

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

STONE: 8

EOCHINON: 11

On this day, we commemorate: *The Recovery of the Sacred Relics of the Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer; New Martyr Demetrios of Chios*

DIVINE LITURGY TODAY OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

During and after the Little Entrance with the Gospel Book, sing:

The Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone: 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Then sing:

The Troparion of the Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer in Tone: 4

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

The Troparion of St. George, our Patron saint.

The Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord in Tone: 1

Thou, who didst sanctify the virginal womb by thy nativity and didst bless the hands of Simeon, hast come this day and saved us, O Christ God. Grant peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom thou hast loved, O only Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon:

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah, His Name is great in Israel.*

EPISTLE: The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians
(6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW
(15:21-28)

At that time, that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is given for the health and welfare of the Burbank, Heuer, Apman, Acker and Thouet families and in memory of Richard & Helen Acker, Julie Hafiz and all the deceased members of the Hafiz families.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered this morning by Pat Burbank. Everyone is invited to this time of fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return again soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but due to the sad divisions in Christianity **only baptized/chrisdated members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron* - Holy Bread. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. Also, please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Lorraine DeFlorin, Wally Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Mary Saba, Erma Ziton, John Etoll, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Julie Funari, Denise Scott, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Gracie Holmes, Katherine Melchert, Carol Haddad, Ted Goll, Betty Ablan & Rosa Neimy, Maria Golden.

If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Maria Golden and her family on the falling asleep of her brother Nicholas Marinkov. The viewing will be at Bradshaw Funeral home on Rice St. in St. Paul, from 4:00-8:00 PM. with the family present. The funeral will be 11:00 AM on Tuesday, Jan. 31. More information will be in the St. Paul newspaper this morning. May his memory be eternal!

DRAFT 2012 PARISH DIRECTORY – The 2012 Parish Directory is now available and may be picked-up in the box by the bulletin board. Please review your contact information let us know about any corrections that need to be made.

THIS WEEK

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday Jan 29 following liturgy for all members
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7:00 P.M. full choir rehearsal.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

We will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, February 1, at 6:30 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will not meet this week do to the feast of the Presentation.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Antiochian Women of St. George will hold their meeting February 2, at 6:00 P.M. Please plan to attend. We have important things to discuss prior to the visit of our new bishop.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers, Saturday, February 4, at 5:00 P.M.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Super Bowl Party will be held February 5, sponsored by the St. George Men's Club. Food and beverages will be provided. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult. Children under 15 are free. See George Khoury for tickets. We ask that everyone who is attending to bring a can of soup or non-perishable item to help our local food shelf. We will open the hall about 4:30 to set-up and watch the pre-game show. There will also be door prices!

THE ORDER OF ST IGNATIUS

The Order of St. Ignatius is the philanthropic arm of our Archdiocese. The Order takes the name St. Ignatius, one of our first bishops, because of his martyrdom and example. Accomplishments of the Order include supporting local parishes, funding summer camp scholarships, helping Teen Special Olympics, and contributing to clergy retirement. It would be wonderful to see more St. George faithful inducted into the Order by our newly consecrated Bishop. I am sure it would please His Grace to have new members on his first visit to our parish. Please contact Life Member Christina Worrall (952-920-8020) with questions.

SOUPER BOWL

As we all know, February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday. Neighbors Inc is having their own "Souper" Bowl Sunday on the 5th and is asking that each family bring a can of their favorite soup. Just look for the giant can of soup in the Narthex and drop it right in! Thank you all in advance. - Michelle Apman

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Please call Fr. Tom to schedule a house blessing. Houses should be blessed between Theophany and the beginning of Great Lent.

HOLY BREAD LIST LIST

Feb. 1 Pat Burbank
no coffee)

Feb. 5 Joannie Alevizos

Feb. 12 Norman Holmes & Memorial

Feb. 19 Youssef Haddad

Feb. 26 Sue Lukanen

COFFEE HOUR

(Presentation,

Bishop's luncheon

Lisa Rudquist and Tanya O'Brien

Youssef Haddad

If you can take one of the open dates, please contact Joannie Alevizos. If you would like to offer Holy Bread or a memorial for your loved one on a date that is already taken please feel free to schedule it with Joannie. Also, if you would like to host the coffee hour the same Sunday, please contact Sanaa. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or holy bread on a Sunday.

Antiochian Village Summer Camp Registration Now Online!

Are you ready for summer 2012? We are! Registration is open for campers who will be between the age of 9 (or entering 4th grade) through 17 next summer. Register online now... it's the best Christmas gift there is!

FOCUS SERVING SCHEDULE

The future serving dates for FOCUS meals are: Feb. 12th, 19th, 26th. Please help as you can. (for more information see flyer on the bulletin board).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please make the following change of address in your directory:

Betty Ablan

744 19th Ave. North, #412

South St. Paul, MN 55075 (Betty's phone number is the same as her old home number.)

DEFIBRILLATOR The AED, automated external defibrillator, is located at Church when you walk in the office; go to the right, on the shelf behind the main door. This will be the location until the AED storage box arrives.

2012 Icon Classes

Icon class (session 1) is currently in session at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Session 2 begins in February.

Sessions 2 and 3 will offer a new study, for 2012- "Prayer and Contemplation with Angels". Either an archangel or the guardian angel will be the prototype of choice for icons written during these sessions. We will explore the intimate relationship that angels enjoy with human beings in the theology of love; that authentic love which is sacrificial, self-offering, in the imitation of the inner Trinitarian kenotic love underlying our human reality. In other words, seeking the energy of this relationship by which angels, especially our guardian angel's love towards us works to restore us into our life with Christ. How very blessed we are to be able to study this concept in front of the icon in the Terrace Room- The Hospitality of Abraham and Sarah!

**Session 2- at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church,
Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:30 on February 23, March
1,8,15,22 and 29. Tuition cost is \$195.00 plus
materials.**

Please call the office at St. Mary's at 612-825-9595 and speak to Sandra about registering for icon class.

Or

Please register by sending a deposit of \$75.00 to Icon Art Studios, 13921 127th Street North, Stillwater, MN, 55082.

All inquiries can be sent via e-mail at akorluka@aol.com or my cell at 612-889-5868.