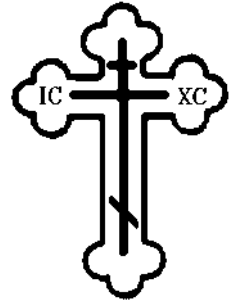


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## Saint George Orthodox Cathedral

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We are happy to welcome visitors to the Orthodox Church. We are blessed by your presence. Because the Orthodox Church understands communion to be the union of its membership, only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared properly should approach the chalice for communion. Those who belong to other “communions”, but would like to come into the Orthodox Church, should speak to one of our clergy to begin preparation. Thank you for your respect and understanding.

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| TONE:           | 2            |
| EOTHINON:       | 3            |
| VESPERS:        | 6:00 PM      |
| CHURCH SCHOOL:  | SUMMER BREAK |
| MATINS:         | 9 AM         |
| CONFESSION:     | 9:15-9:45 AM |
| DIVINE LITURGY: | 10 AM        |

## **Sunday June 25, 2017**

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

All boys are eligible to serve during the summer months.

Come to the Altar **NO LATER** than 10:00AM for the start of Liturgy and see Dr. Wood.

**Please dress appropriately including dress shoes and tie.**

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (5:1-11)**

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:22-33)**

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR**

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

### **KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## **Announcements**

### **From Fr. Milad:**

If you would like your home or business blessed, please contact me directly and I'll be more than happy to arrange a time that works with your family.

### **Men's Club:**

Our next Men's Club Meeting is on Thursday June 29th at 6 pm. See Flyer for more information.

### **From Fr. Milad:**

If you or a loved one are ill and would like a pastoral visit, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

### **Book Club:**

On summer break and will reconvene in September.

**Holy Trinity's** Annual Fundraiser 11th Annual Food and Wine Fest, Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:30-8:30pm at St. George Orthodox Cathedral. Watch for details to follow! Check out Holy Trinity's Spring Newsletter at [htnr.net/blog](http://htnr.net/blog)

**Men's and Women's Club:** The Men's and Women's Club will be honoring our elders on Sunday, November 12th who are 75 years of age and older. More information will be shared with everyone soon. We look forward to this great fellowship opportunity.



"MY HOUSE SHALL BE  
CALLED A HOUSE OF  
PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS"

MARK 11:17

**79th Annual Diocese of Worcester & New  
England Parish Life Conference Hosted by:  
St. George Cathedral, Worcester, MA  
Downtown Worcester Holiday Inn Express  
June 23-25, 2017**

## ***Conference Schedule***

### **Friday June 23, 2017**

1:00 PM-2:30 PM Deanery meeting and luncheon  
5:00 PM-6:00 PM Vespers  
7:00 PM-10:00 PM Clergy & Clergy Wives Dinner & Retreat  
6:00 PM-7:00 PM Young Adult and Teen SOYO Meetings  
7:00 PM-11:30 PM Teen SOYO Baseball Game Group Outing  
7:00 PM-12:00 AM Young Adult Summer BBQ Bash

### **Saturday June 24, 2017**

9:00 AM-10:00AM Registration  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
11:30 AM-1:30 PM General Assembly and Awards Luncheon  
1:45 PM-2:30 PM Presentation on Conference Theme (Keynote Speaker) Fr George Eber  
2:45 PM-3:45 PM Breakout Sessions/Workshops on Conference Theme  
4:00 PM-5:00 PM Order of St. Ignatius Meeting  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM Bible Bowl  
6:15 PM-7:15 PM Vespers /Presentation of Oratorical Festival Finalists  
7:30 PM-1:00: AM Dinner-Dance/Hafli Live Music & DJ

### **Sunday June 25, 2017**

9:00 AM-10:00 AM Orthros  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
12:00 PM-1:00 PM Brunch

# ***Men's Club Summer Kickoff Cookout***



St. George Men's

Club will be hosting a Summer Kickoff Cookout in conjunction with our **June 29** brief (can you say move to adjourn?) meeting. All are invited (women too). Time: **6:00 PM** ***Donation: \$15***



Reservations a ***MUST!***

Please call or email Bob Laham at 508-366-3966 or [mensclub@laham.us](mailto:mensclub@laham.us) or Christine El-Houssan at [celhoussan@gmail.com](mailto:celhoussan@gmail.com) by **Monday, June 26** with your reservation.



**TRISAGION PRAYERS AND HOLY KURBAN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- My husband, Andrew Assali, from his wife, Lidia

**PRAYERS OF OBLATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- Michael Ansara, Michael and Badeha Ansara, Theibe Ansara, Laya and Edward Peters, George Kanaan, Michael Rizkalla and Minerva and Elias Houssan from Lidia Assali
- Ricky Snook from The Snook Family
- Col. Robert K. Samia from Ron, Aileen and Bob Abraham

**PRAYERS OF OBLATION FOR THE HEALTH OF:**

- Our Godmother Andrea and uncle Ray Silva from Jenna and Brooke Husson
- Albert and Margaret Gammal from Janice Samara
- Pam and George Samara on the occasion of their anniversary (6/27) and Pam's birthday (6/25) from their children and grandchildren

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## FEELING BLESSED IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

**F**aithful Christians have often heard the words of Jesus: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." It is one of the "beatitudes" spoken by Our Lord during His famous teaching on the mount.

Our first reaction to these words is that they refer to those who weep for the dead. Certainly those who mourn for loved ones will be comforted as they seek out Jesus in prayer and understanding. The beatitude also means: blessed are they who care and do something about it.

Blessed are they who mourn for their own sins. Say you have committed a sin. Does it hurt? Does your conscience bother you? Then be glad, for this means you still care. Only when you no longer feel pain, no longer care about your sin, are you in spiritual death. If your heart is broken over past sins and failings, rejoice, because you can get your heart mended by Christ's forgiving love.

Blessed are they who mourn for the sorrows of others. They identify with others and make the sorrows of friends their own; they have not hardened their hearts to the cries of the oppressed, the hungry, the needy, the hurt of this world. We are to see Christ, or even ourselves, in others and are instructed to help.

Finally, blessed are they who weep for those who have died. We weep, not in despair, because we have faith in Christ that He is the resurrection and the life. The promise of Christ to those who mourn is that they shall be consoled. In the prayers of the Church, we speak of the Holy Spirit as "Heavenly King and Comforter." So, God's Spirit will comfort us as we mourn for our sins, our sorrows, our departed ones and as we weep for the heartache of others.