

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT (MEATFARE)**

**TONE: 2**

**EOTHINON: 2**

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*Commemorations: Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Apphias of the Seventy; Venerable-martyr Philothea of Athens; New Hieromartyr Nikita of Epiros.*

**LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

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

**KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE (CHANT)  
(CHORAL)**

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

**EPISTLE:**

*The Lord is my strength and my song.*

*The Lord has chastened me sorely.*

**The Reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2)**

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rethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31:46)**

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he Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**HOLY BREAD**

Holy Bread is offered by George and Kim Dahmah, for their health and welfare and that of Leila, Eli, Andrew, Heather & Aaron, Elias, Katy Awad, George & Celine Dahmeh and Farooz, Tony, Mariam & Joseph Demello.

**In Loving memory** of Miriam Hanna and Naiem Dahma.

## MEMORIAL

We will have a memorial service in memory of Miriam Hanna and Naiem Dahma. May their memory be eternal!

## COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered today by the Dahmah and Demello families. 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 Houry, Erma Ziton, Margaret Boalbey, Norm 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, daily prayers of the priest, contact Fr. Tom.

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

This Sunday is the final day until Pascha for meat and poultry, but dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil are permitted on all days during the week following this Sunday

### 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 25 at 5:00 P.M.

**ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to Norm Holmes and Denise (Kevin) Scott on the falling asleep of their beloved wife and mother, Grace, this past Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. Thank you to all those who helped with the funeral and mercy meal for our beloved Gracie. She will be singing with the choir of angels now! May her memory be eternal!

And 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!

### DEDICATION

Today after Liturgy we will be blessing the FOCUS/NEIGHBORS CABINET which was donated by George and Kim Dahmah in loving memory of his parents Miriam and Naiem Dahma.

### 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. Thomas Katsampes will take over John Windsor's Sunday School Class.

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

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

### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

T. O'Brien  
(open)  
Antiochian Women  
Falafel Dinner

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.**

**The Annual Diocese of Toledo Parish Life Conference** - June 21-25, 2017, St. George Church of Cicero, IL, is honored to be the host at the Oak Brook Marriott and give the parishioners of our diocese the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Cicero. For more information on the Parish Life Conference, go to [www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html](http://www.antiochianevents.com/toledo.html) - 2017 Diocese of Toledo Parish Life Conference Committee

**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; 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

**ANNOUNCING THE 10TH ANNUAL ST. GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL – JULY 2017** Don't miss the 10th Annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival on July 14, 15 and 16, 2017. Plan to join us for a fun-filled weekend of fantastic food, great entertainment and warm hospitality! Enjoy authentic Middle Eastern cuisine, homemade pastries, silent auction, Middle Eastern marketplace and much, much more! Visit the festival website at [www.mideastfest.com](http://www.mideastfest.com) Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mideastfest](http://www.facebook.com/mideastfest)

**ATTENTION!! EXISTING AND NEWLY INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ST. GEORGE SENIOR DANCE GROUP\*\*\***the Festival is fast approaching. 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 commit 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 (you MUST attend Dance Practice), please call Grace Martinovic. Thank you!

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly bulletin/submit the names for holy bread, you must submit the information to **Fr. Tom and Brigitte** by **Wednesday NOON** before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin.

### **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.**