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SUNDAY, November 19, 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER LUKE

TONE: 6

EOTHINON: 1

Commemorations: The Holy Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Antioch; Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him; Martyr Agapios of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Heliodoros of Magidum in Pamphylia; Venerable Abbot Barlaam of the Kiev Caves.

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

We sing the apolytikion of St. George our patron saint.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

EPISTLE:

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

GOSPEL: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."
As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered by Joannie Alevizos for the **health and welfare** of Joannie, Demetri, Anastasia, Peter, Alexia, William, Sarah, Amalia.

In loving memory of Victor and Mary Zien.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is sponsored by Joannie Alevizos. Please join us for this period 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/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. 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, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, John Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, 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, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Mike Etoll, Jerry Joseph, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, John & Pat Burbank, Terry Conway & Nancy Maker, Jerry Joseph, Jimmy Zaine.

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

THIS WEEK

PASTORAL CONCERNS

Fr. Tom will be out of town Tuesday, November 21 through Thursday, November 30. If you have any concerns please contact Fr. Chagnon, Fr. Paul Hodge or Dn. John Mikhail.

THE NATIVITY FAST

Begins Wednesday, November 15 and continues through Saturday, December 24. This Fast is divided into two periods: The first is November 15 through December 19 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, dairy, fish, wine) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with katalysis for wine and (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, and wine on Saturdays and Sundays. The second is the period of the Forefeast, December 20 through 24, when the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with katalysis for wine on Saturday and Sunday.

PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

We will serve Evening Divine Liturgy of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple, Monday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS AT THE CHEROKEE

Please help us “feed the hungry” on Thanksgiving Day at the Cherokee Tavern, 886 Smith Ave. S., W. St. Paul, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Check the sign-up sheet in the church hall!

THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY

The Minnesota Eastern Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (www.meocca.org) continues its decades long tradition of coming together for the Pan-Orthodox Thanksgiving Eve Divine Liturgy at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Wednesday evening November 22nd, beginning 6pm. We welcome any and all volunteers to help host the Lenten meal afterwards (set-up, cook, serve, clean-up). Please contact fatherrick@usa.com to volunteer.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers, Saturday, November 25 at 5:00 p.m.

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2 WILL SERVE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family and friends of our dear Betty Ablan who fell asleep in the Lord on November 7. May her memory be eternal!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE, October-December

WORLD FOOD DAY, The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America is one of the sponsoring organizations for the National Committee for World Food Day. Last year 98 of our Parishes reported participating in this much needed program, with 40 parishes participating all year long, and we distributed 545,446 pounds of food within our communities.

Thanksgiving (and Christmas) Church School Food Drive

Our church school is a setting a goal of giving 200lbs of nonperishable food or hygiene products to those in need this holiday season. We will be delivering your donations to Neighbors Inc. during the Thanksgiving season and to both Neighbors and Focus Minnesota during the Christmas season. Families: see if your student picked up a feather from the turkey on the Food Drive table. Thanks for your participation!

KELLY SCHOLARSHIP

Kelly Price will be traveling with the Group of Orthodox Christians to San Miguel, Hogar Rafael Orphanage in Guatemala. A number of St. George members have already traveled there in the past and have been blessed by the experience. Please help Kelly with a St. George Scholarship.

Please write the check to St. George Orthodox Church earmarked “Kelly scholarship.” Thank you!

FOCUS

The Clothes Closet at Focus is in need of coats for kids larger than a size 4. Please donate your coats as soon as possible for this winter season. The weather has clearly changed and there is a real need! Fr. Tom

FOCUS Minnesota will serve Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday, November 19, and you're invited to join in! If you or a group from your church or organization can donate prepared food or volunteer that evening, please let me know. Also, FOCUS is looking for 20 turkeys, 28 pumpkin pies and more! Thank you! Vera.

AUTOMATED STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS

We are happy to announce that fifteen families have signed up for the monthly Automated Stewardship Donations. These donations total \$3600 a month! It's easy to enroll - it is confidential - it saves time and effort in handling your donation - your donation is recorded on your annual donation report! Please don't wait - sign up today! Forms are located on the candle table or available from Denise Ferraro, Financial Secretary.

DRAFT 2018 Parish Directory

A draft copy of the 2018 Parish Directory is located inside the Church Hall. Please review your contact information and make changes if necessary. Thank you!

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The U of M's Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), would love for you to join us and if you would like to learn more about OCF and be added to our email list please contact either Mark Mikhail (mikha017@umn.edu) or Nicholas Gulachek (gulac004@umn.edu).

Additionally, we are looking for people that are willing to bring a meal for our meetings this year. We meet on Thursday evenings every other week and rely on the generosity of families from our local churches to bring the meals. If you have an interest in bringing food one of the weeks please email Mark or Nicholas so we can help find a date that works well for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

November 20, Joannie (Presentation 6:30 p.m.)
November 26, Mikhail (Memorial)
December 3, Tanya O'Brien

COFFEE HOUR LIST

NA
Mikhail
Tanya

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.**

Frankenstein: A Modern Prometheus (a play)

Heather (Quigley) Klein invites you to see *Frankenstein: A Modern Prometheus* November 17-26 at the Historic Mounds Theatre. For more info or tickets visit www.greentproductions.org; Taiko drumming! Live original music! Creative physical movement! Mirroring the grotesque creature of Mary Shelley's iconic novel, scenes of gothic horror are cobbled together with Green T's signature physical style. An eerie parade of misshapen beings, a visual nod to the 1931 Karloff film, oversized puppets, and at the center, the heartbreaking, female-centered story of an ambitious medical student who brings a creature to life then shuns it. Locked out of society, deprived of human contact, understanding and compassion, the creature tragically lashes out.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Join us Sunday, December 3 for the Antiochian Women Meeting in the Conference Room. Get a bite to eat and come to the meeting. After the meeting, the Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange will be in the same room. Please sign up in the Social Hall if you are interested in the Cookie Exchange and then write down the kind of Cookies/Bars/Treats you are making so we have a delicious assortment. If 10 people sign up, plan to make 60 cookies. Any cookies left over are packed up as gift bags to give to those who do not get out as often in the winter months. Remember to bring a tray to take your cookies home. Thank you!

BOOKSTORE SALE

The Bookstore will hold its annual "Holiday" sale on Sunday, December 3 after Liturgy. Please come and see all the beautiful items brought back from Russia and the Holy Land. There will be a special drawing **only** for those who made a purchase.

SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Join us for a night of worship with Christian singer, Ziad Shehata. The event will take place at Cedars Hall (in St. Maron's Catholic Church) on December 9 at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds will benefit Take Heart's mission of serving persecuted Christians and SALT's mission of developing youth leaders through mission work. (Please see Sarah Botross for tickets) See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

To purchase tickets, email us at info@youarethesalt.org or call us at (612) 504-0048. To learn more about Take Heart & SALT please visit our Facebook pages or websites below: www.missiontakeheart.org www.youarethesalt.org

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.

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 veil-

ing 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.

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!

FOCUS/NEIGHBORS DONATION CABINET

FOCUS is also a Food Shelf, Clothes Closet, & 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

Please consider donating ramen noodles, mac & cheese, peanut butter and jelly, cereal and canned foods. Please do what you can, every little bit helps! Thank you, Michelle Apman and Neighbors Inc.