

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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THE EXALTATION (ELEVATION) OF THE CROSS

TONE:

EOTHINON:

Commemorations: Repose of John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable-martyr Makarios the New of Thessalonica; Venerable-martyr Joseph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

APOLYTIKION OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

Do NOT sing the troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Prokeimenon:

O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

**EPISTLE: The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(6:18-24)**

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rethren, the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we

preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(19:6-11, 13-20, 30-35)**

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At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where art Thou from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Wilt Thou not speak to me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to release Thee, and power to crucify Thee?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above. When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement", and in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led him away, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew "Golgotha." There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the Cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Now standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the Disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the Disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered by Timothy and Tanya O'Brien for their health and welfare and for Timothy, Olympia, Sean and Evangeline, The Price, Sicora, Rudquist, Brant and O'Brien Families, Mercedes Sikaffy, Luisa Tejada, Fred and Lamese McDowell, Kh.Vergin, George Rezcallah and in memory of Father Essa and Kh. Olympia Kanavati, Ray and Doris Rudquist, Arthur and Lillian Kranz, Elaine Jirak, Father Khoury & all departed members of the Khoury family, Fazil Sikaffy, Nadia Smith, David Etoll, David Ng and Aaron Moran

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered this morning by Timothy and Tanya O'Brien. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

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, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/chrismated 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 & Maria Golden, Allen Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Jakob Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Ben, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Kyle Krache, Mary Saba, Erma Ziton, John Etoll, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Gracie Holmes, Dn. Russell & Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Kh. Vera Proctor, Rick, Kh. Amy Hodge, Beryl Toms, Mya Lee, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Mike Spaar, Bob Wyllie, Lorraine Hartwig, Fred McDowell,

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

THIS WEEK

ARMENIAN FESTIVAL

St. Sahag Armenian Church, 203 North Howell Street, St. Paul, MN, will host their Armenian Festival, September 14, Sunday 12:00P.M.-5:00P.M. (Please see the flyer on bulletin board).

CHOIR

The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 P.M.

VESPERS

We will celebrate Vespers Saturday, September 20, at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Drs. Neal & Jennifer Buddensiek on the birth of their new daughter, Leah Elisabeth, Wednesday, Sept 3. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. Mother and baby are both doing well. Luke and Katherine are thrilled to have a new sibling to play with!

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Welela Habtemicael Tzegay and Robel Tesfay Hagos, who were married at St. George, September 13. May God grant them many years! Welela is the daughter of Habte Teclehaimanot and Nighisti Weldeamlak.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is that time of year again that we collect and distribute school supplies to those in need. The stores are full of great buys on paper, pens, notebooks, glue, crayons, etc. Please add a few extra supplies to your cart and drop them off in our collection box on the table outside the hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

COUNCIL ELECTION

Three council terms are expiring. Any parishioners interested in being a candidate, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Rana Jubran, Anthony Rezcallah, Joan Alevizos, Willy Percy and Fr. Tom. The deadline for submitting your name is September 22nd. There will be no nominations from the floor. All candidates must be in good standing spiritually, canonically and financially. They must regularly attend services and have received communion and confession in the last year. They must agree to uphold the teachings and traditions of the Orthodox Church. They must be in good canonical standing with the church and must have supported the church financially over the last year. These minimum standards have been set in consultation with Bishop ANTHONY!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN ELECTIONS

The Antiochian Women will hold elections for four offices Pres., Vice Pres., Secretary and Treasurer. The deadline to get your name on the ballot is September 18th. No nominees will be taken from the floor. Each candidate must be in good standing in the church. Nominating committee: Michelle Apman, Joannie Alevizos, and Denise Ferraro. Elections are October 2, at our next meeting. Dinner at 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm meeting. Please do your best to attend this wonderful fellowship. Words cannot express how much we appreciate all you do to serve our church and the community. You make a difference!

NEEDED

Please check and see if you have any old sheets that you don't need. Please wash sheets in bleach and rinse twice and do not use fabric softener. We need clean sheets for our bread baking as the ones we have need to be tossed. Bring them to the church kitchen. Thank you!

KITCHEN USE

We are a very active parish and our kitchen gets heavy use. The Parish Council has determined that anyone wishing to use the kitchen at any time **must** contact George Khoury to reserve their date and time on the kitchen calendar.

PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE COLLECTION FOR FOCUS MN

In addition to our Food Drive for Neighbors, in which we help out persons in the West St. Paul community, we are again this year helping stock the shelves at FOCUS MN. Please donate pasta or sauce (any type of tomato base will do; sauce, paste, or actual pasta sauce are all welcome). **Please place these items on the left side table** outside the church hall and if possible label the bag "FOCUS."

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST (ALL WEEKS OPEN!)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

To schedule holy bread and/or memorial, please contact Joannie Alevizos. 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.* If you would like to host

a coffee hour please contact Sanaa Jubran. It is important to *e-mail or call Fr. Tom or Brigitte Khoury* bgkstgeorge@gmail.com by *Tuesday* prior to the Sunday of your memorial, with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY

If you're planning to convert to Orthodox Christianity or you would just like to brush up on your knowledge, enroll in the Cooperative Catechism program this Fall. Classes will meet at St. George Greek Church on *Tuesday evenings 7-9pm* starting *September 9th* through *December 2nd*. Bring a friend or family member. Also helpful for parents and godparents to prepare for upcoming baptisms. For more info, go to www.meocca.org. See sign-up forms on the usher's desk

FALL HARVEST DINNER 2014

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 523 1st Street, Clayton, WI, invites you to their Fall Harvest Dinner, Sunday, Sept. 21. Liturgy: 9:30 A.M. Dinner begins: 11:30 A.M. (see flyer on bulletin board for more information).

CRAFT & BAKE SALE

St. Joseph's Church, 1154 Seminole Ave., W. St. Paul, will host their Craft & Bake Sale, Saturday, Sept 27, 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Sunday, Sept. 28, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. No admission fee! (See flyer on the bulletin board).

The Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program

Benefit efforts in our Orthodox communities for those in medical crisis have recently affirmed an ongoing need to develop a program that can provide financial support to individuals experiencing hardship due to medical crisis. A Minnesota non-profit with pending 501 (c) (3) tax determination, has been formed in the memory of Lyn Olson. She was a parishioner at St. Mary's OCA who was stricken with a very aggressive form of cancer. Her family and friends are living her legacy as a pan-Orthodox collaboration through the creation of a non-profit for health care.

We invite you to attend our first annual kick-off gala event taking place on September 21, 2014, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., on the terrace of the Stillwater Library overlooking the St. Croix River. Our initial goal is to serve the Orthodox community residing in the region of MEOCCA and create a system of fundraising for the general fund that will seed trust funds for applicants struggling with financial obligations due to medical crisis.

Entertainment will be provided by a Twin Cities well know jazz band, Patty and the Buttons. Appetizers included and cash bar. Tickets will be sold after church during coffee hours and on-line at www.lomcp.com. Funds will be collected by our fiscal sponsor: St. Croix Valley Community Foundation with the memo identifying Lyn Olson Medical Intervention Program.

We hope to see you there!

Our directors: Debra Korluka, Fr. Rick Andrews, Fr. Paul Paris, Fr. Thomas Begley, Robert Korluka, Fr. Ben Tucci and Joseph Dzubak.

St. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX FESTIVAL

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church in St. Paul is holding its annual **ROMANIAN Festival on Saturday, September 20**, 11AM - 7PM, and Sunday **September 21**, 12AM- 4PM.

Please join us at *854 Woodbridge St. in St Paul*, MN 55117 for wonderful Romanian Food, Dancing, music, delicious pastries, coffee, church tours and FUN!! If you would like additional information, please call us at 651-488-5669, or visit our website at www.saintmarymn.org
Thank you! (See the flyer on the bulletin board).

ST. MARON 23rd ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

602 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis

Saturday, September 27: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 28, 11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Fresh Food, Games, Silent Auction, Live Music, and Country Store featuring handmade items.

Fun for all ages!

ST. MARY'S TASTE OF THE NORTHEAST

Sept 27: 11 am-8 pm

1701 5th Street Northeast

Minneapolis, MN 55413

www.tasteofnortheast.org

FAMILY CAMP 2014! OCTOBER 10-12.

Join us this fall in a new camping site, Camp Courage, near Annandale, MN. We are thrilled to announce that our guest speaker is Mother Macrina from the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery. She will talk to us about what it means as an Orthodox Christian to live the cycles of the church. Beside the time with Mother Macrina, family camp provides a chance to step away from the busy world in which we live to relax, experience God's beautiful nature, visit with other Orthodox families, and get closer to HIM! Registration is available at www.stmaryscamp.com. There you will find more information about the weekend. It is a first come, first served registration process. Don't delay! This is a weekend you will not want to miss. Remember, couples without children, singles, empty nesters, grandparents are all a part of our church family! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cindy Karos (ckaros@visi.com) or Doria Saros (dsaros@stmarysgoc.org).

PAN-ORTHODOX TEA

Pan-Orthodox Tea is October 4, at 3:00pm in our Social Hall. The talk will be on the Myrrh Bearing Women. Come for a cookie or two and share ideas with our Pan-Orthodox sisters in Christ. Vespers is at 5:00 pm. The date was changed due to Family Camp the following weekend.

BYZANTINE MUSIC CONCERT

The St. George Church choir will sing at the Byzantine Concert
On October 19, more information to follow.