

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
1250 Oakdale Avenue
West Saint Paul, Minnesota 55118

Parish Website: <http://www.saintgeorge-church.org>

Very Reverend Archpriest Thomas Begley, *Pastor*

Right Reverend Archimandrite Duane Pederson, *attached*

Reverend Priest John Chagnon, attached

V. Rev. Archpriest Paul Hodge, Assisting Priest

Reverend Archdeacon Russell Hodge, *Assisting Deacon*

Reverend Deacon John Mikhail, Assisting Deacon

Reader Leonard Soroka, *Director of Music*

Church Phone - 651-457-0854

Pastor's Phone - 651-882-7809

APRIL 28, 2013

**GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

TONE:

EOTHINON:

Today we commemorate: *Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.*

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday in Tone 1

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 4

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Kondakion of Palm Sunday in Tone 6

Seated upon thy throne in heaven and upon a foal on earth, O Christ God, thou didst receive the praise of the angels and the hymns of the children: Blessed is he that cometh to recall Adam.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**EPISTLE: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.
(4:4-9)**

B

rethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

**GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.
(12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the health and welfare of Sanaa, Nusrallah, Rana, Rami, Deanna, Jumana and Jerry Jubran and in memory of and Toumeh and Bahia Jubran and Shafik Bisharat. May their memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Jubran family. Please join us in this time of fellowship.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The schedule for special services for Holy Week is on the usher's desk next to the bulletins. If you pick-up a schedule today it has the correct days and times. If you have already picked one up, make sure it includes this change: Friday, May 3, Taking Down of the Cross 3:00 P.M.

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 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, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Gracie Holmes, Katherine Melchert, Joe & Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Camille & Ted Goll, Maria Golden, Ben, Virginia Ablan, Kyle Krache, Allen Golden, Jakob Kakish, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Lucille Hessler, JoAnne & George Droubie, Sandi Heuer, Vera, Rick & Kate.

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

NEIGHBORS AND MINNESOTA FOODSHARE THANKS

Thanks to all parishioners who have donated food and money. Thirteen donors gave \$1655 and 167 lbs of food. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. - Michelle

THIS WEEK

FASTING RULES

During the Great Fast, the general rules for fasting are practiced. Meat, animal products (*cheese, milk, butter, eggs, lard*), fish (*meaning fish with backbones*), olive oil and wine (*all alcoholic drinks*) are not consumed during the weekdays of Great Lent. Octopus and shell-fish are allowed, as is vegetable oil. On weekends, olive oil and wine are permitted. (except on Great and Holy Saturday when there is *katalysis* for wine), and for fish, wine and oil on Annunciation (following the festal Divine Liturgy) and on Palm Sunday.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN/GROUP PHOTO FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

This Sunday the St. George Antiochian Women will take a group photo. Violet Robat NAB President said, "Any woman who finished high school, over 18 years old, is an Antiochian Women, even if they are in college and are involved in OCF." Therefore, all ladies are Antiochian Women in our Church from 18 years old on up. Please come and be in the group photo for the 100 Year Anniversary Book. Today, April 28th.

TEEN CHANTERS

The Teen Chanters will be chanting the Bridegroom Service for Monday, April 29, at 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST GEORGE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Many people in our parish would like to support the businesses or services of our fellow parishioners. If you have a business or service that parishioners can use and support, please contact Sarah Larson so we can include you in our St. George Business Directory.

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK REMINDER!!

Please remember that the deadline for submitting your commemorative ad for our 100th anniversary book is **JUNE 1ST!!!** We will be assembling a true keepsake for our church family, so please send in your submission now. A family photograph or portrait of a departed loved one, together with a favorite bible verse, is a great way to support St. George's anniversary and remember your family. Your photographs will look best in high resolution (at least 300 dpi) and we'd be happy to scan them for you. Please remember the following prices and guidelines:

- Centennial Sponsor Full Page - \$600 (up to four photos)
- Full Page - \$400 (up to three photos)
- Half Page - \$200 (one photo)
- Quarter Page - \$100 (no photo)

Again, the deadline is June 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Ablan at 612-810-0972 or paulablan@mac.com. Thank you for supporting our centennial!

NEIGHBORS

Shopping for Winter Clearance in the next few months? Don't forget the "Love your Neighbor" program at Neighbors, Inc. We provide children and teens – ages infant to 18 years of age, new warm winter clothing for Christmas. We are in need of long-sleeved shirts, "hoodies", sweatshirts and sweatpants, and warm pajamas for both boys and girls. Sizes from 2T – size 18-20. We also need men's sizes S, M, L too. Clothing for Junior girls was our most desperate need last year. We would be most grateful for any donations of new clothing. Another pressing need is mittens and gloves for boys and girls to toddlers and teens. Thank you. Neighbors.

BASKETS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

As you begin your spring cleaning, please keep in mind that we need your gently used baskets for our silent auction and consider donating them. (Minimum bottom base 10 -12 inches and no Easter baskets please). Contact Sarah Larson for more information. Thank you.

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in West St. Paul hosts its 6th Annual Middle Eastern Festival on July 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2013. Highlights include Middle Eastern cuisine, live entertainment, a traditional marketplace, a silent auction, games for children, and camel rides. Admission is free!

The menu includes: roast lamb, grilled chicken, falafel, hummus, gyros, tabouli, homemade traditional pastries, our famous Syrian bread, and more. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will also be served.

The nationally renowned John Khoury Band will perform, in addition to the St. George Dabke Dance Troupe.

The times for the Middle Eastern Festival are: Friday, July 19 from noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday, July 20 from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, July 21 from noon to 6 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.mideastfest.com

Annual Mother's Day Social May 11th, 2013

We are excited to have our annual Mother's Day Social on May 11th, Saturday, from 1:00PM to 3:00PM at Byblos Lebanese Grill located at 14637 County Road 11, Burnsville, MN 55337. Phone number: [952-431-3663](tel:952-431-3663). This is Nancy and Mike Ayoub's Restaurant. **Pick a kabob entree** comes with rice and a choice of tabouli or house salad, **kabob choices** of either shish tawook or kafta or beef or lamb kabob. Please pick one of the 4 choices. Also, another option is **Pick a pita sandwich entree** with rice and choice of tabouli or house salad. **Pita sandwich choices** of either falafel, gyro, shish tawook, or shawarma. The meal also includes a soft drink, homemade baklava, and tip for a great price of \$15.00 each. Children under 10 years of age may order from the **children's menu of pita sandwiches** of grilled cheese or gyro or shish taook pita all served with fries and a soft drink for \$8.00 each. Please sign up in the social hall and write down what menu option you would like. If any questions, please see Michelle Apman or call [651-455-0723](tel:651-455-0723). We will car pool from church and meet at 12:30pm. Please let Michelle Apman know if you are interested in a ride to Byblos. Please sign up before May 7th so Michelle can confirm the reservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

May 2, Beverly & Joannie (Holy Thursday)
May 4, Lisa Mikhail, (Holy Saturday)
May 4 -5 Sue Perry & Yasmin Kakish (Pascha)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

No coffee hour
No coffee hour
(Potluck)

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 Sana. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or Holy Bread on a Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate "yes" or "no" if you will also be providing coffee hour. Please email Jennie Strickland (Strickland_jennie@yahoo.com) or call (952.456.2851) by Wednesday afternoon with Holy Bread, Memorial, and coffee hour information.*

THE FEAST OF THE GREAT MARTYR GEORGE – MAY 8

The Feast of St. George this year falls on Tuesday, April 23, during the Fifth Week of the Great Fast. Therefore, its observance is transferred to Bright Week, by tradition to Bright Wednesday, May 8.

ST.GEORGE CHILDREN'S DANCE GROUP

Any child between the ages of 7 years of age to 12 years of age, interested in being in the St. George Children's Dance Group, please see Sue Perry by April 28th. We plan to have practices during Coffee Hour. The dance is completed to learn so we are ready to get started. I plan to get a video to each child of the completed dance so you can practice at home with your parents. :) A parent meeting will be held once we get the dancers signed up.

FOCUS FUNDRAISER DINNER- MAY 10

Friday, May 10th, Bright Week Friday, is the FOCUS Dinner Fundraiser at St. Mary's OCA Church. The tickets are \$50.00 a person to help support this worthy cause. Please see Lisa Rudquist for tickets. More details to follow.

BENEFIT FOR GREG DOTEN – JUNE 7

Please save the date, Friday, June 7th to attend and support *The Greg Doten Benefit* at St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral for Karen and Greg as he is working tirelessly at rehabilitating from a very serious stroke that happened at the end of January.

Fr. Ben and Deb Korluka are organizing this with many offers of help already on board. Please call Deb at 612-889-5868 about any inquiries.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP INFO

Church Camp will be held at Camp Wapo June 29 to July 5, 2013. Registration opens on Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00am with an early bird discount of \$400/camper until April 23. After that the standard fee of \$450/camper applies until registration closes on May 30. For more info:

www.stmaryscamp.com

The Presbytera Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake full scholarships will be awarded to two essayists. Based on the 2013 theme for camp of "face God," this year's essay question is, "How do I make time each day to face God?" There are two divisions: Junior Division- children entering 3rd- 6th grades fall 2013; 250- word (typed) essay. Senior Division- teens entering 7th- 12th grades Fall 2013; 500- word (typed) essay. Deadline is Friday May 24, 2013. Please submit entries to: Fr Christopher Wojcik htoc@amerytel.net.

St. George Summer Camp Scholarship The St. George Antiochian Women are offering the St. George Camp Scholarship again this year to the Junior Division (3rd to 6th grade) a 250 word essay and Senior Division (7th to 12th grade) a 500 word essay. The topic is "How do I make time each day to face God?" Please put your name on a separate sheet of paper and attach to your essay. The Antiochian Women will give \$100.00 to one Junior Division contestant and \$100.00 to one Senior Division contestant. Turn your essays into Cindy Karos by June 2nd. She will turn all the essays into Father Tom.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Please reserve the dates of September 21 and 22nd, 2013 so that you may join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of our beloved parish. A grand banquet and hafli will be held on Saturday, September 21. An address will be given by V. Rev. Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our honored guests will include Metropolitan PHILIP and our very own, Bishop Anthony Michaels. On Sunday, His Eminence will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, followed by a luncheon at the church. Please mark your calendars and save the date! Formal invitations and itinerary to follow. (Please note that these details are still subject to change).