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MAY 24, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

TONE: 6

EOTHINON: 10

*Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of
Pereyaslavl-Zalesski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; Venerable Vincent of Lerins*

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 ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For you are just in all you have done.

EPISTLE: The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made.

I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Sonia and Stefan's families, Father Anthim and Father Duane, and for all families of St. George church and for the memory of the departed family members of Sonia and Stefan and all the departed Christians from St. George Church.

MEMORIAL

A memorial service will be held for Sonia's grandparents Tzona and Dimitar Yovchev and for David Etoll. A 40-day memorial will be held for Sophie Lyons.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered by Sonia and Stefan. 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/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.**

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

Choir rehearsal has been rescheduled from Wed., May 27 to TODAY, MAY 24, FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY AND BEFORE GOING TO COFFEE HOUR to get more singers to a rehearsal before Pentecost. In Christ's harmony, Lenny.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, May 30 at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Daniel Tzegay and Abigale Zwach on the baptism of their son Rafael Habtemicael. Rafael's godfather is Isayas Tzegay. May God grant each of them many years!

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.

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

With the school year ending and no more school lunches, the food shelf needs donations more than ever. Parents are working and kids are home all day, quick, easy lunches are needed; mac & cheese, soups, ravioli, spaghetti, peanut butter and jelly. Please help stock the shelves. Cash donations may be made to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. Thank you for your generosity.

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."

ADDRESS CHANGE

John & Veronica Windsor
1150 Northwood Dr. Apt 219
Eagan, MN 55121-2082 (Phone numbers all remain the same)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

May 24, Sonia (Memorials-Sophie Lyons, David Etoll)
May 31, Rudquist/Jubran

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Sonia
Rudquist/Jubran

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.*

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet Monday, June 15, at 6:30 P.M.

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.

B.A.R.K.

"Kevin and Heather Klein are volunteers for two animal rescue organizations: B.A.R.K and Northstar Great Pyranese Rescue. They have found it an extremely rewarding experience and will tell you all about it if you'd like to know more. Through Northstar, they are fostering a Great Pyr whom Heather named "Moses" and he is heart worm positive. If you would like to help them and Northstar with Moses' treatment, visit <http://www.youcaring.com/pet-expenses/help-moses-through-heartworm-treatment/354100#.VVU06tyd7y9.facebook> to make a tax-deductible donation."