

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church**  
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**November 30, 2014**

**THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED**

**TONE: 7**

**EOTHINON: 2**

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*Commemorations: Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia; Alexander, bishop of Methymna*

**THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT**

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

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE IN TONE FOUR**

Since thou art, O Andrew, the first-called of the Apostles and brother of the leader, intercede with the Master of all that he may grant peace to the world and Great Mercy to our souls.

**Now sing the apolytikion of St. George, the patron saint of our church.**

**KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE**

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

*Prokeimenon:*

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth.*

*The heavens declare the glory of God.*

**EPISTLE: The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians**  
**(4:9-16)**

# B

rethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things.

I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### **GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:35-51)**

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t that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where art Thou staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

### **HOLY BREAD**

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of John, Madelaine, Joey, Gianni, & Antonio Khoury, all the Members of the Khoury Family and Estphen Donayon and in memory of Assad, Lucie, Isber, Nasta, Mikhail, Madelaine, Miled, & Muneer Khoury, Sarkis & Hofsana Donayon.

### **MEMORIAL**

Today we will have a Memorial Service for Naifa Bisharat, Sanaa Jubran's mother.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour is offered by the John Khoury family. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

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**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/christened 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.**

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### **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, 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, Terry Conway, Berhane Haliemichael, & Deb Korluka.

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

### **THIS WEEK**

### **BISHOP ANTHONY**

We welcome our spiritual father, Bishop Anthony, this morning. He is currently visiting family and he has blessed us by celebrating the Holy Liturgy! Many Years Master!

### **Holiday Open House at the Bookstore/Gift Shop**

Our annual holiday open house at the Bookstore will be Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, after liturgy.

Your name will be entered in a raffle drawing with any purchase. New inventory will be available, including many jewelry items that we have not had in the store before. Can't wait to see you at the bookstore!!!

### **CHOIR**

Rehearsal on Wed., December 3, at 7:00 P.M.

### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Thursday, December 4th is the Antiochian Women meeting at 6:00 pm for dinner and meeting promptly starting at 6:30 pm. Come and share your ideas. We come together in love to serve those in need.

### **PROCEED, O ANGELIC POWERS!**

“A Festal Journey through the Orthodox Hymnography of Advent” at St. Mary’s Orthodox Cathedral, 1701 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE, Minneapolis, Friday, December 5, 8:00 P.M. Reception to follow. A free will offering is requested. (See flyer on the bulletin board)

### **ENTHRONEMENT**

The Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph is this coming weekend, December 5 - 7, 2014 at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York. Fr. Tom will be at the enthronement and will be out of town from December 5-10. If you have a pastoral need please call Fr. John, Fr. Paul or Dn. John.

## **VESPERS**

We will celebrate Vespers Saturday, December 6, at 5:00 P.M.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE**

As we have done each year, please help a family in need and pick a name or names off the Christmas Tree in the Church Hall. God bless you and your families as you give.

### **COOKIE EXCHANGE**

The Holiday Cookie Exchange is December 7th, after Divine Liturgy in the Conference Room. Please see Katrina Roseland if you want to participate. If 10 people sign up, you need to make 60 cookies. 6 cookies of each kind goes to each participant. A beautiful assortment of cookies to share over the Holidays!

### **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.

### **THE NATIVITY FAST**

The Nativity Fast began on November 15th and continues through December 24th. This Fast is divided into two periods: The first is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, dairy, fish, wine, or olive oil-in some traditions) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with katalysis for wine and oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine, and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second is the period of the Forefeast, December 20th through 24th, when the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with katalysis for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Our Sunday morning Bible Study focusing on the sacraments of the church, meets at 9:00 A.M. Please join us in the conference room. We thank John Windsor for leading the class again this fall.

### **TALENT SHOW**

We are planning a talent show for December 28 following Divine Liturgy. We wish to focus on the children of the parish but adults are also welcome. If anyone is interested in sharing his or her talent, please contact Youssef Haddad, Fr. Duane or Fr. Tom. We think this will be a great event!

**Will YOU donate a jacket to a young person in need?** FOCUS Minnesota is partnering with two local high schools - The High School for Recording Arts, and the Minnesota Internship Center Charter High School - for youth at risk, boys and girls ages 14-20. If you have kids, you might have a spare or unused jacket in your house right now. It does not need to be new, but it must be clean and in working order. Please consider this easy way to help a young person in need this winter. The days have been mild but the nights are chilly and, as we all know, soon it will be absolutely freezing! Call Vera Proctor with any questions: 651-324-2705

## **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."

## **NEIGHBORS INC.**

Help Neighbors rake in the food, to restock their shelves a-plenty.

Pick a leaf and pick up the item. If everyone took just one, we could help feed many.

(Pick up your leaves at the Neighbors table)

**Friends,** Our elves tell me that they are completely out of boys' mittens and gloves.

They've got tons of girls' mittens (watch that comment reach up and bite me when I least expect it) but nothing for boys. If you are encouraging your congregations to help with Neighbors' Christmas programs this is an immediate need.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

November 30, John Khoury (memorial)

December 7, Ellie Saba (memorial)

December 14, Tom Perry (memorial)

December 21, George Khoury

### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

John & Madelaine Khoury

(open)

Program & Potluck

George Khoury

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](mailto: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.*

### **Christmas Lenten Pot Luck Sunday Dec 14th**

This year's Christmas program will again be preceded by a Lenten pot luck coffee hour. Please bring a Lenten dish or two to share. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions!

### **Christmas Program Sunday Dec 14th**

This year's Christmas program again promises to be heartwarming and entertaining! Myrna Rezcallah and the kids have been hard at work organizing and rehearsing for the play. Please come and enjoy the show on Sunday, Dec 14th after Divine Liturgy. Also, parents please help Myrna by making sure your child or children are memorizing their lines. If your child does not yet have a part but would like one please see Myrna.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Our Christmas services will be held on December 25. Matins 8:50 A.M. and Liturgy 10:00 A.M. A blessed Nativity to you and your families!

## **INVITING ALL ST. GEORGE LADIES**

Please join us for our Holiday Party/Reunion, honoring our senior ladies on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at Southview Country Club. Come enjoy an afternoon filled with

fellowship, family and friends! Sign up in the hall or call Michelle Apman or Sarah Larson by December 21, 2014.

### **ICON CLASSES**

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 or by calling 612-889-5868.

**The schedule of 2015 classes are as follows:** All sessions concentrate on technique, along with a spiritual and theological study on the prototype.

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

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Lake Calhoun, 3450 Irving Ave. South, Minneapolis 55408

Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 on January 15, 22, 29 and February 5.

Tuition cost is \$135.00 plus materials.

### **Session 2**

*Session 2 will study and write an icon of The Theophany/ Baptism of Christ.*

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Lake Calhoun, 3450 Irving Ave. South, Minneapolis 55408

Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 on February 12, 19, March 5, 19, 22, and 31.

Tuition cost is \$195.00 plus materials.

### **Session 3**

*Session 3 will contemplate the sacrament of Baptism and will study and write and icon of The Visitation.*

The Basilica of Saint Mary, Hennepin at Sixteenth Street, Minneapolis 55403

From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays during Great Lent; February 21, 28, March 21 and 28.

Tuition including materials: \$295.00.

### **DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. GEORGE CHURCH**

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) chapter at the University of Minnesota is looking for people to potentially bring meals to meetings which we hold every other Thursday throughout the school year. The meetings are held at Saint Lawrence Catholic church (address is: 1203 5th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414). The meals typically consist of: a main course, a salad, a dessert, and some bottled water. I know most of you do not have a student at the U of M currently, but it would mean a lot to the OCF if you considered bringing a meal to share with the students! If you are willing to do so please contact Jerrius Jubran at: [jubr0002@umn.edu](mailto:jubr0002@umn.edu) or via text/call : [\(651\)285-2319](tel:(651)285-2319)

### **WORLD FOOD DAY 2014**

Our Archdiocese is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day. This program is designed to heighten public awareness of food and hunger issues around the world. Each parish will distribute the food to the needy in their local community. The canned goods brought to the church between October 5 and December 28, will be counted for this program and used at the food banks of our choice.