

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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April 17, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

TONE: 5

EOTHINON: 2

Hieromartyr Simeon, bishop in Persia and those with him; Martyr Adrian of Corinth; Agapitos, pope of Rome; Makarios, archbishop of Corinth; Venerable Zosimas of Solovky

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

EPISTLE:

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

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentile; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the health and welfare of Craig, Vicky, Jenny, Joel, Olivia, Matthew, Mary, Mike, Rebecca, Bishop Anthony, Joanne, Beverly, Joseph, Aunts Joannie, Dixie, Mavis, and Julie, Uncles Richard, and Dale and in loving memory of Anthony, Gertrude, Sam, Helen, Voso, Johanna, Mary, Victor, Mae, James, Lucille, Bucko, Dolores, Arthur, John Aussey and Father John Khoury.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour will be hosted today by Vicky & Craig Michaels. 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/christmated 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 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, Joe & Beverly Zaine, Rosina Schwager, Alexander, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Gideon, Lamese McDowell, Delores Trisko, Carol Mihalchick and Mike Etoll.

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 today will be at St. Panteleimon Russian Orthodox Church, 2210 Franklin Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, at 4:00 P.M. There will be no meal following the service. They will celebrate their 60th anniversary at St. George Antiochian. 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, April 20, at 6:30 P.M.

ST. LAZARUS COMPLINE

The St. Lazarus Compline service will be Friday, April 22, at 7:00 P.M.

LAZARUS SATURDAY

We will celebrate the Lazarus Saturday Liturgy at 9:00 A.M. (please see the flyer at the usher's desk for full details of services!)

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, April 23, at 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To our Dear Family at Saint George,

For three and a half years we experienced a love that only comes unconditionally. We may not be family by blood, but are made a family through Christ. Words cannot begin to express the gratitude we feel in our hearts for the outpouring, you our family in Christ, did for us during Jakob's earthly trial. We truly believe, that love and outpouring gave him the courage to keep going no matter what.

The same outpouring you gave to Jakob and our family continued from the minute of his falling asleep in the Lord. We could not have made it through this time without your outpouring of support.

We thank you for everything everyone did for us during our time of grief and for touching our hearts and most importantly for touching Jakob's Heart from the day he arrived at Saint George. We love you and are glad we are all a family in Christ. We would not have it any other way.

Thank you and with much Love,
The Kakish Family

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Michelle Apman and Patty Burbank for a delicious meal. The Antiochian Women appreciate having the meeting at your restaurant during the construction at church. Thank you! - Sue Perry

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

At our ladies meeting the ladies decided will give out 4 scholarship of \$100.00. Two will go to the Senior Division. Two will go to the Junior Division. Submit your essay, the same topic as St. Mary Greek, to Cindy Karos by June 1. Please put your name on a separate piece of paper. Thank you to our anonymous donor who donated \$200.00 to help send our children to camp.

Thank you to the ladies who came on Monday and Tuesday to clean the church kitchen. Linens were all washed including blankets, sheets, towels. Each lady took one area in the kitchen and scrubbed it from top to bottom and cleaned out the utensil drawers and washed the utensils. The counters and drawers look amazing. Still more work and organizing to do. We need to clean the inside of the cabinets. So if you have an hour or two please help clean the church kitchen. Anyone is welcome, not just the ladies. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to beautify our church. – Sue Perry

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Celebrating St. Mary of Egypt the 5th Sunday of Lent in the Bookstore

The bookstore has just acquired books on the life of St. Mary of Egypt published by Prison Ministry, edited by our own Fr. Duane. Cost \$4.00.

Especially, in celebration of the 5th Sunday of Lent, we have new and beautiful icons of St. Mary of Egypt, mounted on wood and laminated prints ranging from \$3.00 to \$30.00.

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.

NEIGHBORS, INC FOOD SHELVES

Thank you for your donations of food and money! We received 100 lbs. of food and \$620. Donations are accepted throughout the year. You may give donations of 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 floor phase of the construction project is now completed. Please watch your step, the new floors may be slippery. . Our thanks to Anthony Rezcallah who led the flooring committee and who put in so many hours. Also thank you to Sean Rudquist and his crew who did a beautiful job, they are currently doing a final clean-up. We are happy to announce that we now have most of the new lights in the nave of the church. We will complete the lighting project when we repair the dome and paint the church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

April 23, Lazarus Saturday
April 24, Palm Sunday
April 28, Joannie Alevizos
April 30, Mary Rudquist
April 30, Kakish family

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Rosa & Sanaa (fried dough)
Ferraro & Jubran families
NA
Mary Rudquist

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 by Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday of your memorial, with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*

LAZARUS SATURDAY

All children please be sure to join us on Lazarus Saturday, April 23, for a fun-filled morning. Liturgy is at 9:00 A.M. with a breakfast to follow. After eating we will be decorating candles to be carried (unlit) in the Palm Sunday procession. In addition we will have other Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha crafts. Of course there will also be palm cross making and weaving. We would love to see as many children as possible attend, so mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23.

The 2016 Summer Camp Scholarship Contest for Grades 6-12!

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 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. Submit entries to: frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org

GREETINGS PARENTS OF SUMMER CAMPERS

Our brand new Summer Camp Website is open!

While we will need you to create a new profile this year we think you'll find the site a terrific improvement.

You'll find instructions on the home page www.stmaryscamp.com under Welcome to the New Website. Click on "read more."

Our thanks to Paul Hastings for his tireless work in authoring this beautiful site!

Please sign them up! Also please remember that this year all check payments are due by May 1st.

Scholarship help is available by contacting your parish priest.

Blessed Lenten Journey,

Doria Saros

Pastoral Assistant, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

612-825-9595 Church: 612-825-9283 Fax

If your heart overflows with love for God, you will find a thousand ways to communicate and pass on these feelings to your children. *Bishop Irenaeus

2016 MIDWEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

Save the date: Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26, 2016 Parish Life Conference - The Basilica of St. Mary Livonia <tolplc@antiochianevents.com, [Edward Village Michigan Hotel](http://EdwardVillageMichiganHotel.com), 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 or on Facebook at 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.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

All Members of St. George and Friends

Good Friday, April 29, 2016

12 Noon

(After the 10:00 a.m. "Royal Hours" Service)

Paul Karos

Will Exclusively Address the Parish of St. George on the Topic

"Working Out Orthodox Style"

Some of us exercise daily to strengthen our muscles and tone our skin.

Paul will talk about what daily exercises we can do to strengthen our relationship with God.

Please Make Plans to Join Us for this Inspirational Presentation

(A Light Lunch Will Be Provided)