

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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January 11, 2015

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

TONE: 6

EOTHINON: 9

Commemorations: Theodosios the Great, head of monasteries (Cenobiarch), Venerable Theodosios of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Venerable Agapios of Apamea in Syria; Venerable Michael of Klops, fool-for-Christ.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

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

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THEODOSIOS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theodosios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Now sing the apolytikion of St. George our patron saint.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon:

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.
What shall we render to the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?*

EPISTLE: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL: The Reading from 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 Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun 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 offered by the Jubran family for the health and welfare of Nusrallah, Sanaa, Rana, Rami, Deanna, Jumana and Jerry Jubran, Rosa, and the Smith family and in memory of Tomah and Baheya Jubran, Shafiek and Naifah Bisharat, Nadia Smith and Fred McDowell.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour this morning is offered by the Jubran family and Rosa Neimy. 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/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 & Maria Golden, Allen Golden, John N. Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Jakob Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Kyle Krache, Mary Saba, Erma Ziton, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Norm & Gracie Holmes, Dn. Russell & Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Kh. Vera Proctor, Rick, Kh. Amy Hodge, Beryl Toms, Mya Lee, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Lorraine Hartwig, Berhane Haliemichael, Pat Burbank, George Droubie.

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

THIS WEEK

MENS CLUB

The Men's Club will meet today, January 11, after Divine Liturgy at 12 noon or so. Please plan to attend, we have many things to discuss including the Super Bowl Party.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 P.M. in the church conference room.

CHOIR

Choir practice will be held, Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00 P.M.

VESPERS

We will celebrate Vespers Saturday, January 17, at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Theophany is the season of house blessings. If you would like your house blessed, please call Fr. Tom and set up an appointment.

MEOCCA CHOIR

The first MEOCCA choir rehearsal will be held Thursday, January 15, in the St. Mary, OCA choir loft at 7:00 P.M. They are eager to have singers who know Byzantine Chant. If you have any questions please contact the new director, Mark Wesche at: Mark.Wesche@gmail.com

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The AW will again be collaborating with the Humanitarian Aid project of the IOCC to fund/make emergency health kits. The Ladies are asking for your help collecting donations to cover the costs of 100 kits.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Please pick up your church calendars by the bulletin board, only one per family so we know every family will get one!

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Your stewardship envelopes are available on the table by the bulletin board. Please pick up your box/boxes. If you have any questions please contact Willy Percy.

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."

NEIGHBORS INC.

Food shelves such as Neighbors, have become, not an emergency measure but a staple upon which families must depend. Your financial contribution or donation of nonperishable food items allows Neighbors to distribute good, fresh food essential to families in our community.

HOLY BREAD AND COFFEE HOUR

Please see Joanie or sign up in the hall for Holy Bread and Sanaa for Coffee Hour. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

January 18, Joannie Alevizos
January 25, Afaf, Afra, Souad, Yumna (memorial)
February 1, Rita Khoury (memorial)
February 8, Youssef Haddad (memorial)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Joannie, Memorial-Fred McDowell
& coffee
Rita Khoury
& coffee

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.*

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

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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

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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 an 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.