



Schedule of Church Services

Sunday	7:00 – 7:30 AM	Matin Prayers
	7:30-10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (Arabic)
	8:00-10:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (English)
	11:00AM-12:00 Noon	Sermon in Arabic
	11:15AM-12:00 Noon	Sunday School
	12:15-1:00PM	Servants Meeting
	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Bible Study N.T. (Arabic)
Wednesday	8:00-10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (Arabic)
Thursday	5:30AM-7:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Friday	7:30–9:00 PM	Youth meeting (H. S. & College)
Saturday	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (English)
	5:00 – 6:30 PM	Advanced Hymn class
	6:30 – 7:00 PM	Beginners Hymn class
	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Bible Study O.T. (Arabic)
	7:00 -- 8:00 PM	Vesper Prayers
	8:00–10:00 PM	Midnight Praises
The Priests receive confession by appointment & during midnight praises		

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www.stgeorge-lacopts.org

Please share the magazine articles with your children and encourage them to submit articles for publication.



Schedule for the Summer Club - "Nady"



Monday – Thursday

From 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Prayers in church from 9:15 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Your Cooperation is Important!

Christian values are always the basis of our behavior,

Even in the Summer club.

Enjoy socialization and all the other activities,

Quietly, and in an orderly manner.

Refrain from using improper language and

Loud voices during games.

As we strive to be Christian Icons,

We should be courteous to our neighbors;

Let us not disturb them.

**Remember! Good conduct is to our
advantage,**

**As we will soon present the project of the
new Building for a hearing at the city.**

The Summer Club activities will continue until the

End of August 2001.

God Bless all.

Have a wonderful summer!



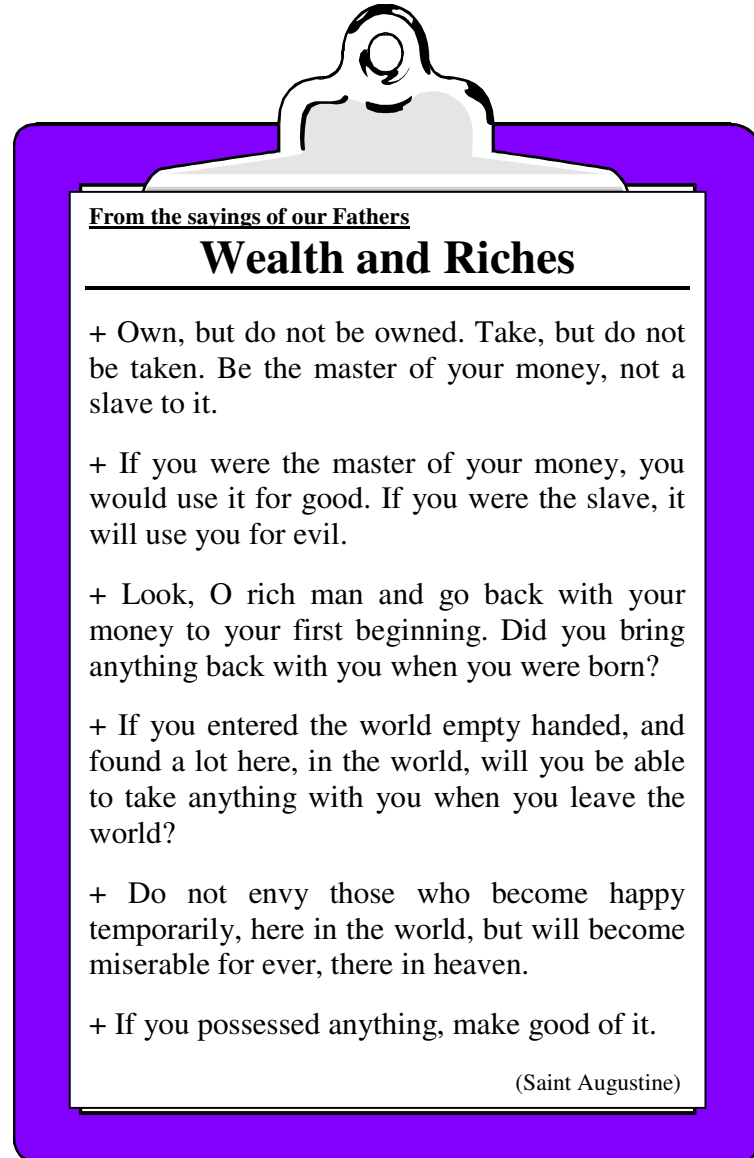
We Give Thanks to our Good Lord

(H.G. Bishop Serapion)

We give thanks to our Good Lord, Who loved us and took our nature, died on the cross, and rose from the dead so that we may mortify our sins, and be raised with Him for a new life. Also, with His Ascension to heaven, He ascended us all together with Him in heaven, Our loving Lord Jesus Christ has sent us the Holy Spirit so that He may abide with us, and let us know the gifts endowed upon us by Him. ***“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”*** (1 Corinthians 2: 9-12)

God has bestowed on us the gifts of believing in Him and the Holy Spirit guides us to have faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, ***“... No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit”*** God granted us the gift to be called children of God, by adoption, ***“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”*** (1 John 3: 1). The Holy Spirit is the spirit of adoption by which we call God ***“Our Father”***, and He has granted us the gift of being heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, ***“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father”. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”*** (Romans 8:17). God gave us a life, of holiness and righteousness, and the Holy Spirit directs us in a life of holiness, for he convicts us of our sins and leads us to repentance. He also lets us bear the fruit of the Spirit which is, ***“Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance”*** (Galatians 5: 22-23). A person who is filled with the spirit is a loving person whose feelings are moved by his needy brethren, for true love is practical love that gives and sacrifices even unto one’s self.

Thanks to God Who has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell in us, and we ask our good Lord to renew His Holy Spirit within us so that we may always bear the fruit of the Spirit and love each other with effective true love. May the blessings of these holy days be with us all. Amen.



From the sayings of our Fathers

Wealth and Riches

+ Own, but do not be owned. Take, but do not be taken. Be the master of your money, not a slave to it.

+ If you were the master of your money, you would use it for good. If you were the slave, it will use you for evil.

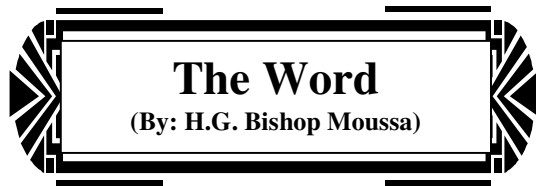
+ Look, O rich man and go back with your money to your first beginning. Did you bring anything back with you when you were born?

+ If you entered the world empty handed, and found a lot here, in the world, will you be able to take anything with you when you leave the world?

+ Do not envy those who become happy temporarily, here in the world, but will become miserable for ever, there in heaven.

+ If you possessed anything, make good of it.

(Saint Augustine)



A most important milestone of Kingdom Way is the Word, On this point we have:

1. The Word within the Self-Existent Word, the Second Hypostasis, the Logos, the Divine Wisdom.
2. The Word without the vocal, legible or written word, referring to word when heard or read or in a book.

Therefore, the Word in the first case is male. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God"* (John 1: 1,2). Here, the Word of God "*Logos*", while the letter refers to more utterance explaining something, not referring to the Logos or one of the Hypostasis.

Good News

Preaching the Word in church is essential for two reasons:

+ *"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Romans 10:17). To believe, man must hear the Bible's good news. Therefore, no faith comes without preaching Christ God's news, or without ministering the word, or without instructing in different ways. Saint Paul the Apostle reflects, *"How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?"* (Romans 10: 14,15).

+ *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"* (Hosia 4: 6). The word is essential for knowledge, and sound knowledge is essential for salvation. Any deficiency on our side on conveying God's word to people leads to their destruction.

The Importance of Preaching the Word:

The importance of preaching the Gospel proceeds from the fact that the good news, the news of salvation through

Christ, must reach every soul. People must be acknowledged with the Kingdom Way and the milestones even its obstacles as well as the encouraging elements. They have to know what is required to go through peacefully and safely.

Therefore, church exerts every effort to instruct believers after they are spurred to repent. Preaching and then giving instructions are two complementary and inseparable tasks in Church, the congregation are spurred to repent, to come back to God's bosom and His open arms. To them, the milestones of the Kingdom Way are revealed and explained which helps towards following a sound spiritual line.

Preaching precedes giving instructions, concerning a believer's needs. Preaching brings the believers back to the Father's realm, while the instructions show to go on. But this is not to deny man's daily need for presiding and self-exhortation, "*Exhort one another daily*" (Hebrew 3: 13), in order not to be lifeless due to love of sin or spiritual lukewarmness.

Channels of conveying God's word

One may wonder, "How God's word can be conveyed to brethren"? This is available in numerous channels, out of which are:

1. The Vocal Word

It is preaching the Gospel in spiritual meetings or domestic visits or through individual work with full confidence that God's word *:Shall not return to Me (God) void*" (Isaiah 55: 11), for workers' preoccupation and duty is to preach.

2. The Audible Word

The service of cassette records is equally excellent and effective as people can listen to it at any time, such as while changing clothes, or having a rest, or driving, etc... Bear in mind that listening to liturgies, church anthems, sermons and hymns actually sanctifies soul and mind together.

3. The Legible Word

It is available in spiritual books, pamphlets, leaflets and magazines. It is a vitally important method, though contemporary generations abstain from reading, which is a regretful phenomenon, the fruits of which will be reaped in forms of spiritual and mental shallowness, and in weakness in human creativity, in fields of literature, culture, and particularly in the religious domain. Therefore, young people should be encouraged to develop their faculty of reading gradually, starting with a leaflet, then a magazine, then a booklet, then a book, then move to read references. This system of developing the faculty of reading will make young people give up this stagnation of mind resulted from T.V., a stagnation that afflicts all the world, mentally, psychologically and spiritually.

As a scientific experiment, turning off T.V. proved basic for:

- + Consolidating ties between family members.
- + Establishing social relationships with other families.
- + Promoting the faculty of reading in people.
- + Establishing new constructive friendships.

4. The Visual Word

It is available in video and projector. It is a method of the age which the church can use constructively in establishing a healthy life for young people. It is a compromising element that can retain balance against the flood of obscene and destructive films.

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Rules to Guide the Soul:

- + Read The Bible...It Will Scare The Hell Out Of You!
- + Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible!
- + A family altar can alter a family.
- + Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord!
- + God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- + Be Fishers of Men.... You catch 'em, He'll Clean 'em.
- + God doesn't want shares of your life; He wants controlling interest!

A Second Homily on Paul the Apostle

(Mar Jacob of Serugh)

Who, like this man, while being wise, cultivated, and learned, could say that he professed naught but the Crucified? `The Greeks seek wisdom, but I preach naught, save Christ crucified and slain. 'While being the peer of the Greeks in wisdom, he confined all his discourse to the simplicity of Jesus.

He limited his words to the scorn of the Cross, lest he introduce artifice into his preaching. He came to perceive the great power of the Cross, and apprehended that to this Name, all things are in subjection.

He saw that the Cross is the leaven in which life is found, and added it alone to the dough of his apostleship. With this proclamation he cried out among the nations, `The Cross! The Cross!' and nothing else at all.

Herein he comprehended all the force of his preaching, Knowing that herein was bound up all wisdom.

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+ For us, murder is once for all forbidden...
It makes no difference whether one take away
The life once born,
Or destroy it as it comes to birth.
He is a man, who is to be a man;
The fruit is always present in the seed.

(Tertullian- 3rd Century)

+ Apart from God,
Every activity is merely a passing whiff
Of insignificance.

(Alfred North Whitehead '1861-1947')

+ Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change;
And when we are right, make us easy to live with.

Peter Marshall (1902-1949)

The Two-Faces people

Generally speaking, when we say that someone is a double-faced person, we mean that he is a hypocrite. He wears a false face to cover his true feelings. He pretends to be what he is not, better than what he really is.

The Holy Bible calls the double-faced person “hypocrite”. Christ criticizes the Scribes and the Pharisees because their practices were contradicting their teachings. Not only they were defiled, but they also defiled other people. (Matthew 23: 13-36).

A. From the Old Testament:

1. “Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth. And they lied to Him with their tongue. For their heart was not steadfast with Him.” (Psalms 78: 36-37)
2. “Therefore the Lord said, *‘Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths, and honor me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me.’* ” (Isaiah 29:13)
3. “...And they hear your words, but they do not do them, for with their mouth, they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.” (Ezekiel 33:31)

B. From the New Testament:

1. “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you saying ‘These people draw near to me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips. But their heart is far from Me. And, in vain, they worship Me. Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ ” (Matthew 15: 7-9)
2. “Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are the whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” (Matthew 23: 27-28)
3. Jesus said in His teachings, *“Beware of the Scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the workplaces, the best seats in the synagogues,... who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”* (Mark 12: 33-40).

Saint John the Baptist

As the account of Luke 1: 5-80 relates, Saint John the Baptist was the son of Elizabeth and Zachariah. Elizabeth of course was the cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary who came to help her cousin while both were pregnant. John, while in Elizabeth's womb, recognized the Divinity of the child in Mary's womb as "he leapt for joy". During this time his father Zachariah had been struck dumb because he doubted while in the temple where he beheld a vision from the Archangel Gabriel foretelling of John's role as preparing the way for the Savior. Still without voice at John's birth, the relatives and High Priests were arguing among themselves as to what this child's name should be when God gave voice back to Zachariah after he had written on a tablet for all to see: "John is his name." Indeed, as we all know, John went on to be "the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the way of the Lord." He became known as "the Baptist" or "Baptizer" because he baptized countless people, exhorting them to do penance and to amend their ways. Just as he was the precursor to Christ, his agenda was also the precursor for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he proclaimed when he beheld Jesus at the shore of the River Jordan, "Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1: 29) John was the bridge between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. In Sirach 48: 1-10 we see that he is the new Elijah. John born in the summer when the days begin to get shorter while Jesus was born in the winter when the days begin to grow longer. This symbolism was pointed out by Saint Augustine in his writings. He played an important role in preparing the way for salvation.



Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Originally known as Simon, Peter (.4 BC - A.D. 64), a fisherman, was called to be a disciple of Jesus at the beginning in his ministry. He received from Jesus the name Cephas (the 'Rock'). He is known as "The Rock" of the Church. At the Jerusalem Council in about 49 it was decided that Paul's mission should be to the Gentiles and Peter's to the Jews. Through the actions of this saint, we realize Peter was "everyman", an accomplished fisherman by trade who Jesus turned into a "Fisher of men." Peter was weak and afraid, evidence by his denial of Christ as Jesus foretold, but was strengthened on Pentecost to become brave and strong, leader of the fledgling Church. Cowering in fear far from Our Lord's Crucifixion at the time, he courageously went to his own crucifixion later in Rome as a martyr. Humbled by the previous experience he expressed that he was not worthy to be crucified in the same manner as Our Lord, and thus was crucified upside down. From a pebble to a strong rock God transformed this great Apostle just as the Almighty can transform all of us if we are open to His Will. Peter's counterpart, Saint Paul took a different route to sanctity Starting out as Saul of Tarsus, the Pharisee who was a voracious persecutor of Christians, he was struck from his horse en route to Damascus as God confronted him directly "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" To impress that this was truly the One, True God, He struck Saul blind, instructing this Jewish persecutor to go into the city of Damascus and wait.

After three days God, through His angel, sent a Christian named Ananias to Paul who was still blind. Ananias had been assured by God that ***"this man is a chosen vessel to Me, to carry My Name among nations kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for My Name"*** (Acts 9: 15-16). Trusting in God, Ananias approached Saul saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me - Jesus, Who appeared to thee on thy journey - that thou mayest recover thy

sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." As Acts 9: 17-19 relates, "there fell from his eyes something like scales and he recovered his sight, and arose and was baptized." It was then that Saul realized the folly of his ways and turned his fervor to persecute as Saul into a fire of evangelism as Paul in converting countless Jews and Gentiles to the One, True Faith. It was not an easy path for upon his conversion he did as the Lord instructed, first going to Arabia in preparation for the mission God had for him. Paul underwent numerous hardships including shipwreck, rejection, imprisonment and internal bickering but, by trusting in Christ and the Holy Spirit, this fiery saint persevered in writing and proclaiming the majority of the epistles of the New Testament. His journeys ultimately brought him to Rome where he received his crown of martyrdom by beheading in 67 AD, shortly after Peter was crucified by the Romans. Some tradition, however, mentions that they were both martyred on the same day.





Retreat for 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades

Monday August 6, 2001 to
Thursday August 9, 2001

High School Convention

Girls

Thursday August 2, 2001
Sunday August 5, 2001

Boys

Thursday August 9, 2001 to
Sunday August 12, 2001

College Convention

Thursday August 16, 2001 to
Sunday August 19, 2001

