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MAY 10, 2015

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN & AFTER-FEAST OF
MID-PENTECOST**

TONE: 4

EOTHINON: 7

Commemorations: Apostle Simon the Zealot; venerable Laurence of Egypt.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

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

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those who had fallen.

Prokeimenon:

O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Bless the lord, O my soul!

EPISTLE: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that

Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I Who speak to you am He.”

Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, “What dost Thou wish?” or, “Why art Thou talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, “Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to Him.

Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the Disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, “He said to me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered by the Antiochian Women for the health and welfare of all the women of St. George and in memory of all beloved departed women of St. George Parish.

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour will be hosted by the Men’s Club for Mother’s Day! May God bless all our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers! Please join us for the Mother’s Day Luncheon!

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 Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Jakob Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Kyle Krache, 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, Magdalen Ng, Lorraine Hartwig, Berhane Haliemichael, John Burbank, George Droubie, Rosa Neimy, Robert Wyllie.

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

THIS WEEK

HOLY PASCHA – 40 Days

In the Antiochian Archdiocese from Pascha and throughout the Paschal season (40 Days), you are permitted not to fast.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will hold our choir rehearsal Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 pm. All members are asked to be present. We also are seeking new people to become choir members.

FOCUS Festive Spring Fundraiser - Save the Date! Friday, May 15, 2015 FOCUS Minnesota will hold its annual festive spring fundraiser from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church in Minneapolis. 2015 is turning out to be a very important year for us, with the mobile clinic slated to launch this summer. We need your support -- please make plans to come and hear about our dedicated outreach to those living in poverty in our community. Help spread the word ... and bring a friend! See <http://areyouinfoocus.weebly.com/> for more details and to purchase tickets (\$35 each) online!

MOTHER'S DAY SOCIAL

This year, our Antiochian Women's Mother's Day Social will be Sat., May 16. Please join us from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Beirut restaurant. Lunch is \$15.00 per person and includes your choice of chicken or beef kabob, tabouli, rice, non-alcoholic beverage, dessert and tip. All ladies are welcome! There will be a sign up sheet posted in the parish hall. Hope to see you at Beirut for delicious food and wonderful fellowship! If you have any questions please call Katrina Roseland.

Last Day of church school is Sunday, May 17. The last day of church school for the current school year will be Sunday May 17th. Memorial weekend falls very early this year so it seems like the end of the year crept up on us too soon! Thank you to all the parents who faithfully committed to getting their children here throughout the past year and of course thank you to all the students too. Following the Liturgy on May 17 we will hand out the year end gifts to those students who regularly attended throughout the year. Everyone have a safe and fun filled summer but remember that no church school does not mean no church, the liturgy continues all summer long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER MISSION

Fr John Chagnon and John Windsor will be serving with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center this summer. Fr John is the Team Leader for an Alaska project supporting the Faith in two remote villages and John Windsor will be traveling to Moldova, a small country between Romania and Ukraine, to serve in a youth camp assisting the Church there as it rebuilds. You can contact each for more information and if you'd like to support them you can send a tax deductible donation to: OCMC, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

Simply write "Support for" either or both in the check memo line. You can also donate on line and Fr John and John can tell you how. Thanks.

THANK YOU!

Our sincere thanks to Rosa Neimy who has been our sunshine lady for about 10 years. Rosa sent cards to those who were sick, those who lost loved ones, those who had babies, and more. Thanks to those who informed Rosa of the needs of our people. May God grant Rosa many years! Brigitte Khoury is our new sunshine lady, if you know if any parishioner that should have a card from the parish of St George, please let Brigitte know.

GRADUATES

On June 7, the Antiochian Women will provide a cake to honor graduates. Please notify Denise or Sarah of any graduates from high school or college that are members of St. George.

KITCHEN 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.

NEIGHBORS INC

Please help replenish the food shelves of which Neighbors Inc. is one. Our neighbors, your neighbors, everyone's neighbors need our help. Please bring in one item each week during the month of March: one box of Mac & Cheese, box of cereal, pancake mix, can of tuna, Ragu, ANYTHING! The littlest thing can make a big difference. Cash donations may be made to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. **All** dollars and food donated to Neighbors stays at Neighbors. Thank you for your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

May 17, Kh. Vergin Khoury family (Memorial-Mary S)

May 20, Ascension (Mary Rudquist)

May 24, Sonia (Memorials-Sophie Lyons, David Etoll)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Vergin Khoury family

N/A

Sonia

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.*

ARABIC LITURGY

Our next Arabic liturgy will be Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 A.M. Fr. Nicholas from Chicago will be our main celebrant. Please spread the news and come join us.

MIDWEST PLC

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Grand Rapids, MI will host the Midwest Parish Life Conference, June 24-28. For information please visit: www.midwestplc2015.com

8th ANNUAL ST GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL – 2015

This year we will hold our 8th Annual Middle Eastern Festival on July 17th, 18th and 19th, 2015. Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled weekend of fantastic food, great entertainment and the best hospitality in the Twin Cities! Featuring a silent auction, pastries, food, Middle Eastern marketplace and much, much more! Visit us online at www.mideastfest.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mideastfest. **SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL! "There are color flyers in the church hall for you to take and post at work and to give to your friends. Please tell everyone you can about the festival."**

St Mary's Summer Camp: June 27- July 3, 2015

Registration will be open starting Bright Tuesday, April 14th, at 10:00 AM (CDT)

- Held at Camp Wapogasset in Amery, WI
- For Ages: Entering 3rd grade through 12th grade (in school) in the fall.
- Please contact your parish priest early for scholarship assistance.

Online registration at www.stmaryscamp.com

Registration Fee: \$450.00

From 5/02/15 through 5/28/15

Last Day to Register Thursday 5/28/15 by 4:30 PM (CDT)

Announcing the 2015 Summer Camp Scholarship Contest!

Open to our entire Pan-Orthodox Community! Two Camp scholarship coupons will be awarded in memory of Presbytera Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake. Camp registration fees will be rebated to two contest winners. The 2015 theme for camp is “Defending Our Faith.” This year’s essay question is, “*As an Orthodox Christian how do I defend my faith?*”

There will be two divisions:

Junior Division- open to children entering 3rd- 6th grades Fall 2015. Contestants are required to submit a 250- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Senior Division- open to teens entering 7th- 12th grades Fall 2015. Contestants are required to submit a 500- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Entries must remain as close to the word limits (250 or 500) as possible.

ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 22, 2015. Please submit entries to:
frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org Doria Saros, Pastoral Assistant, [612-825-9595](tel:612-825-9595) Church, [612-825-9283](tel:612-825-9283) Fax

Also the St. George AW Camp Scholarship will give 100.00 to the Jr. and 100.00 to the Senior Division for the same essay.

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.

SOCIAL HALL

Please remember, if you host a coffee hour you need to clean up the kitchen, take home the used linens, wash and return them, wipe the tables, take out the trash bags and put them into the dumpster. This is everyone's responsibility. Please try to help to preserve our beautiful hall.

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.”