

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017**

**THE FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY**

**THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

**TONE: 8**

**EOTHINON: 8**

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*Commemorations*

**LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

## **APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE**

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

## **APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR**

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

**We do not sing the Troparion of St. George, our patron saint.**

## **KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX**

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

## **EPISTLE:**

*Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.*

## **The Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9)**

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rethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

## **GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (12:1-18)**

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ix days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

### **HOLY BREAD**

Holy Bread is offered for the **health and welfare** of Nusrallah, Sanaa, Rana, Rami & Deanna and Jerry Jubran; and Michael Denise, Merissa and Joseph Ferraro.

**In Loving memory** of all the departed of the Jubran and Bisharat families and for Diane McKoul, Grace Aboody & Joe Ferraro and all the departed members of the Ferraro & Haddad families.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Jubran & Ferraro families. Please join us for this time of fellowship. The St. George Church Council has voted to donate the proceeds from the Palm Sunday (April 9) coffee hour to the new St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church at 125 Congress St., St. Paul. Please be generous and help this new Orthodox Church on the lower West Side.

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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/christened 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, Joseph Kammeyer, Mike Etoll, Jerry Joseph, Deb Korluka, Marilyn Perry, Ronald & Marlene Saba, John & Pat Burbank.

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 9.***

#### **MEOCCA BRIDEGROOM SERVICE**

The Pan Orthodox Bridgroom Service will be at St. Herman's (OCA) today at 4:00 pm. (5355 -38<sup>th</sup> Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55417). This service begins our journey to Pascha and the empty tomb.

#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for a listing of all the Holy Week services and events!

#### **BAKING FOR PASCHA**

Wednesday, April 12, we will be baking Kaak for Pascha. Please come and help! If you can help, call Nancy Toenniges, the Coordinator at 612-554-7663.

#### **All ALTAR BOYS INVITED TO SERVE ON HOLY PASCHA NIGHT, APRIL 15.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

Coffee cup monies due April 15. Hygiene kits assembly, April 30.

#### **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 Bishop ANTHONY, Craig Michaels and all the family on the falling asleep of their aunt, Sylvia Shutes. She fell asleep in the Lord, Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in Ironwood, MI. His Grace will be celebrating the funeral services in Ironwood on Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday. May her memory be eternal!

#### **FASTING RULES**

Palm Sunday (*katalysis for fish, wine and olive oil*), we enter into Holy Week and final days of the Great Fast in preparation for the glorious Pascha on April 16th. Good strength for the remainder of the Fast! There is no fasting for all of Bright Week!

#### **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION**

Summer Camp Early Bird Registration opens Bright Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. Registration fees are:

- Early Bird Discount: \$425 from April 18-May 5, 2017

• Standard Fee: \$475 from May 6-May 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.  
Please register at: [www.stmaryscamp.com](http://www.stmaryscamp.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **HOLY BREAD LIST**

April 13, (Holy Thursday) Joannie A.  
April 15, (morning) Rudquist  
April 15, Kakish  
April 23, Sue Perry  
April 30, friends of Andree White (Memorial)

### **COFFEE HOUR LIST**

(none)  
(none)  
Potluck  
Pancake Breakfast  
friends of Andree.

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.

### **TASTE OF LEBANON DINNER**

St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church will be holding its Annual Taste of Lebanon Dinner on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 602 University Ave NE, Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese Dinner served from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17.00 Adult, \$8.00 child (4-12). Buy tickets online at [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com) or pick up at the parish office. (see flyer)

**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)

### **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://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!