we should leave the church other than we were when we entered. The choir sings: "We have seen the true Light! We have received the heavenly Spirit! We have found the true Faith! Worshiping the undivided Trinity, who has saved us." And the priest declares: "Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ.. " Has this liturgy meant for us an encounter with Christ, not only sacrificed but also resurrected? Have we received from it the vision of Him who is the Light of the world?



Epistle:

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God. The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

(2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

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Gospel:



St. John. (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'"

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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.

Gospel...

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Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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-day 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 !!

Reminder

- ◆ We are into the second quarter of the year. It would be greatly appreciated if you would update your donations to the Archdiocese Dues, General Fund, etc. Church membership implies proper stewardship. Despite irregular attendance, some parishioners continue to remember their obligations and mail their offerings in support of the needs of the church. We express our appreciation for their thoughtfulness and generous spirits.
- ◆ Also, during the summer months attendance is reduced; however, we continue to be responsible for all expenses and monthly obligations. You can send your check to the church office and take an active part with the rest of the congregation. We appreciate your generosity and contributions.
- ◆ Our church pays 10% of the total revenues to the Archdiocese for our assessment for the year, totaling some \$24,000.00, and our property insurance on the church exceeds \$14,000.00 yearly. Snow removal and maintenance of grounds exceed \$12,000. annually.

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June Monthly Dinner

- ◆ Today's monthly dinner is sponsored by Riad & Hayat Katrib, for the good health of their family members, and in loving memory of their beloved departed ones. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations

- ◆ The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their congratulations to *Simon Nasr & Michael Nasr* on their recent graduation from High School. Congratulations to their proud parents, Issmat & Randa Nasr & Family, and Rimon & Katia Nasr & Family. God bless them and grant them many years!! Mabrook!!

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high school
or college graduation with our
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unless you call the office

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Thank God for those who have
contributed towards the iconography
project at our church. The cost
doesnot come from the church's funds.

Epistle:

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And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying: "Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in our own language where we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and the residents of Mesopotamia, Judæa and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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- ◆ **June 12** - Mr. & Mrs. Riad Katrib (Monthly Dinner).
- ◆ **June 19** - Open
- ◆ **June 26** - Open
- ◆ **Call the church office for sponsorship.**

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

All those who receive the weekly Observer, and all those who receive their pledge envelopes and those who request prayers to their loved ones. are asked to make an offering to St. George, because it is a blessing to give back to God a little of what He has given us. All those who belong to our St. George of Troy must faithfully respond to how God has blessed them.

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

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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, June 12, 2022

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