

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**GREAT-MARTY BARBARA OF SYRIA & TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**VENERABLE JOHN OF DAMASCUS**

**TONE: 7**

**EOTHINON: 2**

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*Commemorations: Martyr Juliana; New-hieromartyr Seraphim, bishop of Phanarion in Greece.*

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## 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 ST. BARBARA IN TONE FOUR

Let us honor the all-revered Saint Barbara; for she demolished the gins of the adversary, and escaped from them like a sparrow by the help and weapon of the Cross.

### APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE THREE

Ye faithful, come let us honor with songs of praise \* the comely sounding and sweet-spoken nightingale, \* who doth adorn and captivate the Church of Christ with his sweet songs: \* John, the all-wise Damascene, \* let us honor resplendently, \* the divine and eloquent, \* and the chief of hymnographers; \* who verily was filled to the utmost \* with every divine and earthly wisdom.

*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:

*God is wondrous in His saints, Bless God in the congregation.*

### The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (3:23-4:5)

**B**rethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

### GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

**A**t that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath

day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

### **HOLY BREAD**

**HOLY BREAD** is offered for the **health and welfare** of Lamese McDowell, Katie, Kelly and Maia Price and the Engelbrecht family. **In Loving memory** of Fred McDowell, Georgette, Shirley, Joseph, Shames, George & Madeline Skaff.

### **MEMORIAL**

We will celebrate a 40 Day memorial for Mavis Aussey. May her memory be eternal!

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour is hosted by Sue Perry & 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**

#### **CHOIR REHEARSAL AFTER CHURCH TODAY**

#### **MENS CLUB MEETING FOLLOWING LITURGY**

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Will meet TODAY 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.

#### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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

#### **VESPERS**

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

#### **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!

### **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.

#### **END-OF YEAR STEWARDSHIP GIVING**

During the Christmas season, there are many worthwhile causes that are requesting your help. Please remember our parish in your end-of-year giving. Your stewardship is needed for operational costs! Thank you. Parish Council

#### **FR DUANE ORDINATION CELEBRATION**

All parishioners of St George are invited to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Duane's ordination. Please see flyer!

#### **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**

The World Food Day canned Food drive will be from October-December and reported to the Archdiocese. Please bring non-perishable food items. Thank you to Katrina Begley and Sue Perry's Sunday school class for chairing this event.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

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

### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

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.*

### **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/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!**

### **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](mailto: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.**

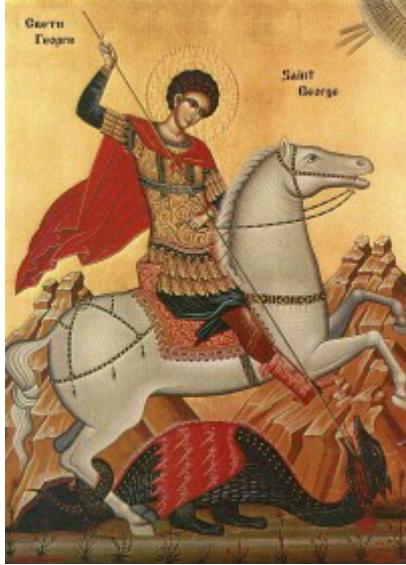
**Session 2-** at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 on February 9, 23, and March 2, 16, 23, 30. Tuition cost is \$165.00 plus materials.

**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](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)

#### **CHOIR**

December 14th - rehearsal at 7:00 pm

December 21th - rehearsal at 7:00 pm