



**St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church - Weekly Bulletin**

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**Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Holy Great Prince Vladimir Enlightener of Russia**

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;/ the guards became as dead men./ Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body./ Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it./ Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 8 Troparion (*Fathers*)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth./Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith.//O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (*Holy Prince Vladimir*)

O holy Prince Vladimir, / thou wast like a merchant in search of fine pearls. / By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, / thou didst find Christ, the priceless Pearl. / He appointed thee to be another Paul,/ washing away in baptism thy physical and spiritual blindness. / We celebrate thy memory, / asking thee to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia// and for us, thy spiritual children.

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,/ raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,/ He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Fathers*)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one / Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Matthew 9:27-35 (*Gospel*)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. 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 let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Also reading today: John 17:1-13 (*Holy Fathers*)/ John 10:1-9 (*St Vladimir*)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Where does God go for summer vacation? A little girl once pondered that same question not too long ago. Sarah loved Sunday School; she went every Sunday. She liked being in church with her parents... but when summer came- it would all end!

Why wasn't there church? Why wasn't there any Sunday School? Where did her friends go? She really was concerned. She wondered why the choir stopped singing on Sundays. Even worse, she wondered why there wasn't church in the summer... when in actuality, her parents would just stop going to church in the summer!

The summer was their "time off". Time to lounge in the sun. Time to plan family vacations and weekends away. It was time to concentrate on rest and relaxation. But for Sarah, it was strange not to go to church, see her friends, or be with God.

On the day that her family piled into the station wagon to visit their grandmother, Sarah asked her mother, "Mom, where does God go for summer vacation? "

Her mother chuckled at the question, and told her God doesn't go on vacation.

Sarah wondered, "Why don't we go to church then? Why isn't there any Sunday School? Why don't I get to see my church friends?"

Her parents weren't really prepared to deal with questions like this! What could they say? After all, God wasn't on vacation... they were! Imagine her parents' surprise when they realized their little daughter had "stumped them." They just didn't know how to answer her question. But what was really great was that they were worried enough about it to look for an answer!

Until now, her parents thought: Church was only a 2-hour responsibility on Sunday mornings. For Sarah though, it was a different story. She lived what she learned. Church wasn't just an obligation for her. No way! In fact, it was a way of living... a way of being!

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Calendar of Events – Starting today: July 15

Sunday	7/15	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
Monday	7/16	
Tuesday	7/17	
Wednesday	7/18	NO Office Hours this week
Thursday	7/19	6:00pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Friday	7/20	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy Prophet Elijah
Saturday	7/21	6:00pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday	7/22	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers
during the week.**

For good health and healing:

Abram, Debrutu, Denise, Joseph, Souraya, Alice, Issa, Basil, Rania and the child born of her, Ghaleb, Majdlin, Jacob, Collette, Christina, Connie, Eddie, Fred, James, Peter.

For a new Job: Mario, Jason, Janice.

Memory Eternal: Daniel, Vincent.

Weekly announcements

- ◆ No office hours this Wednesday.
- ◆ Catechesis of The Good Shepherd presentation today, during lunch. In the Church School Room.
- ◆ On August 5th the Myrrh Bearers of St George will meet to finalize plans for our parish car wash / hot dog bash fundraising event. We need volunteers to wash and cook. Our ladies need all of us to pray and help in this fun event to be held in August.
- ◆ Father will be away 7/23-84. Dn George will be away 7/28-Aug 4.
- ◆ No Vespers on Saturday July 28th and Saturday August 4th.
- ◆ Fr Arkadi will be serving Sunday, July 29th.
- ◆ Please keep the OCA, it Hierarchs, Clergy and Laity in your prayers as we gather together in St. Louis Missouri for the 19th All American Council from July 23rd through the 27th.