

**St. George the Great Martyr Eastern Orthodox Church, Hesperia, California**

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**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (11<sup>th</sup> of Luke)**

**Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria**

**Ven. John of Damascus**

**Glorification of New Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander Hotovitzky, missionary in America**

**Troparion: Tone 8**      *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to Thee.

**Troparion: Tone 8**      *(St Barbara)*

Let us honor the holy martyr Barbara, for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the enemy, and destroyed them through the help and defense of the cross.

**Troparion: Tone 8**      *(St John)*

O champion of orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs; all wise Father John, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.

**Troparion: Tone 6**      *(St Alexander)*

In a time of fiery temptations for the Church of Russia, thou didst manifest Christ's love to thy flock through meekness and humility. As a good pastor thou didst lay down thy life for Him. Pray for us, Hieromartyr Alexander, that our souls may be illumined.

**Troparion to Saint George:** You were bound for.... Glory to The Father....

**Kontakion: Tone 8**      *(Resurrection)*

By rising from the tomb, thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Kontakion: Tone 4**      *(St Barbara)*

Singing the praises of the Trinity, thou didst follow God by enduring suffering; thou didst renounce the multitude of idols, O holy martyr Barbara. In thy struggles, thou wast not frightened by the threats of thy torturers, but cried out in a loud voice: I worship the Trinity in one Godhead.

**Kontakion: Tone 4**      *(St John)*

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor, the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church, the defender of her doctrines: through the might of the Lord's cross he overcame heretical error, and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins may be granted to all.

**Kontakion: Tone 2**     *(St Alexander)*

Hieromartyr Alexander, thou didst bear labors and illness upon thy shoulders, and joyfully took the narrow path of suffering for Christ, through which thou didst attain the heavenly Kingdom. Entreat God the Savior to grant us mercy on the Day of Judgment!

**Kontakion of Saint George:** God raised you .... Now and ever ....

**Prokeimenon: Tone 8**     *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God. *(Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Epistle:**           (224) Ephesians 4:1-6

**Tone 8:**           Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*V Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior. (Ps. 94:1)*

*V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)*

**Gospel:** (85) Luke 17:12-19

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. *(Ps. 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Church 2023 Calendars**

- This year the calendars need to be sold (at \$10.00 each).

**Confessions (by appointment)**

**Bible Study:** (Sunday, November 27 at 12:45 p.m.) the transfer to Sunday is experimental to gauge interest.

**Children's (St. Nicholas) party:** Saturday, December 17, at 2 p.m.

- Donations for the Children's gifts and fresh flowers for the church, please see Marleen or Liz.
- General Assembly is Jan. 29, 2023.
- Parish Council Meeting is Dec/5<sup>th</sup>.

Questions on Orthodoxy may be submitted to Fr. Alexander (email: [profalexjs@gmail.com](mailto:profalexjs@gmail.com)) for inclusion in the Orthodox study.

## WHY WE PLEDGE

Fr. Alexander

Our Church relies entirely on the goodwill offering of its faithful sons and daughters. Because offerings are the only support of the church, all donors are appreciated and recognized in the Holy Liturgy. Those donors that are sacramentally Orthodox, over the age of 18, and meet the financial pledge, can participate in the mission of the church, vote others into office, and serve on the parish council themselves.

Guests, friends, and younger people are also treasured, whether they are with us temporarily or permanently. They also are in our prayers, and we extend a warm welcome to them, in all non-sacramental functions. St. George is God's house for them, too.

Our weekly tray is meant to reflect each person's voluntary offering. What we place in the tray becomes God's money. It is each person's token of appreciation to God for the blessings he bestows on us.

In order to have a record of the "full, supporting members," the parish council has determined the nominal sum of \$10 per week for each supporting adult member (anyone above the age of 18). One must meet this minimum in order to be a full supporting member of the Church, otherwise one remains a guest, friend, or visitor.

For a donation to be counted as a pledge, the donor's name must appear on the donation envelope, if cash is enclosed (for candles or for the tray). Alternatively, a check can be used. Pledges and donations can also be mailed to the church office.

Please pray and ask whether you should be a full supporting member of this Church. This is between you and God. Our prayer is that God will grant you health and every blessing for considering the needs of his Church.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Members in the family: \_\_\_\_\_

My (our) pledge for 2023 is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Completed forms will be collected by Marleen)