

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, December 2, 2018

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

TONE: 2

EOTHINON: 5

Commemorations: The Holy Prophet Habakkuk; Martyr Habib the New; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable John, Heraclemon, Theophilus and Andrew of Egypt; Martyr Stephen Urosh, the Serbian king; Venerable Ioannikios of Devitch

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.

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

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

EPISTLE:

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

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

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of the Price, Sicora, Rudquist and O'Brien families and for all St. George members.

In loving memory of all the departed members of the Price, Sicora, Rudquist and O'Brien families and all deceased members of St. George Parish.

MEMORIAL

There will be a memorial service for the repose of the soul of John Ashton 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!

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. 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, Mary Baker, 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 Vanlerbergh, 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 PROCEDURE

If you would like to have ANY 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.

AOWNA ST. GEORGE

Today after Divine Liturgy 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

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!
- St. George NEW YEAR'S HAFLI, December 31, 9pm-1am

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST		COFFEE HOUR LIST	
Dec. 09, Coco (mem)	Sunday School Christmas Program	Pot Luck	
Dec. 16, Kakish		Kakish	
Dec. 23, Haliemichael, Tesfe, Bahta	(memorial: Anthony and Gerturde Michaels)	H/T/B	
Dec. 24, Vicky Michaels		N/A	
Dec. 30,	(OPEN)		
Dec. 31,	(OPEN)		

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

HOLY BREAD OPEN DATE LIST

Check your schedule and look at the posted Holy Bread list for a Sunday of your choice. There are two open services for December and January is wide open. Please seriously consider choosing a date. We will help you if you need assistance. Joannie Alevizos.

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

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!!!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST. GEORGE CHURCH

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 at 4:00pm

Festal Matins of the Nativity followed by the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
NO SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

Saint Basil the Great, Monday, December 31 at 6:00pm

Evening Divine Liturgy

The Feast of the Theophany/Epiphany, January 6, 2019

Great Vespers will be served on Saturday, January 5 at 5:00pm.

Festal Matins 9:00am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

followed by the Blessing of the Water.

If you would like to take the Epiphany Water home with you, please bring containers.

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 midnight 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 Behara 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Daniel Joseph Vandeberg was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Mystery of Chrismation last Saturday, November 24. On Sunday, November 25, Rey Audrey Elizabeth Damian was churching and will soon be baptized. Many Years!

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 Pappas 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.

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!

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.

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. 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 { <https://ac2019gr.org> } 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