



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

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**SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 23 TONE 8 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Conception of the glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**

Tone 8 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept
the three day burial / to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (*Conception of John the Baptist*)

Rejoice, O barren one, who formerly didst not bear a child, / for thou
hast conceived the Lamp of the Sun, Who is to illumine the whole uni-
verse darkened by blindness!
Rejoice, O Zachariah, / and cry out with boldness:// "The Prophet of
the Most High desires to be born!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Ad-
am.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful
One!

Tone 1 Kontakion

Great Zachariah rejoices with his wife, the far-famed Elizabeth, / for
she has fittingly conceived John the Forerunner,
whom an Angel announced in gladness;
and whom we rightly honor!//
as an initiate of the grace of God.

Luke 5:1-11 (*Gospel*)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

23 September Conception of the Forerunner

The Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child. Once, when Saint Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Calendar of Events – Starting today: September 23

Sunday	9/23	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
Monday	9/24	
Tuesday	9/25	
Wednesday	9/26	2:00-5:00pm Office Hours
Thursday	9/27	
Friday	9/28	
Saturday	9/29	6:00pm - Great Vespers, confessions
Sunday	9/30	9:10am - Hours 9:30am - Divine Liturgy

Weekly announcements

- ◆ Office Hours this Wednesday 2-5pm.
- ◆ **There will be a meeting to prepare for the car wash this Wednesday at 1pm. Its not too late to help, Please add your name to the Signup sheets, located by the church door.**
- ◆ On Saturday **September 29th** our parish will be holding a carwash from 9am-12noon. Vespers will coincide with completion of the fund raising activities, so bring your car in for a shine, come help out, and pray with us.
- ◆ Our church school resumes today.

Prayer List

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

For good health and healing: Abram, Souraya, Alice, Basil, Jacob, Collette, Christina, Connie, Eddie, Gary, Gary, Ruth, Fred, Donald, Gloria, Nicholas, Linda.

For a new Job: Mario, Jason, Janice, Jamileh, Tim.

Special prayers: for those impacted by fire, floods and first responders,

Lord Jesus Christ, please give them strength and preserve them.