



St George the Great Martyr
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 Tone 3 28th Sunday after Pentecost Conception by
Righteous Ann of the Most-holy Theotokos

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has
shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. /
He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from
the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Conception of the Theotokos)*

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken: / God has heard the prayers
of Joachim and Anna. / He has promised them beyond all their hopes to
bear the Maiden of God, / by whom the Uncircumscribed One was born
as a mortal Man; / He commanded an angel to cry to her: / "Rejoice,
thou who art full of grace, // the Lord is with thee!"

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us
from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; /
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Conception of the Theotokos)*

Today the universe rejoices, / for Anna has conceived the Theotokos
through God's dispensation, // for she has brought forth the one who is
to bear the ineffable Word.

Luke 17:12-19 (*Gospel*)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

It is **not too late to Join us** this Advent for our

Adult Education Series, "On the Incarnation"

by St. Athanasius of Alexandria. We meet each Saturday after Vespers until Christmas. As we prepare for Christ's birth it is awesome to gain deeper understanding about Christ. Please come and Join our lively conversations, having the book is not necessary.

Those interested in purchasing a book, please see Father. If you would like to read or print it from an online source, a PDF is available at

http://www.copticchurch.net/topics/theology/incarnation_st_athanasius.pdf

Advent Confession – As Christians, we struggle constantly to grow in our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, time after time, all of us fall and suffer the effects of our own sinfulness. The Church provides us with the sacrament of Confession so that we may participate in the healing and saving grace of forgiveness. During this season of advent, it is imperative that all of us take advantage of this opportunity to come before the Lord and confess our sins. When we do this with sincerity, He will wash us, bind up our wounds and heal us, so that we can continue our journey towards Him and celebrate His Nativity and Baptism in faith and love.

Father Michael is available to hear confessions after Great Vespers on Saturdays as well as during the week, especially on Wednesdays during his regular office hours. If you would like, you can even make an appointment. Please be sure to come to confession no later than December 21st. Father will not be hearing confessions on Christmas Eve, unless it is due to very dire circumstances.

Pledge Cards It's time once again for all of us to prayerfully, thoughtfully and intentionally spend some time to consider the gifts that God has placed in our care and to plan how we can offer it back to Him for his blessing and glory. Pledge cards are available on top of the display stand as you come into the narthex (the back of the Church). Please take one and put it in your prayer corner. Take time over the next few weeks to consider how you will fill it out. Then, return your pledge card to Deacon George no later than **January 20th**. This will give the Parish Council adequate time to create our budget for next year. It is important to remember that one must go to Confession, receive the Eucharist at least once a year, and offer a pledge (of any amount) in order to be considered a member in good standing at St George's.

Calendar of Events – Starting today: December 09

Sunday	12/09	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy St Nicholas party for the children
Monday	12/10	5:30pm Choir practice @ church
Tuesday	12/11	
Wednesday	12/12	2:00-5:00pm Office Hours 6:00pm Great Vespers
Thursday	12/13	St Herman of Alaska 9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
Friday	12/14	
Saturday	12/15	6:00pm Great Vespers 7:00pm Adult education 'On The Incarnation'
Sunday	12/16	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

Weekly announcements, looking ahead:

- ◆ We have sent \$277 donations for the fire victims. **THANK YOU everyone who contributed to this important cause.**
- ◆ Monday at 5:30 the choir meets to practice for our Christmas services. Please come if you'd like to learn to sing these beautiful hymns.
- ◆ Office Hours this Wednesday 2-5pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, December 12th, Vespers at 6pm for Saint Herman of Alaska Feast day.
- ◆ Thursday, December 13th Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. Please plan on joining us in honor of the first North America Saint's joyous feast day.
- ◆ We have a number of services **December 22-25** in celebration of Our Lord's birth. **PLEASE** check the church calendar and plan accordingly, so we may sing and celebrate together with one voice.
- ◆ There will be a meeting of the Holy Myrrh Bearers of St George next week 12/16 after Liturgy in the Sunday School room.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers this week:

For good health and healing: Souraya, Christina, Eddie, Ruth, Fred, Gloria, Nicholas, Mary, Dragosh, Sonia, Doreen. Peter. **For a new Job:** Mario, Jason, Janice, Jamileh, Timothy. **Memory Eternal:** Newly Departed Fr Athanasius.