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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost & Eighth Sunday of
Matthew After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ**

Tone 6

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Reflection... The Call
Part III

Others have become priests without ever having heard a personal call. Purely personal considerations led them to assume the priesthood. Sometimes they have accepted it with good intentions, but without any living and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Such priests, however, should by no means accuse themselves of having acted improperly or think that they are condemned. There is still time, and the time is always now, to open one's heart to the voice of Jesus and to hear His invitation. They can hear it now, if they have not done so already. And if they feel that the Lord remains silent, at least their faith and their good will can serve as a positive response to the call which at this very moment is implicit in their ministry.

Many others have heard the call. But then temptation and weariness set in after some time in the priesthood. They fell, and their fall was great. They fell again and again. Yet they did not lose the hope that God would turn towards them, raise them up, confirm them in their ministry, and heal them. May they never cease to hold fast to their Savior and to cry out to Him: "Lord, he whom you love is ill" (John 11:3).

Then there are those who have lost courage, who have settled into a life of unbelief and sinfulness, who have remained priests in spite of themselves and who wish they had never been ordained. It seems to them that the call no longer exists. Or perhaps they never heard it in the first place. The Lord appears to be far from them.



Epistle:

The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory. The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

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Gospel:



St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place,

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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 it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel...

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and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

Blessing of the grapes

- Blessing of the grapes will take place this Sunday, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. We thank George and Dorothy Darany for providing the grapes, for the good health of their loved ones.

Coffee & Donuts sponsorship

- We are looking for sponsors to host. The donation will be \$250 for donuts and coffee and will serve approximately 100 people. We are looking forward to gathering 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— Neal & Linda Norgrove
- ♦ August 21—Mr. Bill Swor
- ♦ August 28— Open
- ♦ ***Call the church office for sponsorship.***

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Holy Bread Of Oblation

For Sunday, August 07, 2022

- ◆ In loving memory of Badi Nakhleh (1 year memorial), offered by Emily Nakhleh and family.
- ◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of the Nakhleh family, offered by Emily Nakhleh.
- ◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of George & Dorothy Darany and all their family members.
- ◆ For the health and spiritual welfare of Nancy Antypas on the occasion of her birthday, offered by Fr. Joseph & Kh. Elen Antypas.

Special Coffee & Donuts

- ◆ This Sunday's coffee & Donuts are offered by Emily Nakhleh and family in loving memory of Badi Nakhleh. May his memory be eternal!

Condolences

✝ The Clergy and Parishioners of St. George would like to extend their condolences to Anita Pollock and family on the passing on of Anita husband's, Don Pollock. May he rest in peace, and memory 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—Mr. Bill Swor

November - Mr. & Mrs. Walid Khalife

December - Mr. George Semaan

January - Dr. & Mrs. Adib Moussa

February - Open

March - Mr. & Mrs. Riad Katrib

April - Mr. & Mrs. Fadi Issa

May - Open

June - Open

Special Collection Next Sunday

- ◆ There will be a special collection Next Sunday, August 14th, for the Antiochian House of Study, as requested by His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph.

“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 her expertise with us in a most 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.

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 days notice from the given date you wish to have it in the **Observer**. The Observer deadline to go to the printer is every Monday by 1:00 p.m. **Thank you for your cooperation!!**

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.

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Happy Birthday...

- 8/3- Nancy Antypas
8/5- Heam Al Khouri
8/6- Christian Zakhem
8/7- Dolla Khalife
8/9- Andrew Fakhoury, Kareem Mass
8/11- George Hajal



Happy Anniversary...

- 8/9- Shakeeb & Rana Mazer
8/11- Tony & Judy 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

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, August 07, 2022

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