

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

TONE: 6

EOTHINON: 1

Commemorations: Great-martyr James the Persian, Venerable Palladios of Thessalonica; Venerable Nathanael of Nitria in Egypt; James the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov.

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 ST. JAMES THE PERSIAN IN TONE FOUR

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

EPISTLE:

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

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

The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

Brethren, God Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

HOLY BREAD

HOLY BREAD is given for the **health and welfare** of Fr. Dan & Kh. Eileen Simon their families and Kenneth Hoffer. **In Loving memory** of Alexander, Eva, George and baby Alexander.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is hosted by Fr. Dan & Kh. Eileen. Please join us for this period 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 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

CHOIR REHEARSAL AFTER CHURCH TODAY

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We will have a choir rehearsal Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00P.M.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, December 3, at 5:00 pm.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ADOPT A FAMILY TREE IS IN THE SOCIAL HALL

The names on the tree are for families who are considered to be the working poor. They make just enough money to make them ineligible for government assistance. Nevertheless, they are very needy. We got these names from Holy Trinity food shelf in St. Paul. Please pick the names of a family or of individuals from each family to help this Christmas.

Example, one family asked for five toothbrushes. Please do whatever you can to help these people have a merry Christmas.

Please return your gifts to the church hall with the names of those you are helping no later than Sunday, December 18 immediately after liturgy. We will deliver them later that afternoon. Thank you very much and God bless you. - Tom R.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Ben & Amber Percy on the baptism of their son Iler. He was given St. John the Baptist as his patron saint. His sponsors were Nathan Percy and Bailey Schmoller. May God grant them all many years!

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Mike Ferraro on the falling asleep of his brother, Joseph. May his memory be eternal!

Our condolences to the Ablan family on the falling asleep of Joyce Ablan in La Crosse, WI. May her memory be eternal!

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

December 4, Lamese, (Sue memorial)
December 11, Fr. Dan & Kh. Eileen, Nancy (memorial)
December 18, Vicky (Michaels memorial)
December 25, Christmas – Pat Burbank

COFFEE HOUR LIST

(open)
School potluck
Fr. Duane anniversary
(No 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 with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*

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. Deb Korluka is donating the current work of the crosses. We are now collecting money for the veiling under the crosses. Each section of veiling will be \$350. The total cost of the project will be \$14,000. Any donations should be designated as “church art.” Thank you for considering a donation to beautify 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.

Informational Meetings Holy Land/Russia Pilgrimage Fall 2017

Several meetings about the Holy Land/ Russia Pilgrimage are scheduled in the upcoming weeks. The next two meetings will take place at:

St. George Greek after liturgy on Sunday December 11th at 12:00 and
St. Mary's Greek after liturgy on Sunday January 15th, time to be announced.

These meetings will present and discuss itinerary and cost details about the pilgrimage taking place in the fall of 2017. The Holy Land portion of the tour will consist of 9 days in the Holy Land with a return back to the USA on day 10 or the option to continue onto St. Petersburg, Russia. Projected cost for the Holy Land portion will be \$1,650.00 plus air (and travel insurance) with a minimum of 20 participants.

This event will be hosted by Icon Art Studios under the leadership of Tom Rudquist and Deb Korluka. We are excited to share with you an educational and spiritual journey equipped to deliver a very warm and unique experience by gathering together our personal contacts both in the Holy Land and Russia. Please contact Deb or Tom for tour materials. A registration meeting will take place in March of 2017.

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 akorluka@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.

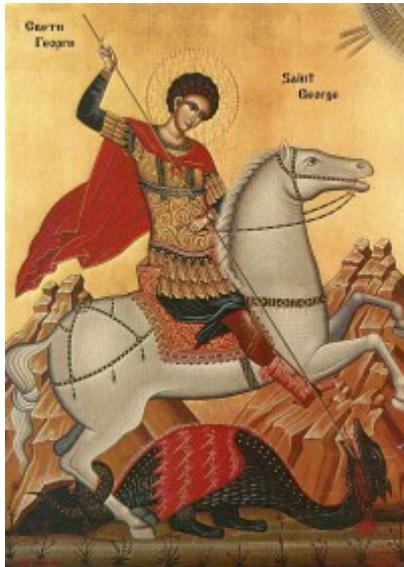
Session 2- at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 on February 9, 23, and March 2, 16, 23, 30. Tuition cost is \$165.00 plus materials.

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.



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

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

CHOIR

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

