



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

The Reverend Father Michael Corbin, Pastor

Saturday Vespers: 5:00 PM

Sunday: Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Great Feast Days: 6:30 PM (on eve of Feast)

1118-1122 Cherry Ave. N.E. Canton, Ohio 44704 - 1036

Church Office Phone: (330) 455-8482 Fax: (330) 455-8489

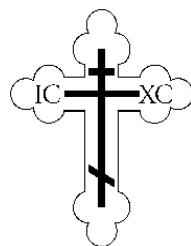
Email: stgeorgecanton@sbcglobal.net

Website: stgeorgecanton.com

Office Hours: Monday through Friday - 9 AM to 1 PM

Fr. Michael Corbin - Home: 330-494-2261 Cell: 724-234-7562

Email: abumeesh@hotmail.com



Welcome Visitors

Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular confession. We invite you to introduce yourself to Fr. Michael at the end of the Liturgy and receive a piece of the blessed bread (Antidoron). We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith.

DECEMBER 8, 2013
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE PATAPIOS OF THEBES; FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS;
SOPHRONIOS, BISHOP OF CYPRUS; APOSTLES SOSTHENES, APOLLOS, CRISPOS, CAESAR
& EPAPHRODITOS OF THE SEVENTY; MARTYR PARTHENIOS OF CHIOS

Holy Bread offered by: Sam Assali for the **health** of Sam Assali.

In memory of: Nazha Assali

A case of seven day candles were donated by Fred and Charlotte Shaheen **in memory of:** Masid and Margaret Shaheen and Edward and Lottie Nasseff.

Candle stands and altar items donated by Tina Zenedes for the **health** of Alex Zenedes.

Prayers Needed for Mother Pelagia and the nuns of St. Thekla Convent in Maaloula, Syria. They have been kidnapped and are being held by armed Islamic extremists in another village under their control.

Prayers at the table of oblation are offered for the health and safe return of captives: Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi, Metropolitan Youhanna Ibrahim, Fr. Isaac Maher Mahfouz and Fr. Michael Kayyal.

PRAYERS OFFERED AT THE TABLE OF OBLATION

For the health and salvation of: Elias Abuzakhm, Louis Albert, Tess Azar, Carol Brower, Abraham "Brownie" Brown, Barbara Esber, Celia Esber, Sidney and Takla Farah, Emily Herraiz, George and Mary Joseph, Zella Kanam, George Kannam, Jennie Kannam, Gottfried Knetsch, Joyce Liliestedt, Dennis Martinez, Shane Mckinney, Sally Michael, Charlie Ringer, Betty Shaheen, Charles D. Shaheen, Fred Shaheen, Helen Shaheen, Jamie Shaheen, Janet Shaheen, Lori Shaheen, Alexander Shaheen, Nahie Shaheen, Pauline Shaheen, Wedad Shaheen, Clarence Simpson, Brian Smith, Amy Stebner, Faria Summers, Theresa Suranski, Faiza Megali Wasef, Carolyn Wires, Alex Zenedes, Linda Ziton.

Armed Forces: Richard Bertram, Jim O'Dell, Justin Rowley.

In memory of: Archbishop +MICHAEL, Nazha Assali, Charles E. Shaheen, Sr., Joan Shaheen

Trisagion Service for: Nazha Assali (40 days)

Don't forget to pick up your stewardship envelopes! If you do not have envelopes and would like them, contact the office or Rafik AbouZakhim.

Memory Eternal!

Our condolences to the family of Joan Shaheen who passed away Monday, December 2.

Coffee Hour sponsored by Sam Assali

EVENTS

Sunday, December 8, Matins, 9am, Liturgy 10am -Youth Choir responses during portions of Liturgy
Practice for the Christmas Program after Church

Tuesday, December 9, Cleaning parsley and rolling grape leaves for the Mid-East Dinner

Wednesday, December 11, Educational Class, 6:30 pm, *Orthodox Eskimo: the Church in Alaska*

Thursday, December 12, Arabic Class, 6-7pm

Friday, December 13, Middle Eastern Dinner, Lunch 11:30-1:30 and 4:30-7:30pm

Saturday, December 14, Vespers, 5:00pm

Sunday, December 15, Matins, 9am, Liturgy 10am Practice for the Christmas Program

Tuesday, December 17, Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, Educational Class, 6:30pm, For to us a child is born, to us a child is given

Thursday, December 19, Arabic Class, 6-7pm

Saturday, December 21, Soyo Christmas carolling. Meet at the church at 11am. Vespers, 5:00pm

HOLY BREAD

COFFEE HOUR

Dec 15	Betty Shaheen	Betty Shaheen
Dec 22	Peggy Shaheen	Pasta Luncheon
Dec 24	Joe & Summer Michael	
Dec 29	Holy Bread Needed	Sponsor Needed

Troparion for the Resurrection - Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. George - Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings.
Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls salvation.

Kontakion of Preparation of Christ's Nativity - Tone 3

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

THE EPISTLE

*The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

الرسالة

الربُّ يُعطي قوَّةً لشعبه
قدِّموا للربِّ يا ابناءَ الله

فصلٌ من رسالةِ القديس بولس الرسولِ إلى أهل أفسس (2:14-22)

يا إخوةُ إنّ المسيحَ هو سلامنا هو جعلَ الإثنينَ واحداً ونفَّضَ في جَسَدِهِ حائطَ السِّياجِ الحاجزَ
أيّ العداوةِ* وأبطلَ ناموسَ الوصايا في فرائضِهِ ليخلُقَ الإثنينَ في نفسه إنساناً واحداً جديداً
بإجرائِهِ السلامِ* ويُصالحُ كليهما في جَسَدٍ واحدٍ معَ اللهِ في الصليبِ بقتلهِ العداوةَ في نفسه*
فجاءَ وبشَّرَكُم بالسلامِ البعيدينَ منكمُ والقريبينَ* لأنَّ بهِ لنا كَلِمَةُ التَّواصلِ الأبِّ في روحِ
واحدٍ* فلستُم غرباءَ بعدُ وتُزَلَّاءَ بل مواطني القديسينَ وأهلَ بيتِ الله* وقد بُنيتُم على أساسِ
الرسْلِ والانبياءِ وحجرِ الزاويةِ هو يسوعُ المسيحُ نفسه* الذي بهِ يُنسَقُ البُنْيَانُ كُلُّهُ فينمو
هيكلاً مُقدَّساً في الربِّ* وفيهِ انتم ايضاً تُبنونَ معاً مَسْكناً لله في الروحِ.

الإنجيل

فصل شريف من بشارَةِ القديس لوقا الإنجيلي البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ (13:10-17)

في ذلكَ الزمانِ كانَ يسوعُ يعلمُ في أحدِ المِجامعِ يومَ السبتِ* وإذا بامرأةٍ بها روحُ
مرَضٍ منذُ ثماني عشرةِ سنةٍ وكانتَ مُحنِيَّةً لا تستطيعُ أنْ تنتصبَ البتَّةَ* فلَمَّا رآها
يسوعُ دَعَاها وقالَ لها إِنَّكَ مُطلَقَةٌ من مرضِكِ* ووضَعَ يديهِ عليها وفي الحالِ استقامتْ
ومجَّدتْ اللهَ* فأجابَ رئيسُ المِجمعِ وهو مُعْتَاطٌ لإبراءِ يسوعَ في السبتِ وقالَ للجَمْعِ هي
سِنَّةُ أيامِ ينبغي العملِ فيها. ففيها تَأْتُونَ وَتَسْتَشْفُونَ لا في يومِ السبتِ* فأجابَ الربُّ وقالَ
يا مُرائي أليسَ كُلُّ واحدٍ منكمُ يحلُّ ثورَهُ أو حمارَهُ في السبتِ مِنَ المَدَوْدِ وينطلقُ بهِ
فيسقيهُ* وهذه هي ابنةُ إبراهيمَ التي ربطها الشيطانُ مُدَّةَ ثماني عشرةِ سنةٍ أما كانَ
ينبغي أنْ تُطلقَ من هذا الرباطِ يومَ السبتِ* ولَمَّا قالَ هذا خزي كلُّ مَنْ كانَ يقاومُهُ
وقرَحَ الجَمْعُ بجميعِ الأمورِ المجيدةِ التي كانتْ تصدرُ مِنْهُ.

**LETS CELEBRATE
AND RING IN THE NEW YEAR TOGETHER!**



**TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31ST
ST. GEORGE SOCIAL CENTER
8 PM - 1 AM**

***Delicious Middle Eastern
and
Continental Cuisine
Desserts, Champagne Toast
Cash Bar***

**Adults \$ 20.00 prepaid by December 22
\$ 25.00 at the door
\$ 10.00 Students 10 and under – Free**

For reservations,
contact Summer Michael 330 493 7839
or Sharon Albaugh 330 455 8482.

Sponsored by the Ladies of St. George



Donations needed for Sunday school!

If you are interested in donating a set of books that will be given to Sunday School students. Please see Fr. Michael or contact the office.

House of God (child's guide to church) cost - \$180

A Child's Paradise of Saints (15 stories of saints) cost - \$230 donated by Paul and Claudia Shaheen

Bless O Lord (child's guide to prayer) cost - \$230

Prayer rope bracelets cost - \$250 donated by Dr. Atef & Jehan (Jouda) Wasef

Prayer rope booklets cost - \$200

If you are interested in running for Parish council or you would like to nominate someone please see Fr. Michael or Tim Wires. Annual Parish meeting and Parish Council elections scheduled for Jan. 12 after Liturgy. There are 5 elected seats and 1 appointed seat available.

Parish Council Fundraiser

The Parish Council is selling ". Each calendar is numbered from 000 to 999. There will be a daily winner based on the Ohio Lottery's 3-digit number drawn in the evening drawing. Cost is \$25 per calendar and will be good for the whole 2014 year.

You can win more than once - as long as your "Lucky" number is drawn. Great gift idea for birthdays, stocking stuffers or for your family and friends. Contact any Parish Council member or the church office to get your calendar.

**To make this a successful fundraiser,
we need people and business owners to help sell calendars!**

Contact Andria Michael, 330-452-1197 or Sherry Albaugh, 330-455-8482.



St. George Nativity Card

If you would like your name printed in the Christmas Card that is sent out, please fill out and send the form located below along with a \$10 donation to:

*St. George Church Nativity Card
1118 Cherry Ave NE, Canton OH 44704
or place in the Sunday collection tray.*

*Make checks payable to: St. George Church.
Deadline is December 15, 2013*

ST. GEORGE NATIVITY CARD

Clearly print name exactly as you want it to appear on the card.



Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous

December 12

Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname "Wonderworker." So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honoured by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairetes, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)