

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**March 27, 2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**

**COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**

**TONE: 2**

**EOTHINON: 10**

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*Commemorations: Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica; Martyrs Philetos the senator, his wife Lydia of Rome and those with them; Paul, bishop of Corinth.*

**LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## **APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS IN TONE EIGHT**

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

*We sing the apolytikion of St. George our patron saint.*

## **KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT**

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

## **EPISTLE:**

*You O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us,  
Save me O Lord, for the godly man has failed*

## **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (1:10-2:3)**

**I**n the beginning, You O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end." But to what angel has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?

Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

## **GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (2:1-12)**

**A**t that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**HOLY BREAD**

Holy bread is offered by Brikti Haile for her health and welfare and that of Dehab, Girmay, Simon and Helen Haile, Himon and all of Brikti's grandchildren and in memory of the deceased members of Brikti's family.

### **MEMORIAL**

A nine-day memorial will be held for the handmaid of God, Georgette Engelbrecht. Georgette is the sister of Lamese McDowell. May her memory be eternal!

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour will be postponed due to the construction in the hall. Sorry for any inconvenience!

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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/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.**

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### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for Jim Etoll, Wally & Maria Golden, Allen & Nick Golden, John Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Erma Ziton, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Norm & Gracie Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Kh. Vera Proctor, Kh. Amy Hodge, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, Sandi Heuer, Andree White, George & Ellie Saba, Mitch, Beverly Zaine, Rosina Schwager, Alexander, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Gideon, Lamese McDowell and Delores Trisko.

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

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **MEOCCA LENTEN VESPERS**

MEOCCA Lenten Vespers will be today at St. George Greek Orthodox Church (1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN) at 4:00 P.M. A Lenten meal will follow the service. Please plan to worship with our Orthodox brothers and sisters.

#### **CHOIR**

Choir rehearsal every Sunday following Divine Liturgy.

#### **PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY**

The Presanctified Liturgy will be served Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 PM.

#### **AKATHIST**

The Akathist service will be Friday, April 1, at 7:00 P.M.

#### **VESPERS**

We will serve Vespers Saturday, April 2, at 5:00 P.M.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FASTING RULES FOR GREAT LENT**

The traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil) is observed Monday through Friday with wine and olive oil permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

**March is Antiochian Women's Month;** sign-up sheet in Hall to greet, usher, read, or collect. Questions see Pat Percy.

#### **Schedule for Sunday, March 20, 2016**

Greeters/Ushers: Deb Korluka & Brigitte Khoury  
Collectors: Brikti Haile, Kidan Mesih, Denise Ferraro, Pat Percy  
Epistle Reader: Jennifer Buddensiek

#### **Antiochian Women NAB Project**

Our NAB Project for the month of March is to Feed the Hungry in the US and Abroad. To donate, please write check to Antiochian Women NAB project. Any questions, see Deb Etoll or Sue Perry. We used to call it the Coffee Cup Collection.

#### **Antiochian Women Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 7, at Angelo's Pizza. Dinner at 6:00pm meeting to follow at 6:30pm. Cost is \$6 for a delicious Lenten meal.

#### **NEIGHBORS, INC FOOD SHELVES**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you much love one another." John 13:34  
It's not too late – there's still time to donate! Still have food or funds you would like to give to Neighbors? Are drive isn't over yet! Your donation will not only help people in our community put food on the table now, but donations made during this campaign impact the amount of Minnesota Food Share funding Neighbor's receives later in the year. So now is the time to donate! Please give cash or checks made payable to Neighbor's Inc. to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. Thank you!

## FOCUS

**It's More Than A Free Dinner Once a Week** - FOCUS MN is Free Meals AND also Food Shelf, Clothes Closet, and is building a Mobile Clinic!. The Orthodox Community is working miracles! Please help out by bringing Shampoo, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Aluminum Foil, Baggies - various sizes, Paper Towels, Coffee, Tuna, Spaghetti, Sauce, Cereal, Clothing, Men's Shoes or giving of your time or money. For more info, go to <http://areyouinfoocus.weebly.com/> or contact our FOCUS liaisons Pat Percy, Sue Perry or Lisa Mikhail.

## CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The Parish Council has voted and agreed upon the two major construction projects (church lighting and carpet removal). The DECONSTRUCTION phase will begin on March 1, 2016. Therefore, all personal and other items need to be removed from the church hall, coat room and hallways by Monday, Feb. 29, 2016. There will be **NO SCHEDULING** of events or activities during the construction project until further notice. Coffee hours will be on a week to week basis depending on the progress. Your cooperation and help would be greatly appreciated.

## Lil' PRAYER BUDDIES

The bookstore received our first shipment of "the Lil' Prayer Buddies," stuffed animals that say prayers. We have many choices for sale! Prices range from \$15.00-\$20.00.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLY BREAD LIST

April 3, Eva Etoll, Nancy Toenniges  
April 10, Youssef Haddad  
April 17, (Open)  
April 23, Lazarus Saturday  
April 24, Palm Sunday

### COFFEE HOURLIST

N/A  
Falafel Dinner

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 AND Brigitte Khoury at [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.*

### Providing Meals for U of M OCF

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) chapter at the University of Minnesota is looking for people to potentially bring meals to meetings which we hold every other Thursday throughout the school year. The meetings are held at Saint Lawrence Catholic church (address is: 1203 5th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414). The meals typically consist of: a main course, a salad, a dessert, and some bottled water. I know most of you do not have a student at the U of M currently, but it would mean a lot to the OCF if you considered bringing a meal to share with the students! The dates available currently are: 3/31, 4/7, and 4/21. If you are willing to do so please contact Jerrius Jubran at: [jubr0002@umn.edu](mailto:jubr0002@umn.edu) or via text/call: (651)285-2319.

### PAN-ORTHODOX TEA

Pan-Orthodox Lenten Tea will be held on April 9, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church (956 Forest St., St Paul). The topic will be Prison Ministry. Our guest speaker is Sandra Anderson. Please come for this wonderful fellowship.

### **The 2016 Summer Camp Scholarship Contest for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades!**

Open to our entire Pan-Orthodox Community! Two Camp scholarship coupons will be awarded in memory of Presbyteria Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake. Camp registration fees will be rebated to two contest winners. The 2016 theme for camp is "Attitudes and Beatitudes." This year's essay question is, "As an Orthodox Christian how can my Attitudes reflect the following Beatitude?" (Please choose one of the Beatitudes from chapter 5 of the book of Matthew.)

There will be two divisions:

Junior Division- open to campers entering 6-8th grades fall 2016. Contestants are required to submit a 250- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Senior Division- open to campers entering 9th- 12th grades fall 2016. 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 SUNDAY MAY 22, 2016.

Please submit entries to: [frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org](mailto:frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org)

### 2016 MIDWEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

Please save the date: Wednesday, June 22nd through Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. 2016 Parish Life Conference - The Basilica of St. Mary Livonia <[tolplc@antiochianevents.com](mailto:tolplc@antiochianevents.com), [Edward Village Michigan Hotel](#).  
600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, (313) 592-3622. See flyer on Bulletin Board.

### **Announcing the 9th Annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival – 2016**

Our 9th Annual Middle Eastern Festival will be on July 15th, 16th and 17th, 2016. Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled weekend of fantastic food, great entertainment and the best hospitality in the Twin Cities! Silent auction, pastries and sweets, Middle Eastern marketplace and much, much more! Visit us online at [www.mideastfest.com](http://www.mideastfest.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mideastfest](http://www.facebook.com/mideastfest).

**SEE YOU AT 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.

## **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.

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 help to preserve our beautiful hall.