

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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September 4, 2016

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**& ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**HEIROMARTYR BABYLAS OF ANTIOCH**

**TONE: 2**

**EOTHINON: 11**

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*Commemorations: Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo; Martyr Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Philip the deacon; Venerable Anthimos the New*

## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### 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 OF ST. BABYLAS OF ANTIOCH IN TONE FOUR

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Babylas. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

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

### KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

### EPISTLE:

*The Lord is my strength and my song.*

*The Lord has chastened me sorely.*

### The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12)

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rethen, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

### GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35)

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t that time, The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the

lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell

down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

### **HOLY BREAD**

**HOLY BREAD** is given for the **health and welfare** of Tom & Mary Rudquist and family and for all the members of St. George. **In Loving memory** of: John Ashton Price IV, Jakob Kakish, Very Rev. Essa and Olympia Kanavati and all the departed members of the Kanavati families.

### **MEMORIAL**

A memorial service will be held this morning for Very Rev. Essa and Khouria Olympia Kanavati.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour is offered today by Tom & Mary Rudquist. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

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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/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.**

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### **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, Joseph Kammeyer 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**

#### **FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

We will celebrate the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm.

#### **TASTE OF GREECE**

Don't miss the 28<sup>th</sup> 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! (free tickets by the bulletin board) Please take only one set. Fr. Tom

#### **LEBANESE FESTIVAL**

Holy Family Maronite Church, 1960 Lexington Ave., Mendota Heights, MN, will hold their Lebanese Festival, Sept. 9-11. Friday, Sept. 9, Bingo night; Saturday, Sept. 10, Bake Sale & Evening of Fun with Mezza Dinner; Sunday, Sept. 11, Outdoor Festival, Live, Noon to 6:00 pm., John Khoury Band, Lebanese Food and Games. Please see the flyer on the Bulletin Board.

#### **VESPERS**

We will serve Vespers Saturday, Sept. 10 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," submit by Sept. 30. Thank you!

#### **CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11**

**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](mailto:Lmikhail92@aol.com) so that the students can get added to the appropriate age class.

**Church School to start Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.** 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 the 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. (see contact information above)

**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 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.

## INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY

**Intro to Orthodoxy:** the MEOCCA Cooperative Catechism program offers its fall course at St. George Church, 1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, on Tuesdays 7-9pm beginning *September 13<sup>th</sup>*. Register online at [www.meocca.org](http://www.meocca.org). We also have schedules with applications at the ushers Desk! All are welcome!

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLY BREAD LIST

September 7, Nativity of the Theotokos - Mary R.  
September 11, LOMCP  
September 13, Elevation of the Holy Cross (6:30 pm.) SOYO  
September 18, Sue Perry  
September 25, (open)

### COFFEE HOUR LIST

NA  
LOMCP  
NA  
John Windsor

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](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.*

## 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!

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 LOMCP Fundraising Sunday

The LOMCP fundraising Sunday at St. George will be Sunday, September 11 during the coffee hour. Abir Samaan will give a short presentation about LOMCP's current giving activities. Also, you can purchase your gala event tickets for Sept. 17 from her at this time. The Gala Event will be on the terrace of the Stillwater Public Library, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets available on line at: [www.lomcp.com](http://www.lomcp.com)

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet Monday, September 12, at 6:30 pm.

## ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Holy Cross, Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 pm.

## 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.

## COUNCIL ELECTION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The nominating committee for this year is:

Fr. Tom Begley 612-723-0681      George Khoury 651-208-3954  
Denise Ferraro 651-457-4218      Sanaa Jubran 651-731-2988      Pat Percy 651-306-1346

If you are interested in serving on the Church Council for a three year term and are a member in good standing, you can call the above committee members before Tuesday, September 20, 2016. For further explanation of a church member in good standing, consult the back pages of our church phone directory. Three Council terms are expiring and we will be voting for the 3 Council open seats at the Annual Meeting Sunday, October 2nd. There will be **no nominations from the floor**. All candidates must be in good standing spiritually, canonically and financially. They must have attended services and have received communion and confession in the last year. They must agree to and uphold the teachings and traditions of the Orthodox Church. These minimum standards have been set in consultation with Bishop ANTHONY!

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN ELECTIONS

It is time for elections for the St. George Antiochian Women! The elections will take place at the October meeting, Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6pm. The following positions are open:

- 1) President (requires being an Antiochian Women officer at some point)
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer

We will be soliciting names for the ballot until Thursday, **September 29**. There will be **no nominations from the floor** at the meeting. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Cindy Karos at [ckaros@visi.com](mailto:ckaros@visi.com) or 952.929.6371. Feel free to talk to any of our past officers to learn more about the positions. If you are not interested in running for office, we would still love to have your attendance at the Antiochian Women meetings. We meet the first Thursday of every other month at St. George at 6pm. There are many opportunities you can participate in to further your participation within the church and our community at large. –Sue Perry

## 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](http://www.stmaryscamp.com). If you have questions, check out the website or contact Doria Saros at [dsaros@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:dsaros@stmarysgoc.org) or Cindy Karos at [ckaros@visi.com](mailto:ckaros@visi.com). Registration is first come, first served and will close September 30.

## FALL MEETING

The Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest will hold their Fall Meeting in Madison, WI. October 20-23. The Clergy will meet October 20-21. Please see the information on the bulletin board. Because of the relatively short distance this will be a good opportunity for our members to participate. The delegates meeting begins October 21, 5:00 pm. with Vespers at the church. See Fr. Tom for more information and registration forms.