

This Week at St. George

Sunday, September 7, 2014

9:00AM	Matins
10:00AM	Divine Liturgy Memorial for Rita Dennett
6:00PM	Great Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Monday, September 8, 2014

8:00AM **Orthos and Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

6:00PM **Vespers
Adult Education Class**

Saturday, September 13, 2014

4:00PM **Great Vespers (Celebrated at Holy Cross in Flagstaff)**

Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial service immediately following Liturgy today for the newly departed Rita Dennett, sister of Anna Marie Kontonis and Dionysios Kontonis.

Adult Education Class

Adult education following Wednesday service, studying "The Life of Moses" by St. Gregory of Nyssa. A brilliant Church Father's guide to the meaning and goal of virtuous life.

Back Yard

For the time being the back yard where construction is being done is off limits to children. Parents please keep children in the fellowship hall and courtyard.

Church School Needs

The Sunday School program is requesting any old Orthodox calendars or cards with icons that can be used by our kids. Items can be placed in the box that is in the church library.

Gyro Booth

Thank you to all who helped with this year's Gyro Booth!

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

For the upcoming Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14th), on the Eve of the Feast, which is a Saturday, September 13th, we will make our way up to Flagstaff to celebrate Great Vespers with our sister mission, Holy Cross. A reception will follow the service. Holy Cross is located at 16 W Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ, 86001. Cars will be leaving St. George at 2:00pm.

Katherine Elizabeth Zogob has arrived!

The Zogob family is proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Zogob. She was born on Tuesday, September 2nd at 8am and weighs in at 5 lbs 12 oz and is 20 inches long. Jill and Katherine are both doing well. Congratulations, Raymond and Jill and may God grant you all many years!



If you have bulletin announcements, please contact Jill Normandin by Thursday to have your announcement included in the Sunday bulletin. Email jillnormandin@gmail.com or call 928-533-3977 (email is preferable so no details are missed).



St. George Orthodox Church of Prescott

Sunday, September 7, 2014—Sunday Before Holy Cross
Served by Fr. Jeffrey Frate

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The Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

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 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.

The Gospel Reading is from John 3:13-17

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 may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

PRAYER LIST

Matthew Bricker, Greg, Lauren and family, Aiden and Alyssa, Vanessa Bricker, Nathan Bricker, Kathy, Mary, Dan and Marcia Hill, Valentina Thommen, Fr. Makarios Mwaura and family (Kenya), Amber Brogger & children, Elena Cook, Walt Thayer, Vera Timotijevic, John Walendziak, Cynthia DeLeone, Roman Benyk, Thom Mellema, Karen Clark, Vadim, Kristina, Rochelle and Wayne Pedersen and Lisa.

For our sons and daughters serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; Jordan Verespe, Don (Spyridon) Hock, Col. Stephen Close, Matthew Bricker, Matt Meyers, Jordan Lunsford, Joseph Peck and Benjamin Peck.

And for the departed Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Gabriel Cooke, may his memory be eternal.

And the newly departed Rosella Spahn and Dominic Frate.

As members of an Orthodox Christian family, we are called upon to pray for each other. If you would like us to remember you or your loved one in our prayers, please contact the church office at 928-777-8750 or e-mail the name of your loved one to jillnormandin@gmail.com

For our Visitors this morning!

If this is your first visit to an Orthodox Christian liturgy we welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The Eastern Orthodox Church traces her lineage back to the Day of Pentecost, the birth of the New Testament Church. We are liturgical in worship, using the liturgies developed in the fourth century and attributed to St. John Chrysostom, and St. Basil the Great, also, the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy attributed to St. Gregory Dialogos, Pope of Rome. Liturgy literally means, "work of the people", and it seems these services are attributed to these three saints because they were in every sense of the word champions of the people, caring for their flocks with true wisdom and discernment, and not afraid to suffer on their behalf, and on behalf of the truth. We are the "Church of the Bible" since it was in the bosom of the Church that the New Testament developed and was given birth. We are hierarchical in structure, visibly witnessing to, and manifesting, the reality that the grace of God flows from our one great High Priest and Hierarch, Jesus Christ, through the communion of hierarchs throughout the world to the entire body of the faithful, even to the smallest child. The apex of our worship experience is to commune with God in the Body and Blood of Christ. He Himself taught in the Gospel of St. John, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh...For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." (Jn 6:51,55) In light of this, the Divine Liturgy of the Orthodox Church is essentially Eucharistic, meaning it is offered in thanksgiving to the One Triune God who continuously sends down the Holy Spirit upon us and the bread and wine that we offer, making these humble things, for us the unworthy, the precious Body and Blood of Christ. **Please note that Holy Communion is reserved for those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer and fasting to receive the Holy Mysteries.** We do invite you to receive the blessed bread (antidoron) which is offered to all after the dismissal, and please do join us at the conclusion of the Divine Service for our fellowship meal in the hall next door. May the Lord richly bless your worship with us in this morning's Divine Liturgy!

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR FORE-FAST OF NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

*(** Joseph was amazed**)*

From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the great king, Mary, the child of God is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal. Both Heaven and the earth rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below. The righteous Joachim rejoiceth, and Anna keepeth feast, crying out: The barren beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE

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 FOR FORE-FAST OF NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE THREE

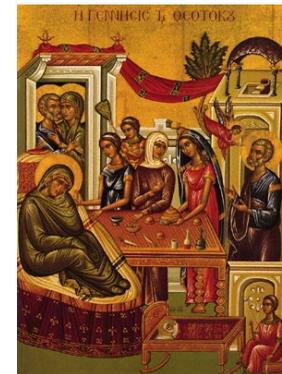
*(**On this day the Virgin**)*

On this day the Virgin Maid, Mary the pure Theotokos, the unentered bride-chamber of the great Heavenly Bridegroom, now is born of barren Anna by the divine will, to be made ready for God the Word as His chariot: for which she was ordained as the gate of God and the very Mother of Life.



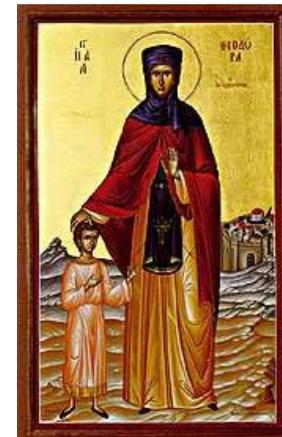
Sozon the Martyr (September 7)

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.



The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary (September 8)

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.



Theodora of Alexandria (September 11)

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.