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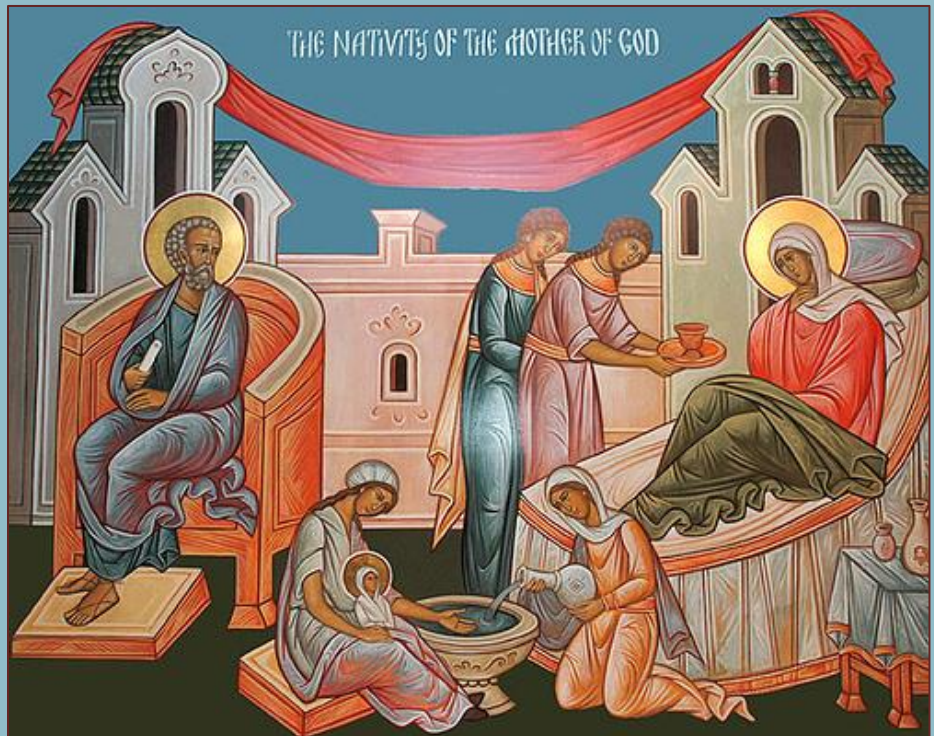
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The first major feast in the new Church year (that began September 1) is the Nativity of the Theotokos – the Virgin Mary’s birthday – which we celebrate today, September 8.

Mary’s birth is the beginning, or ‘prelude,’ to our salvation in Jesus Christ.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

1ST ANTIPHON

O Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephrata; we found it in the fields of the wood. *Refrain*

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *Refrain*

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.
Refrain

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: **Matins, 8:50 AM**
 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: **Vespers, 6:30 PM**

Saturdays: **Great Vespers, 5 PM**

Confession: **After Saturday Vespers**
 During Sunday Matins
 Or by Appointment



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

2ND ANTIPHON

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not turn from it.

Refrain: O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*, save us, who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. *Refrain*

There I will make a horn of David to bud; I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. *Refrain*

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God....

3RD ANTIPHON: APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST (TONE 4)

Here will I dwell, for I have desired it.

Refrain: Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. *Refrain*

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. *Refrain*

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*; who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be
glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act
with His own arm. He hath trampled down
death by death and become the first-born

from the dead. He hath delivered us from
the depths of Hades, granting the world the
Great Mercy.

Troparion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos....

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure One, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death. Thy

people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: "The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life!"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Tone 6, Psalm 27.9, 1 LXX)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6.11-18; Sunday before the Elevation)

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by

which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Holy Gospel according to St. John (3.13-17; Sunday before the Elevation)

THE LORD SAID: "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that He gave his Only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

MEGALYNARION FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 8)

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb.

Verily, virginity, O Theotokos, is impossible for a mother, as birth-giving is impossible

for virgins. Yet in thee hath the dispensation
of both been accomplished. Wherefore, all

we families of the earth do ceaselessly bless
thee.

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN OF THE FEAST (TONE 8; PSALM 115.4 LXX)

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Dina Hji-Avgoustis, Mark Poulos and Alan Poulos, for the health of Gary Zion, Andrianna, Andreas and Demetra Hji-Avgoustis and Constandinos and Gabriella Poulos, and for the repose of mother Evon Freije (11-year memorial), uncle George Saliba (10-year memorial), uncle Mischel Saliba (7-year memorial), father Dino Poulos, James and Marie George and Richard Freije.
- By Nicholas Rick Gann, for the repose of cousin Kimberly Lane Clay.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE LITURGY TODAY

Coffee hour is hosted by Samir and Selena Kanazeh and Chris Sproull.

Sign-up sheets for hosting coffee hour are posted on the bulletin board next to the elevator. (Something simple is all that's expected, though you may do more, if you want, for a special occasion.)



UPDATE FROM TEEN SOYO

We will meet on **Sunday, Sep. 8, at 5 pm at Pinheads** in Fishers (13825 Britton Park Rd). We will bowl, eat dinner and have a brief meeting! We will cover the bowling fees, but plan to bring money for dinner!

We hope all teens can make it! (Anyone who can't afford it should talk to Fr. Nabil privately, and we'll take care of it. *Never* let cost stand in the way of your participation.)



A SOLEMN FEAST

Saturday, Sep. 14, we celebrate the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.

Matins 9 am

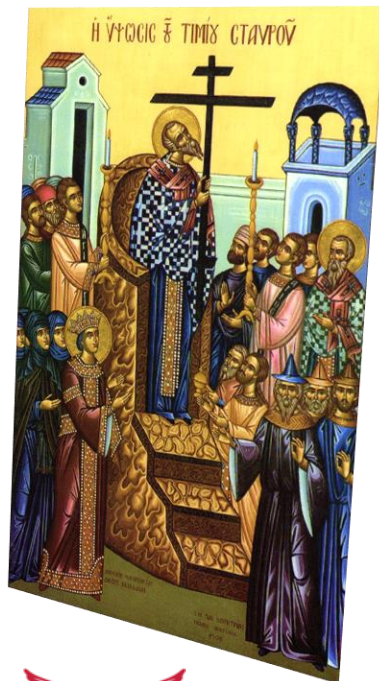
Divine Liturgy 10 am

with Procession and Elevation

This is a day of strict fasting in remembrance of our Lord's death for our sakes. We honor Him *and* the Cross upon which He won our salvation for us. That's why we decorate, elevate and bow before the Cross.

***Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship,
O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we praise
and glorify!***

Sung instead of the Trisagion and as we venerate the Cross



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our parish sponsors the OCF (Orthodox Christian/Campus Fellowship) at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

**For the Fall 2019 Semester,
we will be meeting Sunday evenings.**

**First meeting 5:00 -7:30 pm Sunday, September 15
Room 306 in the Student Center.**

Prayer • Dinner • Fellowship

All students are welcome!

Also, we would love to connect our students at other campuses with the OCF groups there. ***Please make sure our office has the telephone and email contact for your students and what school they're attending.***



**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

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WELCOME FATHER GREGORY HONHOLT

Today, Father Gregory presides for the first time as new Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Carmel. We wish him Many Years of faithful service at our sister church.



2019 SAINT GEORGE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 9/20 • SATURDAY 9/21 • SUNDAY 9/22
5-10 PM 1-10 PM 1-5 PM



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FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS 2019

We are looking for volunteers to fill MANY shifts for our upcoming St. George festival! As you know, it takes a village to host an event like this! Please plan ahead and sign up where you are most experienced, or would enjoy working the most! If you have no idea what you want to do... then just pick a spot and we will train you, or you can be used as a floater! We need as many people as we can get for as long as you can donate your time! If you can't work the full 4 hour shift, please list the times you can work in the comment section! If you are able to sign up for more than one shift, we appreciate it greatly! Thank you in advance for helping St. George to have a successful festival for 2019!



Sign up online at tinyurl.com/StGFest2019, or see Christy Roberts during coffee hour.

PARISHIONER PARKING AT THE FESTIVAL

- If you sign up to work a shift, you get free parking that day and free bottles of water.
- If you're one of the first 25 to sign up to work a full day, you get free parking in our own parking lot! (Note that, for safety, we must limit traffic coming up and down our driveway, so you would need to be here from before Festival opening through closing on the given day.)
- Christy Roberts will give you your parking pass when you sign up.
- If you've already signed up and didn't get one, please see Christy Roberts during coffee hour for your free parking passes.



COUPON BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

Purchase online at www.stgfest.org, or see Vicki Mesalam for Advance Purchase Coupon Books for yourself and for gifts and to help us sell them.

Every \$25 coupon book, includes a bonus \$5 coupon. These will not be sold during the festival. The discount incentive is only for those who buy them in advance.

If you buy books for gifts, you're welcome to take them apart and to give only as many of the individual \$5 coupons as you want.



HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Flyers are available for you to take and help us get the word out.

- Please take flyers and posters to put wherever there's a bulletin board that allows it.
- "Like" us on Facebook at [stgfestival](https://www.facebook.com/stgfestival) - get updates, and send invites to your friends
- Get more information on our website at www.stgfest.org, where you and your friends can also buy discount coupons *only until Sep. 20. People who order online can pick up their coupons at will call (in the bell tower) when they arrive.*
- Follow us on Twitter & Instagram @[StGIndyFest](https://twitter.com/StGIndyFest) and post about the Festival

ON-AIR FESTIVAL PROMOTION

George and Enass Khazal will be on air speaking about the festival.

- Sept. 14 and 15: between 7am-8am Q95, X103.3, WNDE 1260
- Sept 14: 8:50AM on Fox 59
- Sept. 17: WishTV Channel 8 Indy Style on air sometime between 10-11am.

FESTIVAL WORKDAYS

- **Monday-Wednesday, Sep. 16-18:** 1 pm ~ 6:30 pm for rolling grape leaves. *If you don't know how, come and learn, and enjoy good fellowship as we work together.*



DANCERS

Youth rehearsals will run every Sunday, after church school. Please see Gabriella Nahas after church today to join.

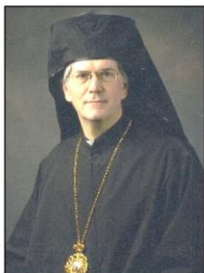


Adults wanting to dance, please contact Diana Najjar 317-213-5785.

We hope to have several ethnicities dancing this year. Please get together a group to dance representing the culture of your heritage. Call Diana to let her know.

St. George Church ~ Akron, Ohio is honored to host the
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
2019 CLERGY RETREAT AND FALL GATHERING

With His Grace Bishop ANTHONY Presiding
Thursday, October 24 -- Sunday, October 27



◆ Accommodations: Double Tree Hilton Hotel 3150 W. Market Street, Fairlawn, OH 44333
Special room rate: \$100 daily plus food vouchers
Call 300-869-9000 to make your reservation and mention *St. George Fall Gathering* for discount!

Activities include:

- ◆ Clergy Retreat ◆ Daily Services and Prayer Sessions ◆ Teen and Young Adult Activities
- ◆ Service Projects ◆ Antiochian Women meetings ◆ Meals
- ➔ An inspiring blending of worship, service, and fellowship!

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

For questions, please contact Coordinators: Julia Shaheen (jmshaheen@gmail.com) or Bob Snyder 330-285-3688.

Thank you and God bless you

Very Rev. John Allassaf, Pastor

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**THE LADIES OF ST. GEORGE INVITE YOU
TO READ A GOOD BOOK THIS SUMMER**

The Ladies of St. George are reading the book ***I Live Again: A Memoir of Ileana, Princess of Romania and Archduchess of Austria.***
Copies are available in our bookstore.

Princess Ileana in later life became Mother Alexandra, Founder of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration in Pennsylvania. She wrote this memoir herself. It tells the story of a life full of suffering, tragedy, and exile, but all is suffused with the author's deep faith, hope, love, and even joy.

All ladies are welcome to join us! We will be scheduling an evening to discuss the book together after the Festival.



STANDING READY TO RESPOND

Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas causing severe damage and is currently affecting the Carolinas. The full extent of damage is still being determined, as are the immediate needs on the ground.

How is IOCC Responding?

- **Local Church Partners:** IOCC's team is in touch with Orthodox parishes in the Bahamas and North and South Carolina to help determine their needs and ways to collaborate in response efforts. IOCC is also in conversation with ecumenical and other partners to coordinate responses for maximum effectiveness.
- **Emergency Response Vehicle:** Our well-equipped van has deployed in the US and we are ready to move in and support cleanup needs, etc. after the storm passes.
- **IOCC Frontliners:** Specially trained to serve those affected by disaster and trauma, Frontliners are standing by to offer emotional and spiritual care if needed in the Carolinas.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and **Archbishop John Fr. Joseph** Shaheen, former pastor, 9/20
Fr. Joseph Abud, Flint, Michigan, 9/10
Hana Musleh, St. Vincent Seton Hosp., 9/30
Daniel and **Ambrose** Patton, to undergo surgery, 9/23
Elias AlTawil, 9/12
 Infant **Jeremiah** Smith, from St. Mary's in Goshen, Riley Hospital, 10/16
Skylar Thomas, Charles' daughter 10/13
Anees Kanazeh, Samir's cousin 10/1
Wanda Sipe, Ruth George's goddaughter, 9/25
William, Sarah Phillips' stepfather, 9/19
Alice Capshaw, Chris' mother, 9/19
Hayfa Assale, Tom's mother, 9/14
Samantha and **Andrew**, daughter and son-in-law of Ron and Loni Freeman, 9/12
Tannis Hahn, friend of Suzanne Mesalam, 9/9
All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Josephine Iskander, Fr. Nabil's great aunt, 10/1
Emily Barakat, Salim Najjar's aunt, 9/27
Nicholas Hendershot, friend of AJ Handwork, 9/19
Linda, Sarah Phillips' step-grandmother, 9/19
Yousef Saba, Khalil Saba's father, 9/9
The victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

September 2019

Sun. 8	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • Festival Committee meeting • Ladies of St. George meeting • Festival Youth dance practice Teen SOYO bowling, dinner & meeting, 5 pm at Pinheads (13825 Britton Park Rd, Fishers)
Mon. 9	Church School staff meeting, 7 pm
Tue. 10	PLC Executive Committee , 7 pm
Wed. 11	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Sat. 14	<i>Elevation of the Cross</i> <i>Strict Fast Day</i> Matins , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am Great Vespers , 5 pm
Sun. 15	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • Festival Committee meeting • Charity Ministry meeting • Festival Youth dance practice BSU OCF vespers, dinner & discussion, 5 pm at Student Center room 306
Mon. 16 – Wed. 18	Festival workdays : grape leaves, 1-6 pm
Wed. 18 – Fri. 20	Festival setup , all day

See the full calendar and latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar