



# The Observer

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## First Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday

Tone 8

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

Has this liturgy been for us a true Pentecost, in which not only the person of the Savior, but His powerful and active Spirit as well have been granted to us? During this liturgy have we discovered the true faith, faith in a divine Love so great that He offered His life for the life of the world, for me, and for all those whom the God of Love has truly loved? If not, then as far as we are concerned, the liturgy has been nothing other than empty words and gestures rather than being a decisive interior event.

In a final prayer before the ambon and before the icon of Christ, the priest speaks of "those who trust in Thee. " The key is Trust, whatever the degree of our weakness, whatever the dangers that surround us. The liturgy should have created within us just such an attitude of trust: "Forsake us not who put our hope in Thee.."

The priest also prays: Preserve the fullness of Thy Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house; glorify them in return..." Here we should be particularly careful and attentive. Fullness of the Church, beauty of the divine house, glorification of those who love that beauty: these are great and beautiful words, but we seriously deceive ourselves if we think of a Church upon the earth, triumphalist, beautiful, powerful, and prosperous.



### Epistle:

*God is wondrous in His saints.  
In the churches, bless ye God.  
The Reading from the Epistle of  
St. Paul to the Hebrews.  
(11:33-12:2)*

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war,

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### Gospel:



*St. Matthew  
(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)*

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men,

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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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I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

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**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 !!

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

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*Holy Bread Of Oblation*

*For Sunday, June 19, 2022*

- ◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of the fathers, grandfathers and godfathers of our parish, offered by Father Joseph Antypas.
- ◆ In loving memory of Dn. Elias Baz (3 year obs.), offered by his family.

*Offered but not posted*

- ◆ In loving memory of Atiff Issa (40 day memorial), also, In memory of Nawal & Jabra Moussa, Miguel Issa & Manah Tannous, offered by the Issa & Moussa Families.

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*Congratulations*

*Congratulations to our Church school children who won in theMidwest Creative contests for 2022:*

- Elena Antypas, 1st Place, Art
- Mark Shaow, 3rd Place, Art
- Rudolph Moussa, 3rd Place, Poetry
- Natalie Baradihi, 2nd Place, Photography

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*Special Thanks*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Adib & Sandy Moussa for coordinating, co-chairing, and working with members of the church to have a memorable and most enjoying Picnic we had last week at Boulan Park in Troy, MI. The picnic was attended by over 200 people, who had wonderful times. The entire atmosphere was perfect full of many activities. Again, we thank all those who came and those who worked together as one church family. Thanks to Ghassan Elian who took care of the 50/50 raffle and raised some \$410.00 dollars. We look forward for more creative ideas to bring the family church community together. Many thanks again for those who worked and expressed themselves in the picnic by their participation. God bless you!

## *Epistle:*

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and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

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### *Special Coffee & Donuts sponsorship*

*Cost \$250.00*

- ◆ June 19 - Open
- ◆ June 26 - David Sophia
- ◆ ***Call the church office for sponsorship.***

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***“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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### ***Happy Birthday....***

6/19-Elizabeth Fakhoury,  
George Deratany Jr.

6/21-David Semaan

6/22-Rose Marie Sophiea, Giovanni Wehbe

6/24-Samantha Deratany

***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?

#### **DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?**

Please use your pledge envelopes **regularly** and help us meet our challenges.

***Sunday, June 19, 2022***

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