

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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August 7, 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

TONE: 6

EOTHINON: 7

Commemorations: Martyrs Dometios of Persia; Sozon of Nicomedia; Hieromartyr Narcissos, patriarch of Jerusalem; Venerable Theodosios the New of the Peloponnesos; Nikanor the wonderworker of Mt. Kalistratos.

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 TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

We sing the Troparion of St. George, our patron saint.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

EPISTLE:

O Lord, save your people, and bless your inheritance

To you, O Lord have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus was passing by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud and saying: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then Jesus touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Jesus. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the health & welfare of Alice Woog, Nick, Julia, Sophia & Katie Woog; Mike, Mary, Michael Joseph & Camille Herzak, Mary & John Mecom; Marc & Deb Chagnon & Family; Janet, Paul, Christina Machyowsky and James Ebner.

In loving memory of: Subdeacon Joseph, Joseph & Anna Bechik, James Woog and Paul Machyowsky.

MEMORIAL

We will hold a memorial service this morning for Subdeacon Joseph Woog.

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour is hosted by the Alice Woog. 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/chrismated 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 Issa Aldaya, 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, Mat. Vera Proctor, Kh. Amy Hodge, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, Sandi Heuer, Andree White, George & Ellie Saba, Mitch, Rosina Schwager, 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

THE DORMITION FAST begins on Monday, August 1st and lasts through Sunday, August 14th. The traditional fasting discipline is observed (no meat, poultry, dairy products, eggs, fish, wine and olive oil on weekdays, but with katalysis for wine and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays).

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The AW meeting is this Thursday, August 11 at 6:00pm for dinner with meeting following at 6:30pm. Come hear about an update in our Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. Over 800 people attended the convention in Dearborn, MI, this year. We had good attendance from our parish! Next year the convention is in Chicago. Since Chicago is the closest location for our convention, we plan to get more ladies and families to attend. See you at the ladies meeting. – Sue Perry

VESPERS

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

VESPERS & PRESENTATION, ST MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Great Vespers will begin at 4pm, Sunday, August 14 at St. Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Vespers will be followed by refreshments and a presentation from Dr. Harry Boosalis and Tom Rudquist. Tom will present a beautiful slide show of Mount Athos, the Garden of the Virgin Mary. Dr. Boosalis will speak on the significance of the Theotokos for Orthodox spirituality and what she means for us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FESTIVAL THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work before, during and after our Festival! Everything ran smoothly and we received many compliments on the food and the kindness of our workers. According to Rana, the preliminary numbers are about 96-97% complete and accurate and they look fantastic. We're up 16% total sales over last year - great job everyone! Fr. Tom

CHURCH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Church school classes are now being organized Anyone new to the parish with children or having a child turning 4 years old by Sept 11, 2016 please see Lisa Mikhail at church or email her at Lmikhail92@aol.com so that the students can get added to the appropriate age class.

School Supply Drive It is that time of year again where the school supplies are on sale. Please consider picking up a few extra and donating to a child in need. There will be a collection box on top of the Focus/Neighbors Cabinet from early August through the end of September. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Creative Arts Festival Award Winners We had many award winners in this year's Creative Arts Festival regional level contest. Congratulations to everyone who participated and especially our 1st and 2nd place category winners. **Poetry:** Joseph Karos (Grade 8): 1st place **Photography:** Christian Worrall (Grade 4): 2nd place; Jacob Ayoub (Grade 2) and Nikolai Lehnen (Grade 3) 1st place **Writing:** Anna Rezcallah (Grade 2): 2nd place; Antonio Khoury (Grade 1), Gianni Khoury (Grade 2), Mary Rezcallah (Grade 5), Sierra Rudquist (Grade 7), Anna Karos (Grade 10), and Peter Karos (Grade 12) all 1st place. Good Job!

2016 FRANCIS MARIA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Mark Mikhail who is one of the recipients of the Francis Maria Scholarship this year!

CHURCH ART

We are planning to do some decorative art work in the church. We will need donations for this project. Any donations should be designated as "church art." Thank you for your consideration towards the beauty of the Lord's house.

ARCHDIOCESE DUES

We want to inform you that our church is assessed for each member in our church. We have to pay this assessment each year whether you contribute to it or not. If you have not submitted your envelope towards the archdiocese dues please do so soon.

FOCUS/NEIGHBORS DONATION CABINET

We have replaced the FOCUS/NEIGHBORS tables with a beautiful cabinet. Please place your items for these organizations in the cabinet, labeled with the name of the organization you would like it donated to.

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://areyouinfocus.weebly.com/> or contact our FOCUS liaisons Pat Percy, Sue Perry or Lisa Mikhail.

FOCUS

We are desperate for help at FOCUS on Thursdays and Fridays at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, especially Thursday, to help sort clothes for the clothes closet. The summer months are busy, please come and help!

FOCUS Fundraiser!!! Save the date for an amazing night of Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars! Join us Monday, August 15 from 6:30 pm to 9:30pm and bring your friends & family! Tickets are available for \$50.00 each and you can sign up on line at focusmn.org or get paper tickets or at St. George see Sue Perry, Patty Percy, or Lisa Mikhail if you have any questions.

NEIGHBORS, INC FOOD SHELVES

With the help of its volunteers, Neighbor's Inc. will strive to reduce poverty, promote self-sufficiency, and build community. Please help us by donating food or funds to support Neighbor's Food Shelf. See the poster of needed items on the bulletin board. Please give cash donations to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. Thank you for your kindness.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR NEIGHBORS

Please contact us about becoming a volunteer driver in our transportation program. Even if you would be able to just take a ride or two a month, it would help. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage, currently at a rate of \$0.54 a mile. We do a background check on all applicants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

August 14, Michael & Nancy Ayoub
August 21, George & Ellie Saba
August 28, Joan & Roseanne - Memorial

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Coffee hour
(Open)
Coffee hour

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 both 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.*

GREEK SUMMER FESTIVAL

St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul is holding its summer festival August 20-21. (See the flyer on the bulletin board)

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

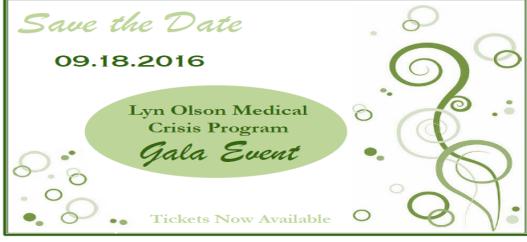
The Parish Council has determined that anyone wishing to use the kitchen at any time **must** contact George Khoury to reserve their date and time on the kitchen calendar.

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.

LOMCP GALA EVENT

Save the date, September 18, 2016. Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program will be hosting its Gala Event on the terrace of the Stillwater Public Library, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets available on line at: www.lomcp.com

Save the Date
09.18.2016
Lyn Olson Medical
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Tickets Now Available

A decorative graphic for a 'Save the Date' card. It features a central green oval containing the text 'Lyn Olson Medical Crisis Program Gala Event'. Above the oval is the date '09.18.2016' and below it is 'Tickets Now Available'. The top left corner says 'Save the Date'. The entire graphic is framed by a thin green border and decorated with various musical notes, including a large treble clef on the right, and swirls of different colors (green, grey, white) scattered throughout.