

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, September 23, 2018

**CONCEPTION OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST
AND FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE**

TONE: 8

EOTHINON: 6

*Commemorations: Martyr Raidos of Egypt; New-martyrs Nicholas the Grocer and
John of Brachorion; Venerable Xanthippa and Polyxena of Spain.*

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

RESURRECTIONAL APOLTYTIKION 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.

APOLTYTIKION OF CONCEPTION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

Rejoice, O thou barren one who hadst not borne until now; for lo, in all truth thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zachariah, and cry out with great boldness: The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.

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

KONTAKION 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:

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Epistle St. Paul to the Galatians (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the **health and welfare of** Tom, Sue, TJ & Francine Perry, George, Barb Abrass, Paul & Kim Abrass & family, Greg, Joyce, Dick, Terri & Paul Markos & family and all parishioners of St. George.

In loving memory of Herb, Berenice, Elias, Anna, George, Barbara & Frances Abrass, Georgette & Richard Markos, Esther & George Razzok, Eleanor & George Fatell, Joe Perry, Mavis & John Aussey, the newly departed Nancy Strafelda and all deceased members of St. George parish.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour today is hosted by Sue Perry. 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, John Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Ted & Camille Goll, Peter Hafiz, 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, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Pat Burbank, Terry Conway & Nancy Maker, Jerry Joseph, Jimmy & Joe Zaine, Aurelia Peterson, Mike & Sandy Brown, Lenny Soroka, Fr. John Chagnon, Delores Senn.

If you are ill or having surgery and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Mangels.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly bulletin or submit the names for holy bread, you must submit the information to **Brigitte @ bgkstgeorge@gmail.com** by **Wednesday NOON** before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin.

THIS WEEK

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for the amazing retirement weekend with which you honored me. It was truly a joy for me and my family, and we could not have been more pleased with all you did for us. The dinners on Saturday and Sunday were just excellent! We were truly overwhelmed by the generous gift from the parish. We thank you also for the many cards, gifts and kind words we received. The video presentation was so well put together, and in it you really expressed your appreciation for us. We are humbled and most grateful to all of you. May God richly bless each of you and watch over and protect our beloved St. George Orthodox Church! *Fr. Tom*

MEMORY ETERNAL

Our prayers and sincere condolences to Anne Ablan and all the Strafelda family on the passing of their mother, Nancy Strafelda, Tuesday evening. May her memory be Eternal!

GREAT VESPERS

We will serve Vespers, Saturday, September 29 at 5:00 p.m.

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2 WILL SERVE SUNDAY, September 30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- St. Stefan Romanian Orthodox Church 94th Anniversary Banquet, Sept. 30. (See Flyer)
- Antiochian Women's Elections, October 4, 2018.
- Arabic Divine Liturgy, Friday, October 5 at 7:00pm
- Pan Orthodox Tea, October 6, 2018.

- Family Camp 2018, October 12-14.
- Game Night, October 13, 2018 at St. George Antiochian.
- Clergy Retreat and Fall Gathering: Oct.18-19, St. George Cathedral, Toledo, Ohio.
- St. George Parish Annual Meeting and Council elections, October 21, 2018.
- St. George Men's Retreat: November 9-11.

ST. STEFAN ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Invites you to join them for their 94th Anniversary Celebration at St. John Vianney Catholic Church Parish Hall, Sunday, Spetember 30 at 1:00pm. Please see Flyer on bulletin board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

Sept. 30, Youssef Haddad
Oct. 07, (open)
Oct. 14, Mikhail
Oct. 21, Rosa Neimy
Oct. 28, (open)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Youssef Haddad
Mikhail
Rosa Neimy
Family Camp
Annual Meeting

To schedule Holy Bread and/or memorial, 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 need to be an elaborate meal.* If you have any questions, contact Sanaa Jubran. **It is important to notify Brigitte by e-mail @ bgkstgeorge@gmail.com or phone with your information by Wednesday before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.**

PICTURE DIRECTORY

We are working on a picture church directory as we have had in the past with photos of every family. It is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. The company is Lifetouch, the same one that does school pictures. You will receive a phone call from them in the near future to set up appointments for your directory portraits. We will also have people at church on Sundays after Liturgy to help you in setting up appointments. Dates for picture taking are:

-Wednesday, October 17, 2:00-8:30pm
-Friday, October 19, 1:30-8:30pm

-Thursday, October 18, 1:30-8:30pm
-Saturday, October 20, 10:00-5:00pm

Meals for the UNIVERSITY of MN OCF

The beginning of school year is underway, which means OCF meetings are starting up again. We rely heavily on the support of our local church community to help provide the meals for our bi-weekly meetings, and have been blessed by your generosity in the past. If you are interested in providing a meal for one of our meetings this semester, please email either Mark Mikhail (mikha017@umn.edu) or Nicholas Gulachek (gulac004@umn.edu). Thank you for your help!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Our Church School is again sponsoring a school supply drive for low-income children at a local area school. The next time you're out shopping, consider putting a few extra school supplies in your cart! New pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, glue, folders, rulers, colored pencils, etc. can help students feel ready to start the new school year. **NEW items only, please!** Donations

can be placed on the cabinet in the hallway and will be accepted through October 1st. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Contact Jennifer Buddensiek (651) 295-7335.

FOCUS MN

The search is still on to find Focus a new home. Continued financial support is always needed and welcome. Send checks to: FOCUS MN, P.O. BOX 40116 St. Paul, MN 55104. Since there is no place to store donations, please DO NOT bring clothing items for FOCUS until further notice!

NEIGHBORS INC DUCKS AND TRUCKS

Quack, quack! **The Great Neighbor's Duck Races** are back this year and will be in with the BIG RIGS as part of the Touch A Truck event in West St. Paul. Fun begins at 2pm on Saturday, Sept. 29 and will feature family friendly activities. More info at www.neighborsmn.org/events. See bulletin board and table for more info.

TEEN SOYO

Teen S.O.Y.O. invites all eligible members (teens from 7th grade to 12th grade) to participate in S.O.Y.O.'s fall kickoff meeting immediately after church on Sunday the 30th. If you have any questions please contact Mary Haddad or Scott Rudquist @ scotrudquist@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The AW will hold an election of new officers on October 4. Cindy Karos and Beverly Zaine are the nominating committee. Please talk to one of them if you would like to run for an office by September 23. The four offices are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

PAN ORTHODOX TEA

The ninth annual Pan Orthodox Tea will be on Saturday, October 6 at Holy Trinity Church in the Archangel Michael Hall, beginning at 2:30pm with presentation at 3:30pm and Vespers service at 5:00pm. Any questions please contact Matushka Vera Proctor (651-324-2705) or at vsproctor@gmail.com.

FAMILY CAMP 2018: October 12-14

Join us this year at Camp Courage near Annandale, MN. Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis, professor of Religion at North Central College in Illinois, will lead us in discussion on the very current topic of "Screens, Technology, and the Passions: Orthodox Christian Insights for Families." Registration and more information about Family Camp can be found at www.stmaryscamp.com. Or contact Cindy Karos at ckaros@visi.com.

KITCHEN USE

The Parish Council has determined that anyone wishing to use the kitchen at any time **must** contact George Khoury to reserve the 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:** St. George is everyone's church, however, everyone should respect the church, as well as the building, its furnishings and items we use or borrow. Please return these items properly cleaned and in working order. Thank you!

AUTOMATED STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS—STEWARDSHIP MADE EASY

Eighteen families/units have signed up for monthly AUTOMATED STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS!!! These donations total \$5500 a month! PLEASE consider enrolling - it is confidential - it saves considerable time and effort for our Financial Secretary! Your donation is automatically deducted from your checking account and is recorded on your annual donation report. Don't wait - sign up today! Forms are located on the candle table or available from Denise Ferraro, *Financial Secretary*. Please let Denise Ferraro know if you wish to continue receiving the envelopes for your church stewardship donations.

ORTHODOX CHURCH ART

Have you noticed the beautiful decorative artwork in the church? Your donations have covered the majority of this work! Deb Korluka has donated the work of the crosses and border. There remain just a few sections to be completed. Please consider donating to help us finish this project! Any donations should be designated as "church art." Thank you for considering a donation in any amount to beautify the Lord's house.

ST. GEORGE MEN'S RETREAT set for the weekend of November 9-11

Calling all men over the age of 18 to consider joining us November 9-11 at this year's Men's Retreat. It is an excellent opportunity to spend time as men away from the daily activities of work and life.

Last year we had a great time with one another, learned about our faith, and enjoyed some delicious food and God's nature. We will depart Friday evening the 9th and return Sunday by around 1:00 p.m. the 11th.

Cost is \$30 per person. Your check to St. George Men's Club will be your reservation. Looking forward to our weekend. Your planning committee: Father John Mangels, George Khoury, Youssef Haddad, John Joseph and Paul Karos.

OCF COLLEGE CONFERENCE—December 27-30

Join us for the Midwest College Conference at THE IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER December 27-30, 2018. It is a fantastic opportunity for Orthodox College students (age 18-25) from all different backgrounds to gather to learn about their faith, take a break, meet new people, and worship together in a beautiful new Orthodox retreat center nestled in the beautiful woods of Wisconsin. Spots are filling fast. This conference is a BLAST and simply put, can be **life-changing**. If you aren't a student and are a Parent, Godparent, Grandparent, or a friend I urge you to reach out to college students and encourage them to attend this conference. Because they will not regret it. For more information and to register check out the website at <http://www.ocf.net/events/college-conference-midwest-2018/> Or contact PETER KAROS with ANY QUESTIONS @ ccmidweststudent@ocf.net.

