

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

tone: 5

EOETHINON: 8

On this day, we commemorate: *Righteous Mother Domnica of Constantinople and her companions; Venerable George the Chozebite.*

DIVINE LITURGY TODAY OF ST BASIL THE GREAT

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

The Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone: 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word coeternal with the Father and the Spirit born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Then sing:

The Troparion of the Theophany of Christ in Tone: 1

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to thee, calling thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove, confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

The Troparion of St. George, our Patron saint.

The Kontakion of Theophany in Tone: 4

Today thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord; and thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise thee with knowledge, saying: Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

*Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.*

EPISTLE: The Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians
(4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW
(4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is given for the health and welfare of Perry and Abrass families and in memory of Bernice and Herb Abrass, Mose, Thelgy, Norman, Tilley, Billy, Edward, and Joe Ziton, Victoria Ayoub, Edna Salem, Adeline Kittleson, Amelia Nusrala, Josephine Shama and all the beloved departed family members. May their memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour is offered this morning by the Perry and Abrass families. 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, Nicholas Marinkov, 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.

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Michael Ferraro, who was received into the Orthodox Church by chrismation, on Dec.29th. May God grant him many years! His godfather is Nusrallah Jubran.

THIS WEEK

MEN'S CLUB

There will be a Men's Club meeting today, following the coffee hour.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Today, Sunday, Jan 8, Tenors section will practice following the Liturgy. Wednesday Jan 11, at 7:00 P.M., there will be a full choir rehearsal.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will meet Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 PM. in the church hall.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers, Saturday January 14, at 5:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

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

HOLY BREAD LIST LIST

Jan. 8 Sue Perry
Jan. 15 Tom Rudquist & memorial
Jan. 22 Bashara/Can
Jan. 29 Pat Burbank

COFFEE HOUR

Tom & Sue Perry

Pat Burbank

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.

Choir Rehearsals for January 2012

In anticipation of our Bishop's Visit in February

Sunday Jan 15 – Bass

Wednesday Jan 18 – All

Sunday Jan 22 – Alto

Wednesday – Jan 25 – All

Sunday – Jan 29 - Sop

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!

LADIES SOCIAL EVENT Tickets were donated for the Joke Joint Comedy Club in Lilydale for January 21st, Saturday, at 8:00PM. The address is 801 Sibley Memorial Highway. If you are interested in going to dinner before the performance or just going to the performance, please sign up on the sheet in the Social Hall with your request. We have 16 tickets. Thank you!

NEIGHBORS - Dear partners in Christ, We are once again gearing up for a very busy holiday season. We have been blessed with generous donations of gifts and time from area churches in the past, and this year we know the need is greater than ever. How can you help? There are several ways... Your gift may be in the form of time, by volunteering, or you may wish to Adopt a Family. Or, if you prefer you can donate gifts that will be administered through our "Love Your Neighbor" program. Needless to say, a monetary gift or gift cards are also always appreciated. Our "Love Your Neighbor" program is a unique opportunity to share in a meaningful way. As a community-based program, all gifts remain in the community to brighten the Christmas of your neighbors who are less fortunate. Neighbors Inc.

FOCUS SERVING SCHEDULE

The future serving dates for FOCUS meals are: Jan 8th, 15th, 22nd and Feb 12th, 19th, 26th. Please help as you can.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Our newly elected bishop, Fr. Anthony Michaels, has agreed to make his first pastoral visit to St. George on the weekend of February 3-5. St. George Church holds a very special place in the heart of our new bishop and he is looking forward to visiting us! Please mark your calendars. As we receive more information we will pass it on.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Super Bowl Party will be held February 5, sponsored by the St. George Men's Club. More information will be published as we draw near the date.

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.

Encountering the Icon

Icon Classes begin soon!

So is our immersion into iconography as a form of Holy Scripture.

It is nothing else but the Bible, and the correct interpretation of the Bible,

transferred to paint and mosaic... "

"Christ," says St. Paul, "is the icon of the invisible God" (Col. 2:7).

The schedule of 2012 classes are as follows: 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.

Session 1 will concentrate on the prototype of "The Holy Face". 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.

Session 1- at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Lake Calhoun, 3450 Irving Ave. South, Mpls., 55408, Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 on January 19, 26, and February 2 and 9. Tuition cost is \$135.00 plus materials.

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.

Session 3- at the Basilica of St. Mary, Hennepin at Sixteenth Street, Mpls., 55403 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays, March 3,10,17 and 24 during Great Lent. Tuition including materials \$295.00