

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Very Reverend Archpriest Thomas Begley

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Reverend Father Daniel Simon, Attached

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Sunday, December 2, 2018

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Venerable Ioanikios the Great of Mount Olympus

TONE: 6

EOETHINON: 1

Commemorations: Hieromartyrs Nicander the bishop of Myra and Hermias the priest; Martyr Porphyrios of Ephesus; Emperor John the merciful

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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 OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Ioanikios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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:

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

Brethren, God Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (18:18-27)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of

and for all St. George members.

In loving memory of all the departed

and all deceased members of St. George Parish.

MEMORIAL

There will be a memorial service for the repose of the soul of John Price IV. May his memory be Eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is hosted by the O'Brien and Rudquist Families. Please join us for this period of fellowship!



ELCOME 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/chris**dated 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 Richard Hafiz, JoAnne Droubie, Paul Karos, Jim Etoll, John and John Etoll, Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Ted & Camille Goll, Peter Hafiz, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, 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, Mike & Sandy Brown, Lenny Soroka.

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 to 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

We will serve Vespers on Saturday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m.

ALTAR BOY TEAM 2 WILL SERVE SUNDAY, December 9.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- St. George Council meeting Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:00pm
- Drag-Ons, Pizza Party, Dec. 6 at 12:00 Noon. \$5.00
- Twin Cities Adult League Event, December 8, 3:30pm. *See announcement below*
- Sunday School Christmas Program and Pot Luck, Dec. 9
- No Sunday School December 23 and 30!
- December 31, St. George NEW YEAR'S HAFLI, 9pm-1am

AOWNA ST. GEORGE

December 2 after church our Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange will take place and the AW meeting will follow. Please sign up in church hall for cookie exchange! Sue Perry



UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

Dec. 09, Coco (mem) Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 16, Kakish
Dec. 23, Haliemichael, Tesfe, Bahta
Dec. 24, Vicky Michaels
Dec. 30, (OPEN)
Dec. 31, (OPEN)

COFFEE HOUR LIST

Pot Luck
Kakish
H/T/B
N/A

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 the week before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation!**

ST GEORGE DRAG-ONS

ATTENTION ST GEORGE DRAG-ONS (if you are over 60, you are invited)
Come to our pizza party Dec 6th at 12:00 at the church for food and fun (\$5 cost) Hope to see you then. Questions? Call Beverly or Joe

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND POT LUCK COFFEE HOUR

Save the date - the St. George Christmas Program and Lenten Pot Luck are on December 9th. The students will be sharing their Christmas spirit with all of us. Please bring a Lenten dish to share with the parish during coffee hour. Thank you!

REMINDER: NO CHURCH SCHOOL on December 23rd and December 30th. Christ is Born, Glorify Him. Happy 2019!!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE HAFLI

Let's ring in the New Year in style with the 2nd Annual New Year's Eve Hafli here at St. George Church Hall on Monday, December 31, 2018. 9pm-1am. Live Arabic Music with John Khoury and his band. Small appetizer/light dinner menu will be served. Champagne will be on hand for the mid-night toast as well.

All proceeds after expenses will be donated to St. George Church. We are asking a modest price of \$30/adult and \$10/child (10 & under) to offset the expenses of the entertainment as well as the food. Last year's Hafli was a great success and a great night for families of St. George so we can all be together in an affordable way to ring in 2019! If you are not attending but still wish to help, we will gladly accept any and all donations to help defray the cost. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Please see/contact Fadi Bshara 612-423-1250 or John Khoury 651-320-6066 for more details and tickets. Other churches will be invited as well to join in this family night. Please spread the word by finding the event on Facebook.

BOOK STORE NEWS

The bookstore continues to feature and offer information about a certain kind of healing oil used during Biblical times. Every purchase will receive a sample of the featured oil during that month; one per person. Oil of Cinnamon Bark will be featured during the month of November, mention of it can be found in Proverbs, Revelation, Exodus and Song of Solomon.

FOCUS

Focus MN has closed on a building in St. Paul in an area of need and on a bus line. The address is 550 Rice Street and it is near the State Capitol and Bethesda Hospital. This new building was purchased, not rented, which is wonderful news as we go forward and continue to develop our mission. Any news about when it will open and when there is a need for volunteers to get it up and functional will be passed on as it becomes available. 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!

PARISH CHOIR

We are fortunate to have a fine Choir Director in Leonard Soroka who comes from a “musical dynasty” in the OCA and received his Liturgical Music education at St. Vladimir’s Seminary and has served in countless churches throughout the country. He serves under the direction of our Pastor, Father John Mangels.

We are always in need of more choir members. If you have experience in singing in high school or college choirs—you should be in the choir! If you just like to sing, please see Lenny. The choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7pm.

TWIN CITIES YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE EVENT

St. George Antiochian in West St. Paul will be hosting a Pan Orthodox event for young adults (18-35) on Saturday, December 8th! 3:30pm - Presentation by Paul Karos on the topic "An Orthodox Perspective on Work". 5pm – Vespers. 6pm - Dinner at the Zaine home, which is approximately 5 minutes from St. George. Please RSVP to jamiezaine@gmail.com by Wednesday, December 5th so we have a headcount for food. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of discussion, worship, and fellowship! Questions? Please contact Katherine Papps at kaypapps@gmail.com

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 (ages 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).

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.

MEALS FOR THE UNIVERSITY of MN OCF

The 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!

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 it is still the House of God. We all should respect the church, as well as its building, its furnishings and the items we use or borrow. Please return these items promptly, properly cleaned and in working order. Thank you!

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.

Unfortunately it has taken a bit longer to finish the first stage of the art work. Deb has had to undergo another surgery on her left leg. The second plate broke last Saturday. Please keep her in your prayers!

2019 ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION—*Special Deal!*

Purchase your AC2019 Event Package (formerly Ticket Book) for **the lowest price it will ever be** at the Antiochian Orthodox Convention. This is a **one-day-only offer**, a St. Nicholas Day gift from your convention host, St. Nicholas Church in Grand Rapids, MI.

On December 6, register online and purchase your Event Package for \$199. After Dec. 6th, the price of the package goes up to full cost.

Those tickets will get you into:

1. Wednesday's Teen Dance (*Teens Only*)
2. Thursday's River Walk Party-Street Fair
3. Friday's Antiochian Spotlight 'From Broadway to Grand Rapids'
4. Friday's Grand Hafli
5. Saturday's LIGHT THE NIGHT GALA

