

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

THE SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

AFTER-FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

TONE: 8

EOTHINON: 1

Commemorations: Martyr Agatha of Sicily; Polyuktos, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyr Anthony of Athens; Venerable Theodosios of Scopelos; repose of Theodosios, archbishop of Chernigov.

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 three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

EPISTLE:

Make your vows to the Lord your God, and perform them.

In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered today for the health and welfare of Joan Alevizos, Susan, Demetri, Anastasia, Adam, Peter, Timothy, Jayne, Nick, Alexia and William.

In Loving memory of Bill Alevizos.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered today by Joan Alevizos. Please join us in the hall for this time 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, Kh. Jane Chagnon, Gideon, Joseph Kammeyer, Mike Etoll, Jerry Joseph, Deb Korluka and Marilyn Perry. If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

THIS WEEK

IOCC SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Our SOYO will be collecting non-perishable food items and any monetary contributions today for the IOCC Souper Bowl of Caring. Your donations will be collected after Liturgy. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

This Sunday is the beginning of the Triodion, there is NO FASTING the rest of this week.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MEETING

There will be an Antiochian Women's meeting following liturgy this morning. Please go to the conference room so we can start the meeting.

SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Bring your favorite Super Bowl foods (snacks/desserts) & drinks to share! **TODAY**, Sunday, February 5 at 4:30 P.M. Hosted by the St. George Men's Club. Game Kick-off time, 5:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend, NO CHARGE!

We do ask you bring a non-perishable food item(s) for the food shelf.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, February 11 at 5:00 P.M.

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

We will be assembling hygiene kits for refugees again in February. In addition to purchasing the supplies, we must also pay the postage to send the kits to New Jersey. Donations for this worthy project are greatly appreciated and can be given to Joan Alevizos and/or Denise Ferraro, who is again coordinating this event. We will announce the assembly date soon.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Eva Etoll and family on the falling asleep of her aunt, Carol Mihalchick. May her memory be eternal!

FOCUS

Come join the fun at the Second Annual Spelling Bee to benefit FOCUS Minnesota! Enjoy an evening with beverages, bites, and the excitement of amateur competitive spelling! A night that promises to be a thrill and supports your community at the same time: what could be better? Registration is now open! Sign-up today! <https://portal.focusna.org> Monday, February 13 at St. Mary's Cathedral (OCA). 1701 5th Street N.E. Minneapolis, 55413

CALENDARS

The 2017 calendars, donated by Icon Art Studios, are available for take home on the table by the bulletin board. You may now take a second calendar.

ST GEORGE DIRECTORY

Please pick up your 2017 Directory by the bulletin board! Please send all corrections to Fr. Tom or Pat Percy.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Don't forget to pick-up your "2017" stewardship envelopes located on the table in the narthex. If you do not see your name or your child's, contact: Denise at denise.ferraro@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

COFFEE HOUR LIST

February 12, Joe Khoury
February 19, George Dahmah
February 26, (Open)

Joe Khoury
George Dahmah
(Open)

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 by Wednesday before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.**

ANNUAL VALENTINE DAY WINE TASTING

Join us for an entertaining evening at our annual Valentine Day Wine Tasting: Saturday, February 18, St George Orthodox Church at 6:30pm. - \$25.00 per person - Bring an appetizer or dessert to share - contact George Khoury for tickets.

ST. GEORGE FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON - BOWLING

Sunday, February 26, 1:30 pm to 3:30pm sign up on sheet in Social Hall to bowl. Place: Drkula's Bowl. Address: 6710 Cahill Avenue East, Inver Grove Heights, 55076; Cost is \$7.00 for two hours of bowling including shoes. Please wear socks otherwise they have them to buy at the bowling counter. Toddler shoes size 8 and larger are available. Bowling ramps, bumpers that block gutters, and light bowling balls are available for kids. We need 30 people to sign up for this great rate. Forgiveness Sunday Service is in the evening at church. So come share fellowship with your fellow members and make a day of it. - Antiochian Women of St. George

ST GEORGE 10th ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL, July 14-16.

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 and border. However we need to collect money for the veiling under the crosses. The total cost of the project will be \$14,000 with each section of veiling costing \$350. Any donations should be designated as "church art." Thank you for considering a donation to beautify the Lord's house. We have a way to go to cover our costs!

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. **Let's keep the cupboard full!**

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 neighbors warm this winter by donating hats, scarves, mittens, or gloves. Thank you for your kindness!**

Informational Meetings Holy Land/Russia Pilgrimage Fall 2017

We will be meeting Sunday, February 29 at St Mary's OCA in the Library at 11:00am to 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 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.