

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

**THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS TO THE TEMPLE**

**TONE: 5**

**EOTHINON: 11**

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*Commemorations:*

## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### 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 THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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

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

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

### 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 Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:1-7)

**B**rethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

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

**A**t that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Jesus 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 Jesus said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts that you sucked!" But Jesus said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### HOLY BREAD

**HOLY BREAD** is given for the **health and welfare** of Brikti Haile and for Dehab, Girmay, Simon, Helen Haile, Himon and all of Brikti's grandchildren.

**In Loving memory** of all the departed members of Brikti's family.

## **MEMORIAL**

Memorial wheat is offered by Ellie and George Saba in loving memory of Mary Saba (April 8, 2015) and Rose Ann (Saba) Jones (November 17, 2013).

## **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour is hosted by Brikti and family. Please join us for this period 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/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.**

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## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please pray for Wally & Maria Golden, Allen & Nick Golden, Jackson and Hunter Golden, John Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Erma Ziton, Margaret Boalbey, Norm & Gracie Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Mat. Vera Proctor, Kh. Amy Hodge, Fr. John & Mat. Kathy, Lamese McDowell, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, Andree White, George & Ellie Saba, Mitch, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Gideon, Delores Trisko, Carol Mihalchick, Joseph Kammeyer, Mike Etoll, Jerry Joseph and Nancy Toenniges. If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEEK**

### **MEOCCA THANKSGIVING LITURGY**

Thanksgiving eve service will begin at 6pm on Wed., Nov. 23 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church. They are asking if we can volunteer to help with the reception afterward. Fr. Rick will be short-handed due to people being out of town for the holiday.

### **ARABIC LITURGY**

Our next Arabic Liturgy will be Friday, November 25 at 6:30P.M. Please plan to be on time!

### **VESPERS**

We will serve Vespers Saturday, November 26 at 5:00 pm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THANKSGIVING**

May God grant you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving. In our Archdiocese Thanksgiving is a fast free day!

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our annual Turkey Bingo last night. Thank you, Michelle Apman for coordinating this event, and Nancy Toenniges for preparing a delicious fasting meal. And thank you to everyone who helped make it an enjoyable family evening. Debby Etoll

### **THANK YOU ST. GEORGE FAMILY!**

I truly thank everyone for your help and enabling me to help out in San Miguel, Guatemala at Hogar with Doria and members of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. A team of 14 people will leave Jan. 2 or 3, depending on flight availability, and we will be back a week later. In addition, we will be in Guatemala City, Antigua, and the highlands.

Currently, there are two kids at the shelter, so much of our time will be spent doing repairs, cleaning, and building onto the Monastery. Madre Ivonne is very welcoming. I had the pleasure of meeting her at church camp 2016.

Consequently, I want to thank everyone again for their generosity and help in having me grow as a person mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Not to mention, delivering the means in which I can better serve others.

THANK YOU :) Kelly M. Price

### **THE NATIVITY FAST**

Begins on Tuesday, November 15 and continues through Saturday, December 24. This Fast is divided into two periods: The first is November 15 through December 19 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with katalysis for wine and olive oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine, and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second is the period of the Fore-feast, December 20 through 24, when the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with katalysis for wine and olive oil on Saturday and Sunday.

### **THANKSGIVING & WORLD FOOD DAY DRIVE**—All parishioners

The World Food Day canned Food drive is here! Please bring non-perishable food items to give to those in need. We would like to have the items put on the table in the hall-way marked "food shelf." Katrina Begley and Sue Perry's Sunday school class will help organize the Food Drive this year. Collection will be from October-December and reported to the Archdiocese.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLY BREAD LIST

November 27, Kh. Eileen Simon  
December 4, (open) Sue memorial wheat  
December 11, Fr. Dan & Kh. Eileen, Nancy (memorial)  
December 18, Cindy & Vicky (Fr. Duane anniversary)  
December 25, Christmas (Open)

### COFFEE HOUR LIST

(Open)  
Sunday potluck  
Council

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 with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*

### ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Antiochian Women will meet on Sunday, December 4, after coffee hour in the conference room. All church women are welcome. The annual cookie exchange will be held after the meeting. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall if you wish to participate, so we know how many cookies each person should bring.

### **The Ministry of Iconography**

*The schedule of 2017 classes are as follows: please register by sending a deposit of \$75.00 to Icon Art Studios, 13921 127th Street North, Stillwater, MN, 55082. All inquiries can be sent via e-mail at [akorkluka@aol.com](mailto:akorkluka@aol.com) or my cell at 612-889-5868.*

**Session 1-** at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Lake Calhoun, 3450 Irving Ave. South, Mpls., Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 on January 12, 19, 26 and February 2. Tuition cost is \$135.00 plus materials.

**Session 1 will concentrate on the prototype of "The Holy Face". All sessions concentrate on technique, along with a spiritual and theological study on the prototype.**

**Session 2-** at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 on February 9, 23, and March 2, 16, 23, 30. Tuition cost is \$165.00 plus materials.

**Session 2 will study an icon of The Crucifixion/The Cross. The student can choose an icon from various selections offered.**

**Session 3-** at The Basilica of Saint Mary, Hennepin at Sixteenth Street, Mpls. from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays during Great Lent; March 18 and 25, April 1, 8. Tuition including materials \$295.00.

**Session 3 will contemplate the sacrament of Repentance and will study and write an icon of The Theotokos.**

### Christmas Program and Lenten Pot Luck

Please join us on Sunday, December 11 after Liturgy for this year's Christmas program/Lenten pot luck. Please bring a Lenten dish to share. Thank you to Myrna Rezcallah who again headed the program and to all those who reached out to help her. With kids spread out geographically and outside activities competing, it is a challenging task to pull it all together. Many thanks!

### 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 cupboard seems bare these days!**

### 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!

### ORTHODOX CHURCH ART

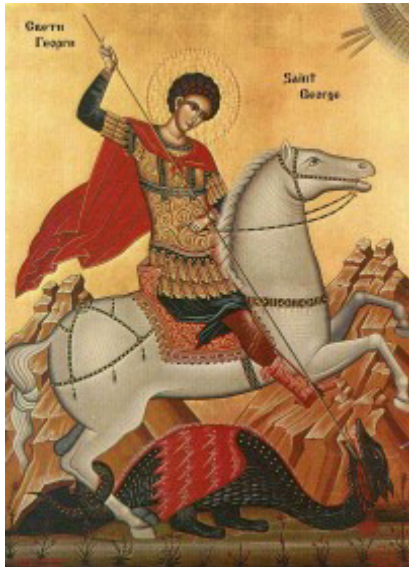
We have begun some decorative artwork in the church. We will need donations for this project. Any donations should be designated as "church art." Thank you for your consideration towards the beauty of the Lord's house.

### FOCUS

**It's More Than a Free Dinner Once a Week**, it's also a Food Shelf, Clothes Closet, 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.



His Grace Bishop ANTHONY  
Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest  
The Very Reverend Archpriest Thomas Begley  
And the Parish of Saint George Antiochian  
Orthodox Christian Church, West St. Paul, MN  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE THE  
25TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF  
Right Reverend Archimandrite Duane S. Pederson  
To The HOLY PRIESTHOOD  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016  
A Banquet in our Fellowship Hall  
Will follow the HIERARCHAL DIVINE LITURGY  
Hosted by His Grace Bishop ANTHONY  
And the Saint George Parish  
In lieu of gifts, donations can be made to OCPM  
@ [www.theOCPM.org](http://www.theOCPM.org)

We will be setting up an area in the church to display pictures of Fr. Duane's life. If you have any pictures you would like to share for this display please give them to Zossima Daugherty. If you have electronic pictures please send them via e-mail to Zossima to be used for a slide show: [zossimadaugherty@yahoo.com](mailto:zossimadaugherty@yahoo.com)

#### **ST GEORGE PARISH DIRECTORY**

We are currently trying to update our church directory. A copy is on the table by the bulletin board. Please check to see that your information is correct or make the appropriate changes and initial. Fr. Tom

#### **CHOIR**

No rehearsal on Wednesday Nov 23  
Rehearsal following Divine Liturgy on the 27th  
Rehearsal Wed November 30th at 7:00

December 4th - rehearsal following Divine Liturgy  
December 7th - rehearsal at 7:00 pm  
December 14th - rehearsal at 7:00 pm  
December 21th - rehearsal at 7:00 pm