

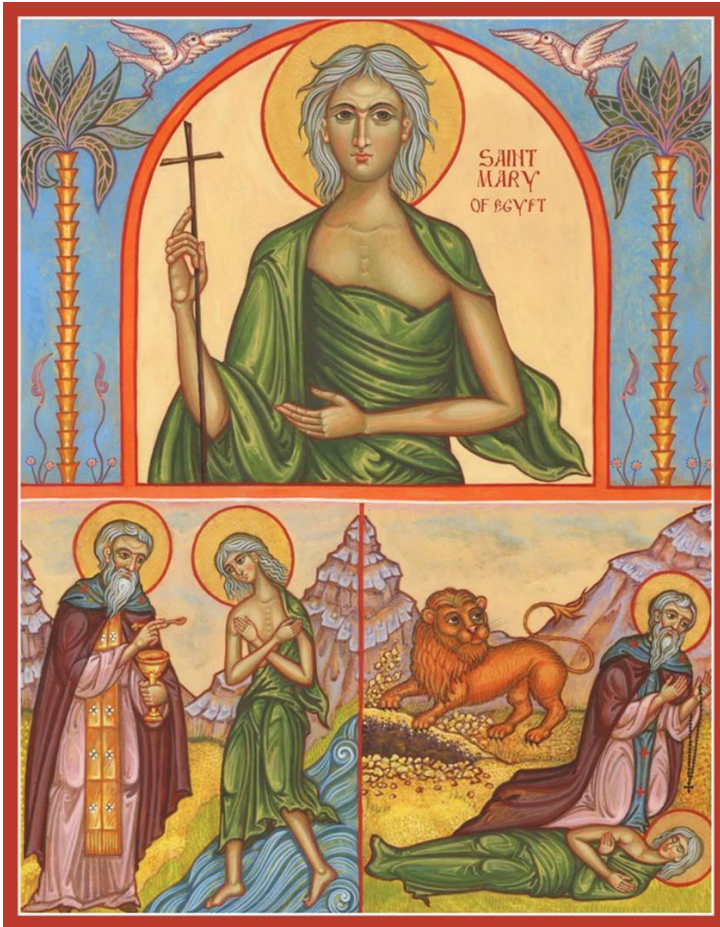


SUNDAY BULLETIN

Saint George Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

April 5, 2020



We celebrate Monk-Martyrs Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, and those with them, Theodora the Righteous of Thessaloniki, Agathopodes and Theodulos the Martyrs, George the new Martyr

**Our final Book Club/Bible Study conference call is on Monday 4/6/2020 at 6:30 pm.
Call in #: 605-313-5963 Code: 572515**

Prayer Form

Please fill out a [Prayer form](#) and Fr. Neofitos will Light your candles and pray for the names of the individuals submitted.

Donations

We would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your support. It is through such acts of kindness that we can continue to grow our ministry.

[Donations](#) can be made for:

- [Candles](#)
 - \$1 - Small Candle
 - \$5 - Red Votive Candle
- [Stewardship](#)
- [Easter Donation](#)
- [General Donation](#)

Recurring payment option available.

Easter Flower Donation- We are again accepting flower donations as our vendor has resumed making deliveries.

Please email or call the office for any special request.

St. George Parish Survey

We ask that you please fill out the survey below.
We appreciate any information you can provide us with.

[Parish Survey](#)



Welcome to St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Dear Parishioners of our St. George Family,

Last Sunday we celebrated St. John, author of the Ladder of Divine Ascent. In these 30 volumes lies the allgory of 30 rungs leading up to the Kingdom of Heaven. Each rung, being either a virtue to be attained or a passion to be conquered, in order to "ascend". In the children's sermon, I outlined several of these good behaviors we need to practice in order to ascend this holy ladder. On this journey we are to practice:

Being Patient
Being Kind
Being Obedient
Saying our Prayers at home
Worshipping together
Thanking God for all we have
Faith, hope, and love

It takes discipline to practice these. We fail often but we must keep going on and never give up as long as we draw breath. We have to keep doing the right thing over and over.

The parish leadership is practicing these virtues as best as we can and praying for strength and the restoration of the societal funtions we depend on to so dearly. The final rung on the Ladder is faith hope and love, love being the highest of these three. We have a fervent request of you and for us all. We ask that love be excersized when considering your contributions to our church. We are grateful for everyone who has kept their stewardship commitment consistent. This turbulent time presents economic challenges for almost all individuals and organizations. Our St. George parish needs us all to pitch in any way we can. Even small donations would help keep the parish ministries going. Lighting candles and tray collections have taken a different form as you can see in the above flyer.

We can also practice these virtues in relation to our community of St. George. Being kind, patient, obedient, prayerful, sacrificial, and grateful are worthy behaviors for us Christians. Teaching these virtues and involving our families will reap binding results. Connecting with each other and with our Lord through means of worshipping at home delivers unprecedented blessings to our homes. Giving donations, lighting candles to the Saints, and partaking in the services are all acts and expressions of our love for our God and his beloved servant Saint George, along with His holy mother the Virgin Mary.

Ekklesia, the Church is still here and is not going anywhere. We- you, me, clergy, laity, the saints, bound with the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ARE the church which was established by God Himself. "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." *Psalms 127*

Be sure, the Lord has built this house and we will not labor in vain. Together and as individuals let us in unity continue to sustain and grow the church of Christ and ask for His holy mercy to be upon us all.

Lovingly in Christ,

Fr. Neofitos



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Holy Week Schedule 2020

1. [To watch our services online.](#)
Faithful are asked to worship from home.
2. [To follow along with the service texts.](#)
3. **Our Book Club Will Continue via Conference Call.**
Dial-in number: (605) 313-5963 Access code:572515

April

Wednesday, April 1

*9am Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 3

* 6:30pm Akathist Hymn

Sunday,

April 5 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 6

* 6:30pm Bible Study/ Book Club

Conference Call (Dial-in number above) -

Great Lent by Schmemmann

*7:30pm Great Compline

Wednesday, April 8

* 10am Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, April 10

*9am Presanctified Liturgy

* 5pm Vespers for St. Lazarus

Saturday, April 11 – Saturday of Lazarus

* 9am – 11am Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 12 – Palm Sunday

* 9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy

Holy Week

Sunday, April 12 – Palm Sunday

* 6:30pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Monday, April 13

* 6:30pm Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 14

* 6:30pm Bridegroom Service – Hymn of Kassiani

Holy Wednesday, April 15

* 6pm Holy Unction Service

Holy Thursday, April 16 - The Mystical/ Last Supper

* 9:30am Vespers Liturgy

* 6pm The 12 Gospels - The Passion of Christ

Holy Friday, April 17

* 9:30am Royal Hours

* 3pm Apokathelosis

* 6pm Epitaphios/ Lamentations

Holy Saturday, April 18

* 9:30am Vespers Liturgy

* 11pm Resurrection Service

Sunday, April 19 – Pascha/Easter Sunday

* 10:30am Agape Vespers

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.



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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion Eighth Mode

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τρίήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

For the Devout Woman

Ἐν σοὶ Μῆτερ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρὸν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράπτουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελείσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὁσία Μαρία τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

Apolytikion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλῶτων ελευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν υπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Kontakion

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβειαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Eighth Mode

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind

For the Devout Woman

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Mary, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς παραγενόμενος Ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειοτέρας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἷμα τὸς τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσήλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ Ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἷμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ῥαντίζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἷμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ Πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἅμωμον τῷ Θεῷ, καθαριεὶ τὴν συνειδησιν ἡμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων εἰς τὸ λατρεῖν Θεῷ ζῶντι;



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Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἤρξατο αὐτοῖς λέγειν τὰ μέλλοντα αὐτῷ συμβαίνειν, ὅτι Ἰδοὺ ἀναβαίνομεν εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδοθήσεται τοῖς ἀρχιερεῦσι καὶ γραμματεῦσι, καὶ κατακρινούσιν αὐτὸν θανάτῳ καὶ παραδώσουσιν αὐτὸν τοῖς ἔθνεσι, καὶ ἐμπαίξουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ μαστιγώσουσιν αὐτὸν καὶ ἐμπύσουσιν αὐτῷ καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται. Καὶ προσπορεύονται αὐτῷ Ἰάκωβος καὶ Ἰωάννης υἱοὶ Ζεβεδαίου λέγοντες· Διδάσκαλε, θέλομεν ἵνα ὃ ἐὰν αἰτήσωμεν ποιήσης ἡμῖν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Τί θέλετε ποιῆσαί με ὑμῖν; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· Δὸς ἡμῖν ἵνα εἷς ἐκ δεξιῶν καὶ εἷς ἐξ εὐωνύμων σου καθίσωμεν ἐν τῇ δόξῃ σου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Οὐκ οἴδατε τί αἰτεῖσθε. δύνασθε πιεῖν τὸ ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθῆναι; οἱ δὲ εἶπον αὐτῷ· Δυνάμεθα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Τὸ μὲν ποτήριον ὃ ἐγὼ πίνω πῖσθε, καὶ τὸ βάπτισμα ὃ ἐγὼ βαπτίζομαι βαπτισθήσεσθε· τὸ δὲ καθίσαί ἐκ δεξιῶν μου καὶ ἐξ εὐωνύμων οὐκ ἔστιν ἐμὸν δοῦναι, ἀλλ' οἷς ἠτοιμάσεται. καὶ ἀκούσαντες οἱ δέκα ἤρξαντο ἀγανακτεῖν περὶ Ἰακώβου καὶ Ἰωάννου. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτοὺς λέγει αὐτοῖς· Οἴδατε ὅτι οἱ δοκοῦντες ἄρχειν τῶν ἐθνῶν κατακυριεύουσιν αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ μεγάλοι αὐτῶν κατεξουσιάζουσιν αὐτῶν. οὐχ οὕτω δὲ ἔσται ἐν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ὅς ἐὰν θέλη γενέσθαι μέγας ἐν ὑμῖν, ἔσται ὑμῶν διάκονος, καὶ ὅς ἐὰν θέλῃ ὑμῶν γενέσθαι πρῶτος, ἔσται πάντων δοῦλος· καὶ γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου οὐκ ἦλθε διακονηθῆναι, ἀλλὰ διακονῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ λύτρον ἀντὶ πολλῶν.

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

St. George Youth Corner

Welcome to St. George's Youth corner!

We are excited to be sharing minilessons, videos, puzzles, and crosswords with you each week. Join us on zoom for a youth video conference on Wednesdays. Ages 4-12 meet at 5:30pm and ages 13+ meet at 6pm. To join our list please email Lucy Goodale at lgoodale7@gmail.com. We will need your cell phone # and email.

This Sunday is St. Mary of Egypt.



Below is a small video about her and about repenting and approaching God.

[Be the Bee #28 | Time to Repent](#)

We've all stumbled during Lent. St. Mary of Egypt shows us that it's not too late to get back up again.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.

ONLY ONE WEEK FROM EASTER!!!! Please enjoy this episode about singing and Praising our Lord.

[Be the Bee #123 | Why Do We Sing in Church? \(with Dr. Grammenos Karanos\)](#)

Orthodox Churches have a distinctive look but, they also have a distinctive sound. Why do we sing in our Church services?



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2020 PARISH COUNCIL: Brian Goodale, President; Maria Dostis, Vice President; Alexandra Casey, Treasurer; Scott Morlock, Secretary; Roubina Morgan, Lucy Brady, Dimitri Koutsopoulos

Upcoming Events- Streaming on Facebook Live

Monday, April 6, 2020	7:30pm Great Compline
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	10am Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, April 10, 2020	9am Presanctified Liturgy 5pm Vespers for St. Lazarus
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Sunday, April 12, 2020	9am Orthros & 10am Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday 6:30pm Bridegroom Service

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COMING SOON – St. George Bookstore



St. Mary of Egypt (icon on cover)

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very



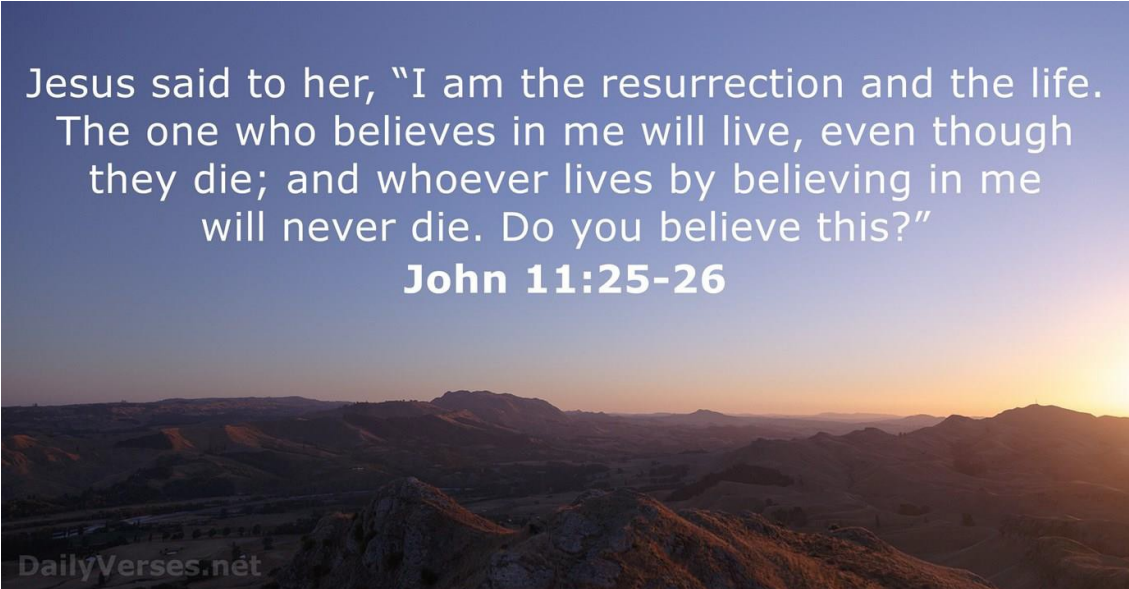
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day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.

Apolytikion of Mary of Egypt

The image of God, was faithfully preserved in you, O Mother. For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By Your actions you taught us to look beyond the flesh for it passes, rather to be concerned about the soul which is immortal. Wherefore, O Holy Mary, your soul rejoices with the angels.

The Hope and Light of the Resurrection be with us all!



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26