

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY)**

**TONE: 5**

**EOTHINON: 8**

*Commemorations: Ten Martyrs of Crete; New-martyr Nicholas; Venerable Nahum of Ochrid*

### LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

#### APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

#### KONTAKION OF THE PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S 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:

Blessed art You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For You are just in all that You have done for us.

#### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:9-10,32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

#### GOSPEL:

#### The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord

appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

### HOLY BREAD

**Holy Bread** is offered for the health and welfare of Berhane, Kidan, Teklu, Rahwa and all their children and grandchildren and for all St. George members.

**In loving memory of** the Tesfe, Mesih and Bahta families and all deceased members of St. George Parish.

### MEMORIAL

There will be a memorial service for the repose of the souls of Anthony and Gertrude Michaels. May their memory be eternal!

### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is hosted by the Haliemichael, Tesfe and Bahta Families. Please join us!

**W**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/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 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 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 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.

### CONDOLENCES

We express our condolences and sympathy to Youssef Haddad and family on the falling asleep in the Lord of his brother Khairallah in Damascus on December 17<sup>th</sup>. May the God of all consolation wipe away every tear of sorrow and grant rest to the soul of Khairallah. May his memory be eternal!

### CONDOLENCES

We express our sympathy and condolences to Katrina Begley on the death of Great Uncle Richard. May the God of all consolation wipe away every tear of sorrow and grant rest to the soul of Richard. May his memory be eternal!

### CALENDARS

Deb Korluka and Icon Art Studios have generously donated the beautiful icon calendars for 2019. Please take only one at this time.

## THIS WEEK

### 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.*

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

**ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE SUNDAY, December 30.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- No Sunday School December 30! Happy New Year 2019!
- Ladies of St. George Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 29 at 11:00am. Beirut Restaurant
- St. George NEW YEAR'S HAFLI, December 31, 9pm-1am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HOLY BREAD LIST

Dec. 24, Vicky Michaels

Dec. 30,

Dec. 31, Joannie Alevizos

### COFFEE HOUR LIST

N/A

(OPEN)

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](mailto: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.

## CHRISTMAS LADIES LUNCHEON

On the *FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS*, Dec. 29 at 11:00 a.m., the Christmas Ladies Luncheon will be held at Beirut Restaurant, 1385 Robert Street South, in West St. Paul. The meal will include Beef, or Chicken, or Kefta Kabob or Spinach pie with rice, tabouli or salad, hummus, garlic sauce, pocket bread, baklava, coffee, or tea or soda, tax and tip for \$18.00 per person. Please sign up on the sheet in the Social Hall, the head count and choice of menu item must be in by Dec. 26. Please make check payable to St. George Ladies. Questions, contact Katie Price. If you would like to do a gift exchange up to \$5.00, please bring to the Ladies Luncheon.

## 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 651-329-6066 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.

## 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. 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](mailto:ccmidweststudent@ocf.net)).

## THE MINISTRY OF ICONOGRAPHY

The schedule of 2019 classes are as follows: please register by sending a deposit of \$75.00 to Icon Art Studios, 13921 127th Street North, Stillwater, MN, 55082. All inquiries can be sent via e-mail at [akorluka@aol.com](mailto:akorluka@aol.com) or my cell at 612-889-5868.

The schedule of 2019 classes are as follows:

**Session 1** at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church on Lake Calhoun, 3450 Irving Ave. South, Mpls., 55408, Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 on January 17, 24, 31 and February 7. Tuition cost is \$135.00 plus materials. Session 1 will concentrate on the prototype of "The Holy Face". All sessions concentrate on technique, along with a spiritual and theological study on the prototype.

**Session 2** at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 on February 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 28. Tuition cost is \$165.00 plus materials. Session 2 will study an icon of "Weep Not for Me, O Mother".

## 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!

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Is way of life, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith. Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed. For your convenience, an online giving system is available that allows you to set up automatic recurring payments from your checking account. If you are interested in participating in this program, you can register by seeing our Financial Secretary, Denise Ferraro.

## CHURCH SPONSORED FOOD DRIVE

We are half-way through our Food Drive and we are HALF-WAY through our 750 lb goal! Items needed are: Canned tuna, chicken or salmon, Peanut butter, Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili), Low-sodium canned vegetables, Canned fruit in its own juice or water, Olive or canola oil, Spices (cinnamon, chili powder, cumin, salt-free spice blends), Canned foods with pop-top lids, Low-sugar whole grain cereals, Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit). Monetary donations also accepted. Please give money to George or JoAnne Droubie or Willy Percy. **HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS BETTER FOR THOSE IN NEED!**

## 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](mailto:mikha017@umn.edu)) or Nicholas Gulachek ([gulac004@umn.edu](mailto:gulac004@umn.edu)). Thank you for your help!

