

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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August 14, 2016

TRANSFER OF THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

TONE: 7

EOTHINON: 8

Commemorations:

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

We Do Not sing the Troparion of St. George, our patron saint.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

EPISTLE:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For He has regarded the humility of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (2:5-11)

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the **health and welfare of** Micheal, Nancy, Jacob, George and Julianna Ayoub, Katar Ayoub, Joseph and Rita Khoury.

In Loving memory of: Nabih Ayoub, George, Moufiydi, Minerva, Nabiha, Angel Ayoub and Micheal, Mirayana and George Fayad, Assad, Lucie, Nusta, and Isber Khoury and Sarkis, Hofsana and Estephan Donayan, Jacqueline Hagopian & all the departed family members of the Ayoub, Fayad, Sayfi, Khoury and Donayan families.

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour is hosted by Michael and Nancy Ayoub. 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/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.**

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

VESPERS & PRESENTATION, ST MARY'S GREEK OTHODOX 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.

ST. GEORGE GREEK FESTIVAL

St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul is holding its annual Greek Festival on Saturday, August 20, 11:00AM-10:00PM. And Sunday August 21, 11:00AM to 5:00PM. Please join us at 111 Summit Avenue in St. Paul for wonderful Greek Food, dancing, music, pastries, church tours and FUN!! For more information or to purchase tickets, visit our website at www.stgeorgegoc.org/greekfestival. Also visit us on Facebook. Thank you! (See the flyer on the bulletin board)

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, August 20 at 5:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Biniam & Dehab Tsehaie on the baptism of their daughter Millen on July 30. Millen has taken the baptismal name of Lydia. May God grant Millen and her family many years!

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!

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. **The cabinet seems bare these days!**

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, Tooth-

paste/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.

Clothes closet: 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!

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 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 21, George & Ellie Saba - Memorial
August 28, Joan & Roseanne - Memorial
September 4, (Open)
September 7, Nativity of the Theotokos
September 11, LOMCP

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Sabas
Joan & Roseanne
(open)
NA
LOMCP

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 hgkstgeorge@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.*

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



FAMILY CAMP

Family Camp, October 7-9, 2016...don't miss it! If you are looking for an opportunity to relax in God's nature this fall with Orthodox families committed to connecting to the church and one another, Family Camp is for you! One of our favorite past speakers, Dr. Michael Lotti, will open our minds to the important messages of the prophets as he presents, "The Prophets Speak to Us." Register today at www.stmaryscamp.com. If you have questions, check out the website or contact Doria Saros at dsaros@stmarysgoc.org or Cindy Karos at ckaros@visi.com. Registration is first come, first served and will close September 30.

ST. MARY'S COPTIC MN FESTIVAL

August 27-28, 501 6th Ave. South, South St. Paul, MN 55075. Please see their website www.stmarymn.org or visit fb.me/stmarymnfest