

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

TONE: 6

EOTHINON: 6

Commemorations: Martyrs Chrysanthos, Daria, and those with them of Rome; Martyr Pancharios of Nicomedia; New-martyr Demetrios the joiner of Constantinople; Venerable Innocent of Komel.

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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:

O Lord, save You people and bless Your inheritance.

To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-(9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the **health and welfare** of Kh. Vergin and her family and all the Khoury, Geier, Weber, and Ferren families; Rosa Neimy and family, and all members of St. George.

In Loving memory of Fr. John, Zuzu and Danny Khoury, Adam and Catherine Geier, Peter Neimy, Georgette Engelbrecht and Ardel Daniels. May their memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is the Annual Fr. John Khoury Falafel Dinner sponsored by the Beirut Restaurant in W. St. Paul, noon-2:00 p.m. Adults \$10.00 and children under 12 \$5:00. Please see Willy Percy for tickets. Please join us!

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.**

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, George & Ellie Saba, Mitch, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Kh. Jane Chagnon, Gideon, Joseph Kammeyer, Mike Etoll, Jerry Joseph, Deb Korluka and Marilyn Perry, Ronald & Marlene Saba and Ibrahim Khoury.

If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy, daily prayers of the priest, contact Fr. Tom.

THIS WEEK

FASTING RULES

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 19, 26, April 2, April 9.***

MEOCCA VESPERS

Today at 4:00 pm., the MEOCCA Churches will celebrate the Sunday of Orthodox Vespers at Holy Trinity (OCA), 956 Forest St. St. Paul, MN. This is a great opportunity to worship together and show our unity of faith!

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

The Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts will be Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm. A Lenten meal will follow the service.

GREAT VESPERS/AKATHIST

We will serve a Great Vespers with Akathist Friday, March 24 at 7:00 pm.

ANNUNCIATION LITURGY

We will serve the Annunciation Liturgy Saturday, March 25: Matins 9:00 a.m., Liturgy 10:00 a.m. The Antiochian Women will serve a fish dinner following the service!

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers Saturday, March 25 at 5:00 P.M.

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE/ COMMUNION TODAY

Greeters: Jane Chagnon, Vicky Michaels

Epistle Reader: Sarah Botross

Collectors: Boshra Haddad, Sophie Haddad, Michelle Apman and Jumana Jubran

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

- We will be assembling hygiene kits for refugees again on Sunday, April 30.
- 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".
- The Antiochian Women help serve during the Divine Liturgy by greeting, reading the epistle, ushering, or collecting. Please sign up with Pat Percy to serve.

On Wednesdays, a lite Lenten meal is served. Please sign up with Cindy Karos if you would like to make and serve soup or another Lenten meal.

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 25, Annunciation
March 26, Robel & Welela
April 2, (open)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

AW Fish Dinner
Robel & Welela
(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.* 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.**

ANNUNCIATION

March 25 is the Annunciation liturgy at 10:00am. The Antiochian Women will serve our traditional fish dinner after the service. Ladies circles as follows: Cook- Susie and Sandy, Serve- Katrina Begley and Pat Percy, Clean up- Nancy and Patty Burbank, Set up- Vicky and Joannie. The donations for the fish dinner go towards the NAB Project to help our Spiritual Ministries in the Dioceses. Thank you for supporting the Antiochian Women.

MEOCCA LENTEN VESPERS

We will host the Pan Orthodox Vesper Service is at 4:00 pm on April 2. After the church service the Antiochian Women will serve dinner. The Ladies circles assigned as follows, Cook- Katrina Begley and Patty Percy, Serve- Nancy and Patty Burbank, Set up- Susie and Sandy, Clean up- Vicky and Joannie. Thank you.

PAN ORTHODOX TEA

April 22 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, we will have the Sixth Pan Orthodox Tea in our beautiful Social Hall. The topic is Visitation with our "VIP" very important parishioners, who are those who do not get out as often. Come listen to this interesting presentation and enjoy this wonderful fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Vespers is at 5:00 pm. Thank you.

ST. GEORGE CHURCH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Thursdays 6:00 to 9:00 March, 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.