

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, April 14, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt

TONE: 5

EOTHINON: 2

Commemorations: Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy; Martyr Thomais of Alexandria; New-martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

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 ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

EPISTLE:

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."



HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Brikti Haile, her children and grandchildren and all parishioners of St. George.

In loving memory of of all the departed members of Brikti's family.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour: is hosted by Brikti and her family. Please join us in 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/christmated 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 Pauline Dole, Peter Hafiz, Eleanor Hafiz, Mariah, Nicholas Peter Andrews, Fr. Duane, Katar Fayed, John and John Etoll, Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Joe Etoll, Lamese McDowell, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edward Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, George & Ellie Saba, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Terry Conway & Nancy Maker, Mike & Sandy Brown.

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.

STUDY OF THE PROLOGUE TO ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

John Windsor will resume a series of talks on the Prologue to John's Gospel next Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45am in the Conference Room. This is a part of the requirements for the St. Stephen Course he is taking. John is a Greek scholar and can offer quite a bit of insight into the Sacred Scriptures. Please support him. And deepen your appreciation of the Gospel of John.

THIS WEEK

Pan-Orthodox Vespers **HERE TODAY** at 4:00pm followed by dinner

We will serve the sixth Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30pm

We will serve the Little Compline & Canon of St. Lazarus on Friday, April 19th at 7:00pm

We will Serve the Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday on Saturday, April 20th at 9:00am followed by breakfast and the preparation of the Palms for Palm Sunday

We will serve Vespers on Saturday, April 20th at 5:00pm

ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE SUNDAY, April 21, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Lecture Series on the Prologue to John's Gospel, on Sundays from 9:00-9:45am
- Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 4:00pm, **HERE TODAY**

- **PALM SUNDAY**—the beginning of Holy Week, Sunday, April 21—Matins at 9:00am with the blessing of the palms, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am with the Procession
- First Bridegroom Matins at St. Herman OCA on Sunday, April 21th at 4:00pm

HOLY BREAD LIST		COFFEE HOUR LIST
April 14,	Lenten V <i>Brikti Haile</i>	Brikti Haile
April 20,	LAZARUS SATURDAY <i>Rosa Neimy/Sanaa Jubran</i>	Preparation of Palms
April 21,	PALM SUNDAY <i>Sanaa Jubran/Denise Ferraro</i>	Jubran/Ferraro
April 25,	Holy Thursday <i>Joannie Alevizos</i>	N/A
April 28,	HOLY PASCHA <i>AM: Rudquist PM: Kakish</i>	N/A
May 5,	Thomas Sunday <i>The Joseph Family</i>	The Joseph Family

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 openings. Please seriously consider choosing a date. We will help you if you need assistance. Joannie Alevizos.

Think About It: Prayer is the best remedy for sadness and depression. *Evagrios the Solitary* (+399)

How's Lent Going? Praying, worship, fasting, almsgiving, repentance and confession? Making the most out of your journey to Pascha? If not, it's not too late to start or improve. Keep the faith, fight the good fight!

CHOIR PRACTICE DURING LENT

During Lent, the Choir will rehearse every Sunday immediately following the Divine Liturgy. It is very important that the choir members and anyone who would like to join them come and participate in the rehearsals. No matter how good a singer one is, the choir is a team and everyone needs to be there to support the team effort. If you have any questions, please see Mary Rudquist.

Church Fathers Speak: Rouse yourselves! The world only seeks to flatter you but if you continue in drowsiness, you will imperceptibly fall under the influence of the evil spirits who are anxious even for the company of swine. Be careful that heaviness of your flesh does not keep you away from Christ the Savior who is the God of spirits and all flesh. *St. Sebastian of Optina/Karaganda* (+1966)

THANK YOU

To the community of St George,

On behalf of the entire extended Soroka family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your gracious outpouring of Christian love during the time leading up to, and including the funeral of Lenny Soroka. We all felt your love surrounding us, and he did too - the visits, the phone calls, your care and concern. Thank you for the beautiful funeral service, the prayerful singing of the

choir he loved, and all who took part. A special thanks to the Ladies Society for the delicious mercy meal, lovely to the last detail.

You treated us like family and Lenny considered you part of his. You left us humbled and overwhelmed at the same time. We will never forget your kind and beautiful spirit.

God Bless you all.
Aaron Soroka & Kyra Dunn

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers throughout the last weeks of our dear father Jerry's life. We would especially like to thank all of the Clergy for their constant support and prayers, primarily Father Mangels. Also, we want to thank the Ladies of St. George for the wonderful mercy meal they prepared, the Burbank family and Angelo's restaurant for the pasta and pizza, Denise Ferraro for the hushwee, and all others who donated food and their time to the mercy meal. We are truly blessed to have you all supporting us through this sad time.

The Joseph Family

2019 Annual Father John Khoury Falafel Dinner

We would like to thank the Khoury Family and the Beirut Restaurant for putting on the very successful Falafel Dinner this year. They make this such a lovely event for all of us. They donate all of the ingredients and the two gift certificates plus do all of the work! Thank you!

Fr. Khoury Annual Falafel Dinner Update

A very big thank you to all those who came, shared fellowship, and enjoyed falafel at the FR. KHOURY ANNUAL FALAFEL DINNER. There were many, many new faces along with our own St. George family. This was by far the biggest year we ever had with around 275 tickets turned in. To put it in falafel numbers, that's approximately 1925 pieces of falafel, 350 loaves of bread & 500 cups of tahini. Thanks to those who helped spread the word, we raised \$2500.00! \$800.00 more than last year's total. The money raised will be put in the general fund. A very special thank you to George Khoury for printing and selling tickets. We hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

Wisdom from the Fathers: We all have to die, and it will be very difficult for us if, while still in this world, we do not love each other, if we are not reconciled with our enemies whom we offended, if we do not forgive those who grieve us. These are necessary to have eternal blessedness and the forgiveness of our heavenly Father. *St. Peter of Cetinje, Serbia (+1830)*

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL 2019

Please mark your calendars for our **12TH ANNUAL ST. GEORGE MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL**, July 19, 20 & 21! Our festival has become a major attraction in the Twin Cities and it serves as our single annual fundraiser, second only to your stewardship. We need your help! Please save the dates and plan to be here to work that entire week for your church. There will be plenty to do July 15-21. Plan to work together that week on set-up and preparation and plan to work several shifts during the festival weekend. Look for sign-up sheets in your email and in the church hall. Thank you.

- **Festival News**

Planning for the 2019 festival is underway! We are still looking for a **lead for the silent auction area**. If you can serve in this capacity please see Vicky or Denise.

- **Silent Auction**

We have donation letters printed and on the table by the pop machine. Please take a few, keep them in your car and when you are out to a restaurant or shop, ask the manager if they would donate a gift card or item to our silent auction.

Also keep an eye out for silent auction items, anything you might like. Right now there are some great sales. I have found some great items at Hallmark for \$1 each. This way if you get a good deal, your dollar can go so much farther. Donations for the silent auction can be brought in at any time and given to Denise or Vicky. Thank you so very much.

CONSIDER BEING A CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER - COME TO THE WORKSHOP

ON MAY 4th: Our Church School is in need of more wonderful teachers to educate our precious students in the faith. Our goal is to have teaching teams for each class to maximize creativity and minimize burden. To better achieve this goal, St. George and our Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese are hosting a Orthodox Church School Teacher Development Workshop on Saturday, May 4, 2019. We are honored to have Carole A. Buleza, Director of the Department of Christian Education for the Archdiocese, serve as our presenter. The workshop will take place in our Great Hall from 8:30am – 4:00pm. A flyer, a detailed agenda, including session descriptions, and a registration form are available on the Archdiocese webpages here: <http://ww1.antiochian.org/christianeducation> or here <http://ww1.antiochian.org/toledo>. All parishioners are welcome. Please reach out to Christina Worrall for registration details (worrall.christina@gmail.com or 571-334-2306).

FOCUS MN Update: Please join us on the morning of Saturday, June 1, as we transition into the next phase of service with an Open House and House Blessing! We will give prayers of thanksgiving, bless all areas of the FOCUS Minnesota House, offer self-guided tours, and share light refreshments. May Day Help Wanted! Come hand-address and stuff the House Blessing invitations with us! May 1, 6:30pm at FOCUS Minnesota RSVP to Judy: 612-490-8611 or jpurman@comcast.net. • We are networking with schools, social service organizations, and elected officials in our new neighborhood. • We were awarded a grant from the City of St. Paul for new signage and lighting for our building. • The Clothes Closet is nearly ready! We hope to open its doors soon after Pascha. • The kitchen remodel remains on the to-do list. We are hopeful for a summer completion date.

2019 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE Diocese of Toledo

The PLC this year is being hosted by St. Nicholas, Champaign-Urbana from June 19-22 at the University of Illinois Newman Center. This is a new concept for PLC and will be very affordable for families and individuals. Bishop Anthony expects a good turnout from all of the Parishes in the Midwest. You can register online at (<https://www.antiochianevents.org/events/diocese-of-toledo-and-the-midwest/>). Hotel reservation deadline is May 19. Events registration deadline is June 10.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREATS AND ACTIVITIES

May 3-5 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center for [more info and to register, click here!](#) Led by our own Paul Karos and organized by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago.

May 17-19 at the Karos Cabin to [register, click here!](#) Once you have registered, please follow the link to pay the \$20 registration fee. Space is available on a first-come-first serve basis. The first 17 registrations are guaranteed a bed. Registrations after the first 17 will need to bring a sleeping bag and sleep on the floor. We had a great time last year—don't miss it this year!

CANDLES & FLOWERS

We remind you that all offerings received on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday are used to offset the cost of candles and flowers for Holy Week and Pascha. Please be generous. Please use the offering basket on the candle/ushers' table. Mark your checks "candles & flowers." Thank you!

Wisdom from the Fathers: Like bread is the most essential earthly food of all, remembrance of death is the most essential spiritual deed. *St. John Climacus (+610)*