

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church**  
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**JUNE 7, 2015**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**COMMORATION OF ALL SAINTS**

**TONE: 8**

**EOTHINON: 1**

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Commemorations: *Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable Sebastian the wonder-worker; Venerable Cedd, bishop of Essex*

**THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**APOLYTIKION OF THE RESURRECTION 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 ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR**

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy

*Now sing the apolytikion of St. George the Great Martyr, our patron saint.*

**KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT**

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, \* the world presenteth the Godbearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. \* Through their earnest entreaties, \* keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, \* through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

*Prokeimenon:*

*God is wonderful among His saints.*

*Bless God in the congregations.*

**EPISTLE: The Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2)**

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rethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

**GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)**

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he Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven.

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”

Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

**HOLY BREAD**

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of graduates: Katie Awada, Naseem Burnham, Cecelia Damian, Dominique and James Lehnen, Mark Mikhail, Kelly Phelps, TJ Perry, Maia Price, Muzitt Tzegay, Laura Abrass, Brianna Droubie, Rami and Deanna Jubran, Nate Percy, Kelly Price, and Marko Martinovic and in memory of all the deceased members of St. George Church.

**COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour will follow the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

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**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.**

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### **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 and Sandi Heuer.

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

### **THIS WEEK**

**THE APOSTLES FAST** begins this coming Monday, June 8th - and continues through Sunday, June 28th. The traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with *katalysis* for fish, wine and olive oil on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

### **GRADUATES**

Today, the Antiochian Women will provide a cake to honor our graduates from high school and college.

### **HELP NEEDED**

This Thursday, June 11th we will be making Somboosik. This Syrian cookie is a really nice cookie. We need help (men and women). We will be happy to show you how to do it and you will enjoy yourself. Need help packing cookies, taking care of ovens. Please try to come at least for a couple hours. We will be starting at 9:00 A.M.

### **VESPERS**

We will serve Vespers Saturday, June 13 at 5:00 P.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Fr. Tom and everyone who remembered me with prayers, cards and calls during the past month while I was in the hospital and Transitional Care. I ask that you continue to pray for me during my recovery. Dr. George Droubie

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences to Zossima (Shaun) Daugherty on the falling asleep of his mother, Rowena Daugherty, Friday, May 29. May God grant comfort to Zossima and the family. May her memory be eternal!

#### **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. July 1 deadline!

### **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."

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

June 14, Ruth Nasseff (Memorial)  
June 21, Antiochian Women  
June 28, (Open)

#### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

Open  
Father's Day Luncheon  
(Open)

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](mailto: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](http://www.midwestplc2015.com)

### **Annual pool party at the Mikhail's set for Sunday July 5th**

Everyone is invited to the annual pool party held at the Mikhail home, 2501 W 112th St., Bloomington, MN 55431. Burgers, Brats, hotdogs, chips and beverages are provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, fruit, or dessert to share if you are able and willing. The fun will start

shortly after Liturgy and run as long as people stay. So come when it fits your schedule, stay an hour or the whole day; food will be cooked throughout the day.

### **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](http://www.mideastfest.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mideastfest](http://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.**

### **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."