

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW AFTER-FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

TONE: 8

EOTHINON: 9

Commemorations: Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy; Martyrs Bassa, Theognios, Agapios and Pistos of Edessa; Venerable Abraham of Smolensk and his disciple, Venerable Ephraim.

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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 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:

Make vows to the Lord your God and perform them.

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17)

B Rethen, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:22-34)

A t that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

HOLY BREAD

HOLY BREAD is given for the **health and welfare** of Joe and Beverly Zaine, their children - Cathy, Cindy, Vicky and Jimmy, their husbands and children.

In Loving memory of: their parents - Jim and Mae, Victor and Mary and all the Zaine and Zien members who have gone before them.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered today by Joe & Beverly Zaine. 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/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.**

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

ST. GEORGE GREEK FESTIVAL

St. George Greek Orthodox Church in St. Paul is holding its annual Greek Festival today, 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 27 at 5:00PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP

Kelly Price will be traveling with the Group of Orthodox Christians to San Miguel, Hogar Rafael Orphanage in Guatemala. A number of St. George members have traveled there in the past and have been blessed by the experience. Please help Kelly with a St. George Scholarship. Please write the check to St. George, earmarked "Kelly scholarship." Thank you!

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!

Church School to start Sunday Sept 11th. As in past years, church school will begin with an opening prayer and welcome from Father Tom at 8:45 in the church. At 9:00 children will be dismissed to their age appropriate classes. Please remember to let Lisa Mikhail know if your children are new to the church school as soon as possible.

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.

U of M OCF Meals

This upcoming school year has come faster than we expected and as we did last year, we are looking for people to provide meals for our meetings on Thursdays. The available dates for providing meals are:

09/08/2016, 10/20/2016, 11/3/2016, 11/17/2016, 12/1/2016, 12/15/2016, 2/2/2017, 2/16/2017, 3/2/2017, 3/30/2017

A typical meal: a main course of your choosing, salad, bottles of water, and a dessert. If you are interested in providing a meal for OCF please contact Jerrius Jubran via email jerrius.jubran@gmail.com or phone 651-285-2319. Thank you for all you did last year in making sure our college students were well nourished! God Bless!

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, 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.

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!

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 28, Joan & Roseanne - Memorial
September 4, (Open)
September 7, Nativity of the Theotokos
September 11, LOMCP

COFFEE HOUR LIST

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 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.*

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.

NOTICE:

If you have borrowed or rented something from the church, please return the items promptly and properly cleaned. Others may have need of them as well! Thank you!

ST. MARY'S COPTIC MN FESTIVAL – A Journey Through the Ages

The Coptic Orthodox Festival is August 27, 11:00 am. - 8:00 pm., August 28, 11:00 am. - 7:00 pm. St. Mary's Coptic Church, 501 6th Ave. S., South St. Paul, MN 55075. Please see their website www.stmarymn.org or visit fb.me/stmarymnfest (Please see the flyer on the bulletin board)

TASTE OF GREECE

Don't miss the 28th Minneapolis Greek Festival: "A Taste of Greece" at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10, 12:00 noon-10:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 11, 12:00 non-6:00 p.m. For more information, please call the church office, 612-825-9595. Put a little "Opa!" in your life!

Sunday September 11th LOMCP Fundraising Sunday

The LOMCP fundraising Sunday at St. George will be Sunday September 11th. Abir Samaan will give a short presentation about LOMCP's current giving activities.

CABBAGE ROLL DINNER

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church's Cabbage Roll Dinner will be Sunday, September 18, 2016. We will begin serving 11:30 am. Menu Cabbage rolls, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, fresh vegetables, cheese, homemade pies, coffee & milk. Adults: \$12, Children (5-16) \$6, Age 4 and under free! Bake & craft sale, ethnic foods, homegrown produce and raffle! The church is located at: 523 First Street, Clayton, WI 54004. See flyer on the bulletin board.

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.