

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**TONE: 1**

**EOTHINON: 1**

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*Commemorations: Meletios, archbishop of Antioch; New-martyr Christos of Constantinople; Alexis, metropolitan of Moscow*

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## LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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

### KONTAKION FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

Foolishly I sprang away \* from Thy great fatherly glory, \* and dispersed in wicked deeds \* the riches that Thou didst give me. \* With the Prodigal I therefore \* cry unto Thee now: \* I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. \* But receive me in repentance; \* make me as one of \* Thy hired servants, O Lord.

### EPISTLE:

*Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### The Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20)

**B**rethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

### GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:11:32)

**T**he Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has de-

voured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

### **HOLY BREAD**

Holy Bread is offered today for the health and welfare of Joseph & Rita Khoury; John, Madelaine, Joey, Gianni, and Antonio Khoury; Michael, Nancy, Jacob, George, and Julianna Ayoub.

**In Loving memory** of Estephan, Sarkis & Hofsana Donayon; Youseff & Jaqueline Hagopien; William Nasr; Assad, Lucia, Isper, Nasta, Mikhel, Madaleen, Miled & Muneer Khoury

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour is offered today by Joseph & Rita Khoury & family. Please join us in the hall for this time 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/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. 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, 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**

#### **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

This Sunday is when we return to the regular Wednesday, Friday fasting rules.

#### **SUPER BOWL PARTY!**

A big thank you to the Men's Club for sponsoring the Super Bowl Party. We had great food and the game concluded with a lot of excitement! Our thanks to Tony Khoury, Alex Korluka, Youseff Haddad, Tom Perry, and Sean Rudquist! Great job on the food (best onion rings yet) and the jumpy for the kids. Hope everyone had a good time watching this Historic game, an eleventh hour conversion.

#### **PASTORAL NEEDS**

Fr. Tom & Kh. Beth will be out of town February 13-23 for the baptism of their new granddaughter. If you have pastoral needs please call Fr. John Chagnon, Fr. Paul Hodge or Dn. John.

#### **VESPERS**

We will serve Vespers Saturday, February 18 at 5:00 P.M.

#### **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.

#### **ALTAR BOY TEAM 2 WILL SERVE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONDOLENCES**

We offer our sincere condolences to Denise Ferraro on the falling asleep of her cousin Diane Mackoul and to Eva Etoll on the falling asleep of her Aunt Carol Mihalchik. May their memory be eternal!

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

We will be starting a new Bible Study led by John Windsor. The class will examine the Sunday epistles. Please meet in the conference room at 9:00 a.m.

#### **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.
- The NAB Project this year is "**Strengthening the Ministries of the Church**". The goal is to strengthen the foundation of the ministries of our Archdiocese so that we can continue to do the good works in many areas. Please write check to Antiochian Women, if able to contribute and give to Michelle Apman who is Coordinator of the NAB project. Known at our church as, "The coffee Cup Project".

- **AW HOLY BREAD/COMMUNION**

Sunday, March 12, The Antiochian Women will offer Holy Bread, partake in communion together and serve lunch. Anyone who would like to help out and learn how to make Holy Bread or prepare the meal, please come to church March 11, Saturday morning 9 am.

- **HUMANITARIAN PROJECT**

The New Humanitarian Effort 2017 is "FOCUS on LOVE". Join us in providing for children who are hungry through no fault of their own. The donations from this luncheon will be given to our new Humanitarian project. Please write check to Antiochian Women, if able to contribute. Sue Perry is Coordinator for this luncheon project.

- **MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH**

Every year the Women help serve during the Divine Liturgy by reading the epistle, ushers, or collectors. Please sign up with Patty Percy to serve.

After the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesdays, a lite Lenten meal will be served. Please sign up with Cindy Karos if you would like to make and serve soup or another Lenten meal.

## **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](mailto:denise.ferraro@comcast.net)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

February 19, George Dahmah  
February 26, T. O'Brien  
March 5, (open)  
March 12, Antiochian Women

### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

George Dahmah  
T. O'Brien  
(open)  
Antiochian Women

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.**

### **Informational Meetings Holy Land/Russia Pilgrimage Fall 2017**

We will be meeting Sunday, February 26 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.

### **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. After bowling, we will go back to church for cheese pizza at 4pm till 5 pm. Please sign up whether you are coming to bowl or eat pizza so we know how many pizzas to order. - Antiochian Women of St. George

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

### **ATTENTION ALL EXISTING AND NEWLY INTERESTED IN THE ST. GEORGE SENIOR DANCE**

**GROUP\*\*\*** The festival is fast approaching and We need to start practicing and finalizing our performances. If you are an existing member please contact me to commit to dancing this year! The dance group is one of the highlights of the festival. We bring lots of energy and positive attitude. If you are 15+ and are interested in dancing with us please let me know. You must be able to attend Sunday practices after church beginning March/April, and also weekday practices in the summer before the festival. All dancers need to contact me and committed by March 1st! Thank you! - Nancy Ayoub 763-250-4950 call or text.

## **JUNIOR DANCE GROUP**

If you are between the ages of 8 years old to 14 years old and would like to join the Junior Dance Group and you **MUST** attend Dance Practice, please call Nancy Ayoub at 763-250-4950. Thank you!

## **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!**

## ***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 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.**