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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost & Seventh Sunday of Matthew

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Reflection...The Call Part II

It implies rather a definite grace, linked to the grace received by the apostles and disciples of Jesus. The same Holy Spirit is given to them all. The priest should hold this spiritual genealogy in highest esteem. He should read and meditate upon the words of the ordination ceremony, discovering in them evidence of apostolic holiness. He should aspire to this same holiness and thus make, or remake, of the sacrament of Holy Orders something other than an "institution." He should make of it a fundamental event of his own spiritual life.

Finally, there is a purely invisible aspect of the call to priestly ministry. No one should accept priesthood who has not had the conscious experience, at least once in his life, of encountering the Lord Jesus in an intimate way, of hearing His call directed personally and directly to himself. "Be my priest" - MY Priest: not only him whom the Church sends in my name, but him whom I myself have chosen, him who belongs to me and whom I have embraced with my whole heart. Both before and beyond the call of the bishop and of the community, there should be that secret call which Mary heard at Bethany, and which every priest should have heard: "The Teacher is here and is calling you" (John 11:28). It is not we who first love and choose Jesus; it is He who has loved and chosen us. What is our response to this divine call?

Epistle:

O Lord, save Thy people and bless
Thine inheritance. Unto Thee,
O Lord, will I cry, O my God! The
Reading from the Epistle of
St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)
Brethren, we who are
strong ought to bear the
infirmities of the weak, and
not to please ourselves. Let
each one of us please his
neighbor for that which is
good for his edification.

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Gospel:



St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to 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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For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

Gospel...

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and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

Coffee & Donuts sponsorship

• We are looking for sponsors sponsors to host. The donation will be \$250 for donuts and coffee and will serve approximately 100 people. We are looking forward to gathering again in fellowship. If you are interested please call the church office @248-589-0480.

Special Coffee & Donuts sponsorship Cost \$250.00

- August 7—Emily Nakhleh and family
- August 14—Open
- ◆ August 21—Open
- ♦ August 28 Open
- ◆Call the church office for sponsorship.

Evening Divine Liturgy

There will be an evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transifguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, Friday, August, 5^{th} , 2022 at 7:00p.m. with blessing of grapes following. Grapes will be distributed, Sunday August 7^{th} . We thank George and Dorothy Darany for providing the grapes, for the good health of their loved ones.

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Holy Bread Of Oblation For Sunday, July 31, 2022

◆In loving memory of George Antypas (5 year obs.), offered by Fr. Joseph & Kh. Elen Antypas & family.

Condolences

The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their condolences to Michal & Rosanna Khacho and family on the passing on of Michal mother's, Adel Samaan. May she rest in peace, and memory eternal.

Offered but not posted

◆In loving memory of mother & grandmother Adel Samaan (3&9 day memorial), offered with love by Michal & Rosanna Khacho and family.

Mercy Meal Last Sunday: 7.24.22

 Was offered in loving memory of Adal Samaan (3&9 day memorial), sponsored by her family. May Adel's memory be eternal!

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
October - Open
November - Walid Khalife
December - Mr. George Semaan
January - Open
February - Open
March - Mr. & Mrs. Riad Katrib
April - Mr. & Mrs. Fadi Issa
May - Open

June - Open

Special Collection

◆ In the next four Sundays we will attempt to raise some funds to cover the cost of the installation of a new AC unit at church for the comfort of those who participate in church services. This has cost the church some unexpected expense of some \$20,000.00. We are appealing to our parishioners to mail their checks, earmarked 'AC new unit', and contribute generously during the special collections that will take place in the next few Sundays. Thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Troy Academy Special News

• We would like you to know that the Troy Academy which is located on our church premise has started to receive children from ages of two to five years old. Parishioners can take advantage of the services provided by the Troy Academy and benefit from the special discount. The Academy will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

"All Aboard the Titanic"

♦ Mark your calendars and plan to set sail with the Ladies Society on Saturday, October 15 at 12 pm for a luncheon and exciting presentation about the "Titanic". Lynn Anderson, professional actress and Titanic historian will share expertise with her us in most a entertaining way. Plan to bring your family and friends for lunch and so much more. Also, please consider being a sponsor to help contribute toward expenses. Any contribution would be appreciated.

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Happy Birthday....

7/28- Anthony Deratany, Jr., George Semaan, Jason Nash 7/30 - Rudy Moussa



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 .
 \$4200.00 . Help us meet our chalolenge

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?

Please use your pledge envelopes regularly. Thank you!

Sunday, July 31, 2022

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