

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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February 1, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PULICAN

FORFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (Meeting) OF CHRIST

TONE: 1

EOTHINON: 1

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

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE ONE

The Heavens' choir looked down from the vaults of the Heavens, and gazing on the earth, they beheld with amazement the First-born of all creation brought forth as a suckling babe to the Temple by a pure and virginal mother; and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Forefeast, astonished and full of awe.

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

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE FOUR

On this day in purest thought with hearts embrace Him as in arms receive the Lord, as He maketh now His sojourn, O ye the faithful and bring to Him in songs your offerings of prefeast praises.

Prokeimenon:

Make your vows to the Lord our God, and perform them.

God is known in Judah, His name is great in Isreal.

EPISTLE: The Reading from the second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Joseph & Rita Khoury, John, Madelaine, Joey, Gianni, and Antonio Khoury, and Michael, Nancy, Jacob, George, and Julianna Ayoub, and in memory of Estephan, Sarkis, & Hofsana Donayon, Youseff & Jacqueline Hagopien, William Nasr, Assad & Lucia, Isper Khoury and Nasta, Mikhel, Madaleen, Miled, Muneer Khoury.

MEMORIAL

A 40 day memorial will be served today in memory of Estephan Donayon. May his memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour this morning is offered by the Joseph and Rita Khoury. 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

SUPER BOWL 49 PARTY – Today, 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!

NO FASTING

There is no fasting this week, the week of the Pharisee and the Publican.

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

We will celebrate the liturgy for the Presentation of our Lord, Monday, February 2, at 9:00 A.M.

CHOIR

Choir practice will be held, Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 P.M.

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.

VESPERS

We will celebrate Vespers Saturday, February 7, at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Neal and Jennifer Buddensiek on the baptism of their daughter, Leah Elisabeth, on January 24. Leah's godparents are Youssef and Boshra Haddad. Many years to Leah, her family and her godparents.

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. Please make sure the spelling of the names is correct.

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.

CHURCH CALENDARS

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

2015 PARISH DIRECTORY

Copies of the revised 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.

2015 Parish Directory Changes. Please make the following changes in your copy of the directory.

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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.

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 your generosity!

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 2, Rita Khoury (Presentation of our Lord)
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.*

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](tel:651-329-6069)/Jmkhoury1@gmail.com

Book Signing with Amy Hodge- after Liturgy on Sunday February 15th

Amy's new book, Headstrong, is available in the bookstore starting Sunday Feb. 8th for \$25.00. She will be available for book signings on Sunday, Feb. 15th.

Quote from Amazon: Brainstem tumors have met their match, at least for now. Inoperable per four neurosurgeons, Amy Toconita Hodge was told to live with neoplasm growing in the center of her head. She decided to learn as much as she could about this foe. To everyone's surprise, she was introduced to the World's Best Neurosurgeon. He called her operable..... Her fierce message to the world? "You give up when I give up."

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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.

ORTHODOX GAME LEAGUE

The next game night will be Saturday, February 28th at 7:00 P.M. at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church. Please bring a munchies and/or dessert to share. Want to learn a new game? Want to play a classic? Want to teach a game? Then this is for you. If you have questions please call Dan Simon 612-207-3405. (See flyer on the bulletin board)

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.

