

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**THE COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MARY OF EGYPT**

**TONE: 8**

**EOTHINON: 8**

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*Commemorations: Venerable Titus the wonderworker; Virgin-martyr Theodora of Palestine;  
Martyrs Amphianos and Aidesios of Lydia.*

## LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

### 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 ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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

### KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

### EPISTLE:

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

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

### The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

**B**rethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?.

### GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)

**A**t that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall

not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

### **HOLY BREAD**

Holy Bread is offered for the **health and welfare** of the Rudquist family and all members of St. George.  
**In Loving memory** of Zarafat Khoury, Gracie Holmes and Andrée White.

**(Lazarus Saturday Holy Bread)** offered for the **health and welfare** of Fr. Tom & family, Fr. John & family, Fr. Duane & family; Fr. Daniel & family, Dn. John & family; Rosa Neimy & family and Jubran family.

**In Loving memory** of all the deceased members of St. George.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee Hour is hosted by Tom & Mary Rudquist. Please join us 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, 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, Marilyn Perry, Ronald & Marlene Saba.

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

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **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, April 2, April 9.***

#### **MEOCCA LENTEN VESPERS**

We will host the Pan Orthodox Vesper Service today at 4:00 pm. The Antiochian Women will serve dinner, circle assignments; Cook- Katrina Begley and Patty Percy, Serve- Nancy and Patty Burbank, Set up- Susie and Sandy, Clean up- Vicky and Joannie. Thank you.-Sue Perry

#### **PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY**

The Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts will be Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. A Lenten meal will follow the service.

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

The Antiochian Women will meet on Thursday, April 6 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Coffee cup monies due April 15. Hygiene kits assembly, April 30.

#### **LAZARUS COMPLINE**

We will hold a special Lazarus Compline Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **LAZARUS SATURDAY LITURGY**

The Lazarus Saturday Liturgy will be at 9:00 a.m. followed by breakfast and preparation of the palms.

**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.

#### **VESPERS**

We will serve Vespers Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 P.M.

**ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Our thanks to the Antiochian Women who participated in the services throughout the month of March as: ushers, greeters, epistle readers, and taking the collection etc. We appreciate all that they do!

#### **CONDOLENCES**

We offer our sincere condolences to Khouria Vergin , her family and the Khoury family on the passing of Ibrahim Khoury, beloved brother-in-law, uncle, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Ibrahim was the older last living brother of Fr. John Khoury. He will be sorely missed by all who know and loved him. Memory Eternal!

Our condolences to Leonard Soroka on the falling asleep of his aunt, Sylvia (Soroka) Elnitsky, of Vestal, NY. May God grant the family comfort and give Sylvia rest with the righteous. May her memory be eternal!

### **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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

April 2, Tom & Mary Rudquist  
April 8, (Lazarus Saturday) Jubran & Rosa  
April 9, (Palm Sunday) Jubran/Ferraro  
April 13, (Holy Thursday) Joannie A.  
April 15, (morning) Rudquist  
April 15, Kakish

#### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

Tom & Mary Rudquist  
Fried Dough  
Palm Sunday –Fish Dinner  
(none)  
(none)  
Potluck

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.**

#### **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," 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.-Sue Perry

#### **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](http://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](http://www.mideastfest.com). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mideastfest](http://www.facebook.com/mideastfest)

\*Senior Dance Group: 15+ years see Nancy Ayoub

\*Junior Dance Group: 8-14 years see Grace Ablan Martinovic

#### **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.

**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. Deb Korluka is donating the work of the crosses and border. However, donations will be needed 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 in any amount to beautify the Lord’s house and to those that have already contributed.

#### **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://areyouinfoocus.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!