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Reflection...There is Only One Priest Part II

All members of the mystical Body of Christ, by the fact that they are intimately united with the Head of that Body, that is, to the person of Jesus, participate in the priestly life and the sacrificial death of the Redeemer. All Christian believers can celebrate an interior and invisible liturgy, insofar as they unite themselves to the offering that Jesus began upon earth and continues eternally in heaven. How marvelously the faith and worship of our faithful would be renewed and strengthened, if only they truly realized that they are not mere spectators "in attendance" at the Holy Mysteries, but that they themselves are also ministers of those Mysteries!

Certain persons, however, are "ministers" Christ's sacraments in a special way. In the early years of the Church's existence, supervisors or "bishops, elders or "priests," and servers or "deacons" were consecrated to continue the work of the Apostles and Disciples. They were given the task of representing, with absolute authority, the tradition of apostolic faith, of exercising authority over local churches, and of being visible witnesses and bearers of that invisible priestly grace possessed by the Church as a whole, by lay people as well as by priests. And they continue to serve as delegates of the Church, to accomplish in the name of the Church the sacred and priestly acts of her ministry. They are celebrants of Word and Sacrament. Their priesthood is not essentially different from that of all believers; but they have a special mission in and from the Church, to express and to carry out the universal priesthood. They receive a special grace in order to perform this public duty.

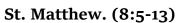
Epistle:

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints. The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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Gospel:



At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

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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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Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel...

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But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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- ◆July 10 Bassam & Georgette Swaid
- **◆July 17** Open
- •July 24 Open
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◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of Dr. Mehdi Swaid graduated from Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, & Dr. Toufiq Swaid graduated from St. George's University School of Medicine, offered by the Swaid family.

<u> Special Coffee & Sweets</u>

◆This Sunday's coffee & sweets are offered by Bassam & Georgette Swaid on the occasion of their sons' graduations.

Congratulations

◆ The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their congratulations to Dr. Mahdi Swaid for graduating from Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Dr. Toufiq Swaid who graduated from St. George's University, School of Medicine. Congratulations to their proud parents Bassam & Georgette Swaid & family. God bless them and grant them many uears!! Mabrook!!

Monthly Dinner Sponsors:

Thank you all, sincerely, for generous sponsors. The purpose of the monthly dinners is to bring our parishioners together, and break bread, in love and fellowship. Call the church office for arrangements.

Monthly Dinner Schedule for the year 2022-2023

September- Open

November - Walid Khalife

December - Mr. & Mrs. George Semaan

January - Open

February - Open

March - Open

April - Mr. & Mrs. Fadi Issa

May - Open

June - Open

Third Quarter Of Fiscal Year Update

◆ We are into the third 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.

Attention Parishioners

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7/10- Karina Mass, Joann Ayoub,
 Clara Fakhoury
 7/12- George Khalife
 7/13- Erin Swor, Mark Jotanovic
 7/14- Michel Touma
 7/15- Ghassan Elian.

Happy Anniversary

7/14- Jihad & Amal Fakhoury 7/15- Michel & Antoinette Touma 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 Do You Know It Costs....

- \$ 60.00 per baptized Soul for Archdiocese dues totaling \$40,000 per year?
- Utilities in June 2022 cost us .
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Sunday, July 10, 2022

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