

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

SUNDAY OF FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

TONE: 8

EOTHINON: 3

Commemorations: Venerable Daniel the Stylite; Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon; Nikon "the dry" of the Kiev Caves; Venerable Leontios of Achaia; Martyr Barsabbas of Persia.

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 FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

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:

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For You are just in all that You have done.

The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:4-11)

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rethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (14:16-24)

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he Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I

go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

HOLY BREAD

HOLY BREAD is offered for the **health and welfare** of Fr. Daniel, Kh. Eileen & Anna Rebecca Simon & their families; Matthew, Margaret, Kareemeh & Mary Simon; Francis & James Sears; Ruth, Paul & Merle Hoffer. **In Loving memory** of Elton,

Julia, Evelyn, Lyle, Louise, Gayle & Ervin Hoffer; Alexander, Eva, George, Isabelle and little Alexander Simon, & Naimeh Kaibney.

MEMORIAL

There will be a 4 year memorial for David Eg. May his memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is pre-empted by the potluck luncheon and the Sunday School Christmas Program. 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/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 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, Joe Etoll, 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 Toeniges.

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 & CHANTER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

It is a blessing for St. George to have a beautiful choir and good chanters! Today we recognize them and thank them for their hard work throughout the year!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be a choir rehearsal, Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00P.M.

BISHOP'S TEA

The Antiochian Women are hosting a gathering/tea for all of you. Come for a Discussion with his Grace Bishop ANTHONY on December 17th from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Narthex before vespers at 5:00 pm.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, December 17, at 5:00 pm. with His Grace Bishop ANTHONY.

FR DUANE ORDINATION CELEBRATION

All parishioners of St George are invited to the Bishop's Banquet to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Duane's ordination immediately following the liturgy. This will be a sit-down dinner with a program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP ANTHONY SPEAKER FUND

This Sunday the ladies will hand out a form asking for a donation for his Grace Bishop Anthony Speaker Fund.

This fund is to bring in speakers to teach the Orthodox faith at meetings or Parish Life Conference. This is the second year of the Speaker Fund which was initiated for Bishop ANTHONY'S 60th Birthday. Checks are to be written to the Midwest Treasurer along with the donation card and mailed to Midwest Treasurer, Mary Polson, 416 South Fork Road, Glasgow, KY 42141 Thank you for supporting our Bishop's wishes!

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. Don't miss out on your end of the year tax deduction! Your stewardship is needed for operational costs! Thank you! Parish Council

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to pick-up you "2017" Stewardship envelopes located on the table in the narthex. If you do not see your name and would like a box for yourselves or your children we can easily get you some. Contact: Denise at denise.ferraro@comcast.net

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.

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.

FAMILY FUN MOVIE NIGHT – SAVE THE DATE!

January 14th, Saturday, at Five pm, come to a Family Disney Movie Night! Please bring pillow and blankets for children. Actually, we were all children at one time in our life. We will provide food. If you are able, bring Snacks to share. Sign up on the sheet in the Social Hall so we know how many plan on coming.

- Antiochian Women of St. George

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

December 18, Vicky (memorials)
December 25, Christmas – Pat Burbank
January 1, 2017, Cir. Of Christ & St. Basil (open)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

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. Help keep your neighbor warm this winter, donate hat, scarf, mittens or gloves. 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 21th - rehearsal at 7:00 pm

