

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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**GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, ARCHBISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (Zacchaeus)

TONE: 8

EOTHINON: 11

Commemorations: Venerable Demetrios the sacristan; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople.

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 three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN IN TONE ONE

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon:

My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.

Hear this, all ye people.

EPISTLE: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (7:26-8:2)

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Rethren it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever.

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

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t that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Kh. Hend, George, Souad, Hala, Maria, Carol, Fadi, Rimon, Afaf, Andrew, Bolos, Issa, Afra, Rober, Micho, Faredon, Yumna, Andreas, Marcos, George and Sally, Rola and Ibrahim and Mahzen. And in memory of Fr. Antonios Bishara, Salim, Nasrah, Mariem, Fouad, Tofik, Tomam and Oreat.

MEMORIAL

A memorial will be served today in memory of Fr. Antonios Bishara of thrice blessed memory. May his memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour this morning is offered by the Hend Saed Alden family. 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

FESTIVAL MEETING

There will be a meeting TODAY for the 2015 Festival Committee Department heads after church in the conference room. Please plan to attend.

CHOIR

Choir practice will be held, Wednesday, January 28, at 7:00 P.M.

VESPERS

We will celebrate Vespers Saturday, January 31, 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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly bulletin, please note you must submit the information by Wednesday NOON before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin.

2015 PARISH DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2015 Parish Directory are located on the table outside the Church Hall. Please let Joannie Alevizos or Pat Percy know of any changes. Thank you.

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. Denise Ferraro and Vicky Michaels will be collecting the donations.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Please pick up your church calendars by the bulletin board. You may now take another calendar for your house or office.

SUNDAY, February 15th

The Church School is declaring Sunday, *February 15th* to be “*Undies Sunday!*” Please bring in a donation of new boys, girls, men, or women’s underwear. Place items in the "Undies" box located outside the Church hall. Items collected will be donated to Neighbors Inc. Sponsored by the Preschoolers who want you to know that all of us should help others in need. Thank you in advance for you generosity!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

February 1, Rita Khoury (memorial)
February 8, Youssef Haddad (memorial)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

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 Wednesday noon* prior to the Sunday of your memorial, with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.

SUPER BOWL 49 PARTY - February 1st

THE MEN'S CLUB will be your host. Kickoff is at 5:30 pm central time and we will begin to gather at 4 pm. Please bring a dish to share. We have a new projector to enhance the experience on our BIG SCREEN.

Like last year, there will be no charge, (however, donations are appreciated).

Meat dishes, French-fries, and pop/water will be provided.

A sign-up sheet will be placed in the church hall, you can put your name down & what you'll be bringing (so we don't get too many of the same dishes).

COME JOIN US FOR FUN & GOOD FOOD!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Thursday, February 5th, is our AW meeting with dinner at 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30 pm. Please come and share your ideas during this wonderful fellowship.

Attention to all current and interested participants of the St. George Festival senior dance group.

The time is upon us where we will start preparing for our performances at the church festival this summer. Madelaine and I are very excited to get this going! We will be holding an important informational meeting on Sunday, February 15 after coffee hour for ALL current and interested members. We are looking for guys and gals ages 12 and older. If interested, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Nancy Ayoub at 763-250-4950/mnayoub@msn.com or Madelaine Khoury at 651-329-6069/Jmkhoury1@gmail.com

St. George Wine Tasting Extravaganza

Saturday, February 21, at 7pm

Dear parishioners and friends, don't miss the 2015 wine tasting at St. George. Our in-house certified sommeliers will tour you through some of the most popular wine regions in the world. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Tickets are available for \$25 each and may be reserved by calling the church office or by contacting George Khoury. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Sponsored by The St. George Men's Club.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Ladies of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church will continue the Pan-Orthodox Tea Community Event (begun at St George Antiochian Church, October 2014) with a gathering at their church on Bright Saturday, April 18, 2015. More information will be provided as we enter into Lent. Please mark your calendars and we look forward to another afternoon of visiting with our sisters in Christ. (Note: this is a change from the date published in the Newsletter).

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 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.