

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

TONE: 4

EOTHINON: 4

Commemorations: Hieromartyr Konon of Isauria; Martyrs Archelaos and his 152 companions in Egypt; New-martyr John the Bulgarian.

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

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

KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

EPISTLE:

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

For You are just in all the You have done.

The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (6:14-21)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the **health and welfare** of Brikti Haile and for Dehab, Girmay, Simon, Helen, Himon, all of Brikti's grandchildren and family.

In Loving memory of all the departed members of Brikti's family.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is offered today by Brikti and family. 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/chrismated 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.**

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 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 ORTHODOXY

Fasting continues until Pascha for dairy, fish, and wine except for special days! Please pick-up a **Lent, Holy Week & Pascha** schedule at the ushers table.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Lenten Schedule for Choir Rehearsal immediately following Sunday Divine Liturgy. New members are always welcome - please think about becoming a member. This would a great time to do something meaningful for the Great Lenten period. ***Sunday, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, April 9.***

MEOCCA SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS

Today at 5:00 pm., The MEOCCA Churches will celebrate the Sunday of Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary Cathedral (OCA). This is a great opportunity to worship together and show our unity of faith!

BAKING DATE

The women will be baking Makaroun tomorrow, March 6, at 9 AM. We will use these cookies for the Annunciation Fish Dinner on March 25 and the Pan Orthodox Vespers on April 2. All church women are welcome to join us. We always have a good time visiting and working together. Pat Burbank is the coordinator. Thank you, Debby

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

The Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts will be Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 pm. A Lenten meal will follow the service.

AKATHIST

The Akathist service will be Friday, March 10 at 7:00 pm.

VESPERS

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

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters/Ushers - Aurelia Peterson, Brigitte Khoury

Epistle Reader - Jennifer Buddensick

Collectors - Sarah Larson, Brigitte Khoury, Sue Lukanen, Sandy Brown,

ST. GEORGE FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON - BOWLING

The Antiochian Women sponsored a bowling outing this past Sunday, afterward we came back to church for cheese pizza! We had a great time!

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Youssef Haddad and family on the falling asleep of his sister, Salima Haddad who lived in Venezuela with her children. She died this week at the age of 75. She immigrated with her husband and children 1975 after their home was destroyed in the Lebanese civil war in Beirut. She came and visited Youssef in Minnesota and attended his son's wedding and visited our church in 2011. May her 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. 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.

Creative Arts Festival entries due soon This year's Creative Arts Festival is "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations". The topic should have been discussed in the classrooms but students and parents can also do some research themselves on antiochian.org. In general the meaning of the theme expresses what behavior is appropriate and inappropriate in church and why. Also since the church is for ALL people it discusses how we can and should make new people feel welcome. Entries are due Sunday, March 12 and will be displayed Sunday, March 19. Entry rules can be found in both the Feb and March newsletters.

Lazarus Saturday Candle decorating. This year we will again be providing materials for children to decorate candles to be carried (unlit) in the Palm Sunday processional. All children are welcome. The decorating will follow the Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy on Saturday April 8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

March 12, Antiochian Women
March 19, Brigitte Khoury
March 25, Annunciation
March 26, Robel & Welela

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Antiochian Women
Falafel Dinner
AW Fish Dinner
Robel & Welela

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.* Coffee hour does not have to be an elaborate meal. If you have any questions, 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.**

FALAFEL DINNER

The Annual Fr. John Khoury Falafel Dinner sponsored by the Beirut Restaurant in W. St. Paul, will be Sunday, March 19, noon-2:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00 and children under 12 \$5:00. Contact George Khoury for tickets. 651-208-3954.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Once again, the Rob Hafiz, Paul Abrass and Assaad Haddad families will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast in memory of Jimmy Hafiz, Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 12:00 to 1:30. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk and juice. The proceeds will go towards the building fund. Costs: Adults \$8.00, Children under 12, \$4.00.

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 - 2017 Diocese of Toledo Parish Life Conference Committee

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 Follow us on Facebook at 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 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.

Sunday, March 12

Greeters/Ushers - Helen Haile, Brikti Haile

Epistle Reader - Nancy Ayoub

Collectors - Eva Etoll, Dyana Brynjulson, Nancy Toenniges, Jennifer Buddensick

I have a couple of spots to fill for March 19 and as soon as I get them filled, I will let you know.

Friday, March 25 Annunciation

Epistle Reader - Lisa Mikhail

Session 3 will contemplate the sacrament of Repentance and will study and write an icon of The Theotokos.