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Service Materials

For your health and safety, we are presently unable to have service books in the pews. For those who would like to follow along with the services, there are two options.

1) You may bring your own book to follow along with the Liturgy. Most of the variable items can be found in this bulletin, including the Typika & Beatitudes sung before the Small Entrance.

2) You can access all the service texts on your smart phone. There will be a sign with QR codes providing the links to the morning’s services as you enter the Church, or you can find everything directly at agesinitiatives.com. At present, you will need to access the Orthros, the Liturgy, and the Liturgy - Variable Parts. The Orthros covers the service prior to 10 am, and the other two files cover the service after 10 am.

Typika
Psalm 102 (103).

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards: who is merciful to all your transgressions, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from corruption, who crowns you with mercy and compassion, who satisfies your desire with good things; and your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord shows mercies and judgment to all who are wronged. He made known His ways to Moses, the things He willed to the sons of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He will not become angry to the end, nor will He be wrathful forever; He did not deal with us according to our sins, nor reward us according to our transgressions; for according to the height of heaven from earth,
so the Lord reigns in mercy over those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so He removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him, for He knows how He formed us; He remembers we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, as a flower of the field, so he flourishes; for the wind passes through it, and it shall not remain; and it shall no longer know its place. But the mercy of the Lord is from age to age upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness upon children's children, to such as keep His covenant and remember His commandments, to do them. The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, all you His angels, mighty in strength, who do His word, so as to hear the voice of His words. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, His ministers who do His will; bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 145 (146).

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

Praise the Lord, O my soul. I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist. Do not trust in rulers and in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation. His breath shall go out of him, and he shall return to his earth; on that day all his thoughts shall perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them, who keeps truth forever, who executes justice for the wronged, who provides food for the hungry. The Lord frees those bound. The Lord restores those broken down. The Lord gives wisdom to the blind. The Lord loves the righteous. The Lord keeps watch over resident aliens. He shall adopt the orphan and the widow, but He shall destroy the way of sinners. The Lord shall reign forever: your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us.

THE BEATITUDES

Mode 4

In Your kingdom. Remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

The remaining hymns of the Beatitudes may be found at https://www.agesinitiatives.com/dcs/public/dcs/dcs.html.

If you browse to Sunday's date, you will be able to see the option of "Liturgy - Variable Parts." If you click on this, you will see the variable hymns and readings for the day.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 4.

The joyful news of the Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

For the Archangel.

Mode 4. You who were lifted.

O Chief Commander of the heavenly armies, we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory,
guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: As the Commander of the hosts on high, rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

Apolytikion of the Church

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion.

Mode 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon: O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly; You made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly.

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

16:13-24 (Div. Lit. Bk. 84)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one
another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-42 (Div. Lit. Bk. 85)
The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes?'"

Ecclesiastical Feast

For the 13th Sunday of Matthew. The commemoration of the miracle of the Archangel Michael in Colossae in Phrygia. Of the Holy Martyr Kalodoti.
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Wisdom from the Church Fathers

"We must not approach Christ out of fear of how we will die and of what will become of us. Rather, we must open out hearts to Him, as when we tug at a window curtain and the sun immediately shines in. In this way Christ will come to us, that we might truly love Him. This is the best way."

- St. Porphyrios the Kapsokalyvite

Church Cycle and Saints

September 06 - The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae (Chonae)

The feast today in honour of the Archangel Michael commemorates the great miracle he wrought when he delivered from destruction a church and holy spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to destroy the aforesaid church and holy spring by turning the course of two rivers against them. But the Archangel appeared and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means "funnels" in Greek.

September 07 - Sozon the Martyr

This holy Martyr was a shepherd in Lycaonia. Born a pagan, named Tarasius, he received holy Baptism and was renamed Sozon. Filled with zeal for the truth, he taught his countrymen to desist from the worship of idols. Once he entered the temple of Artemis in Pompeiopolis of Cilicia, cut off the golden hand of the idol, and breaking it in pieces, distributed it among the poor. When he saw that many were being unjustly punished for the theft, of his own accord he gave himself up to Maximian the Governor. He was beaten with rods until his bones were broken. According to some, he suffered martyrdom in 288; according to others, in 304.

September 08 - The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was born of barren and aged parents, Joachim and Anna, about the year 16 or 17 before the birth of Christ. Joachim was descended from the royal line of David, of the tribe of Judah. Anna was of the priestly tribe of Levi, a daughter of the priest Matthan and Mary, his wife.

September 09 - The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna

Today, the day following the Nativity of the most holy Theotokos, we celebrate the synaxis of Saints Joachim and Anna, honouring them as her parents.

September 09 - Severian the Martyr of Sebastia

Saint Severian, a senator from Sebastia, was both an illustrious man of wealth and a fearless Christian. Because he encouraged the holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia to stand fast in their confession, he was given over to terrible torments, and received his own crown during the reign of Licinius and Lysius the Duke, about the year 315.

September 10 - Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs

These Martyrs, sisters according to the flesh, were from Bithynia. They lived in virginity on a mountain near the Pythian hot springs of Bithynia, devoting themselves to asceticism and prayer. Betrayed to the local governor, Fronto, they were subjected to frightful tortures, and so gave up
their holy souls into the hands of God. They contested for the Faith during the reign of Maximian, in the year 304.

**September 11 - Theodora of Alexandria**

This saint lived in the fifth century. Out of remorse for the adultery that she committed with another man, she fled from her husband’s house, renamed herself Theodore, clothed herself as a man, and pretending to be a eunuch, entered a monastery of men. Her identity as a woman was discovered only after her death.

**September 12 - Autonomos the Martyr**

This saint was a bishop in Italy. Fleeing from the persecution of Diocletian in 298, he came to Bithynia, where he went from place to place converting many from the idols to the true God. Because of this, one day as he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Archangels, they who worshipped wood and stones fell upon him and beat him to death with staves and stones.

**Prayer List**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Anastasia & family, Pavel & his family, Angela Matt, Fotini Kollias, Ioan, Phyllis Hionis, Peter, Kyriaki and family, Gus & Maria Grias, Marianthi Pappas, Virginia Sikavitsas, Lillian Constantakis, Nick, Bobbie, & Aleko Tsahsiris, Bobbie Cotton, Vicki Anastasiou, Foula Kotsou, Penelope Kakaris, Koula Stathis, Ari Gaitanis, Marina Kandrevas, Garefo Kollias

If you would like the Church to pray for you, please contact the Church office to add your name, of the names of your loved ones, to the Prayer List.

It is important to care for the elderly and those whose immune systems are compromised for other reasons among us - ensuring that they have all that they need, and that we check in with them frequently, must be our highest responsibility in this time. Please be attentive to those in the parish who have smaller families or whose families live farther away. Please be proactive to care for them yourselves, and to inform Fr. Anthony or the Church office so that we can add our efforts to yours.

**Church Beautification**

Since we began to raise funds for Church Beautification last summer, we have found donors for almost all of the items, including the new Epitaphios, the new Kouvouklion, and the white, gold, and purple Kalimata for the Holy Table and the Proskynitaria. The only color remaining is Green, used on several high occasions throughout the Church year, including feasts of the Forerunner, Palm Sunday, and Pentecost. The Green set will cost $2,435. If you are interested in donating this item, please contact the Church office or speak with Fr. Anthony.

**Office Hours & Home/Hospital Visitation - from Fr. Anthony**

The Church’s office hours are 9-4 Monday-Friday. You can call or stop by to speak with the office staff any time during those hours. If you have a general Church-related question, you should speak with Susan Solo, who is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday. If you need to meet with me, however, it’s best to call first, as I may already be with another appointment, and am frequently called away to other visitations and appointments. If you prefer, I am happy to arrange a time in advance. Please note that I am available again for hospital visitations, if the hospital permits me to visit, but many have strict limitations. Please call me, or have someone in your family call me, so that I can come to visit you, or at least call to speak and pray with you.
Announcements

**Church Etiquette**

We ask that the doors of the Narthex be closed and no one enters the Church during the following portions of the service: Epistle, Gospel, Sermon, Great Entrance, Creed, Consecration, and Lord's Prayer. Please be respectful of the prayer and attention of those who are in the Church as you enter.

When it is time for Holy Communion, please remain in your pews until the members of the Parish Council come to your pew to usher you forward by row. In this way, we can ensure that our approaching of the Sacred Mysteries will be accomplished in an appropriate and orderly manner.

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**During this Phase 1 of reopening for public Church Services, we are limited in how many Faithful can be present in the pews for each service.** We are maintaining a sign-up sheet on the Church website for each service, so those who wish to reserve a spot can do so. Please check the website each week for these signups, or call the Church office to reserve your spot.

**Trisagion - Chris Kircos**

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today, we will serve the Trisagion Service for Chris Kircos, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 15th. May his memory be eternal, and may the Lord grant comfort and peace to his family as they grieve.

**Appointments**

Whenever possible, appointments will be held via phone or video-conference. You may make an appointment by contacting Fr. Anthony by email (franthonyc@mac.com) or phone (734.716.2268).

**Online Giving**

We have set up an option for online donations from either a credit card or directly from your bank account on the home page of the Church website. That said - we know that these same uncertainties face all of us. Please do not feel an obligation to support the Church if your regular income has been disrupted - we all have a primary responsibility to care for those whom God has entrusted to our care. But if you are still working, either as an essential employee, or from home, please consider giving some additional support to the Church in this time. And if you have your regular Sunday offering envelopes set aside from the last several weeks, please consider sending those to the Church in the mail.

On a related note - if you, or anyone you know, are facing challenges at this time, whether financial or practical, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Anthony. There are several volunteers from the parish ready and waiting to lend a hand should one be needed.

**Subscription**

In this time of lockdown, we have limited ways of keeping in touch with all of you. If you know of anyone who is not on the Listserv list, please provide their email address to Susan or Fr. Anthony, or urge them to do so. If you use Facebook, please like and begin to follow our parish page (https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgeGOCSouthgate/). You can also befriend Fr. Anthony on Facebook, if you wish, to keep touch with him more easily through this time (https://www.facebook.com/franthonyc). Finally, we urge you all to subscribe to our Youtube channel, so that you may receive notifications every time we begin a Live Stream. The channel may be found at https://www.youtube.com/c/franthonyc-stgeorgesouthgate.

**Memorial Services**

Although we will not have memorial services with koliva, you can still submit the names of your departed loved ones for the priest to read during the Sunday Divine Liturgies. You can also make arrangements for private memorial services at the cemetery with only the priest and immediate family.
Upcoming Events & Services

**Upcoming Events**
Thursday, September 24
7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 6
7:00 pm - Deaconess Committee Meeting

**Church Services**
Monday, September 7
7:00 pm - Vespers AT NATIVITY IN PLYMOUTH

Saturday, September 12
5:00 pm - Vespers

Sunday, September 13
7:00 pm - Vespers AT HOLY CROSS IN FARMINGTON HILLS

Saturday, September 19
5:00 pm - Vespers

Saturday, October 3
NO Vespers

Saturday, October 10
5:00 pm - Vespers

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**He Who is not With Me is Against Me**

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that “he who is not for Me is against Me.” (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.