

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, December 1, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

& Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

Tone 7

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*Commemorations: The Holy Prophet Nahum; Venerable Philaret the Almsgiver of Amnia; Martyr Ananias the Persian; Theoklitos, archbishop of Lakedaemonia*

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*The Divine Liturgy begins on pg. 14 of the new Divine Liturgy Book*

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLITIKION IN TONE SEVEN

*Pg. 101*

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

*Now sing the Apolytikion of St. George our Patron Saint*

### KONTAKION OF 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:

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### GOSPEL:

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

At that time, when 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, Jesus 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 Jesus, 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 all the members of the Price, Flynn and Hughes Families and all parishioners of St. George.

In loving memory of John Ashton Price IV, the Very Rev. Issa Canavati, Jake Flynn and Alex Hughes and all departed parishioners of St. George.

### MEMORIAL

A memorial will be said for the repose of the souls of Very Rev. Issa Canavati and John Price IV. May their memory be Eternal!

### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is hosted by the O'Brien Family. Please join us for this period of fellowship.

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**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.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Roseanne Athey, Michael Spaar, Pat Burbank, Laretta Villareal, Jim Etoll, Mike Etoll, Veronica Windsor, Dwight Johnson, George & Ellie Saba, Anna Windsor, Peter Hafiz, Mariah, Nicholas Peter Andrews, Fr. Duane, John and John Etoll, Wally & Maria, Allen, Nick, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Margaret Boalbey, Norm Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Joe Etoll, Lamese McDowell, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Anna Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Deb Korluka, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Nancy Maker, Mike & Sandy Brown, Natalie Mozey, Alan, Mary Poulsen, and Brian Krause.

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

**ANY announcement** in the weekly bulletin is **subject to approval by Fr. Mangels**. The announcement and names for holy bread, **must be submitted to Brigitte @ bgkstgeorge@gmail.com** by **Wednesday NOON** before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin.

## THIS WEEK

### BOOKSTORE HOLIDAY SPECIAL EVENT

The Holiday event will take place Sunday, December 8 before and after liturgy. All items will be discounted 10%. All purchases will receive a complimentary vial of Myrrh oil.

**Myrrh**, by far, is the **most decorated oil in the Bible** being listed as: A precious commodity – potential currency (Genesis 37:25) Anointing oil (Exodus 30:23) An ointment (Song of Solomon 5:5) A perfume (Psalm 45:8, Proverbs 7:17, Song of Solomon 1:13, 4:14, 5:13) As incense (Song of Solomon 3:6, 4:6) Mixed with edible spices to be eaten (Song of Solomon 5:1) The gifts of the Magi to the Christ child (Mathew 2:11) Mixed with wine and given to Jesus on the cross (Mark 15:23)

**THANKS** to all who came to Family Fun Turkey Bingo Saturday. Thanks to Michelle Apman and those who helped out. Such a fun evening for all!

### DOCUMENTARY: “LOVE TO THE END”

Mother Maria of Paris was a remarkable woman, martyr and saint who gave her life that another could live. This moving documentary will be shown at FOCUS House 550 Rice Street in St. Paul on **Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00pm**. It is sponsored by MEOCCA. There will be a free will offering to benefit FOCUS MN or please bring a package of new socks. The program is 50 minutes long and will be followed by refreshments and a brief discussion. RSVP to Vera Proctor (651-324-2705) or focustwincities@gmail.com.

**VESPERS:** We will serve Vespers on Saturday, December 7 at 5:00pm

**ALTAR BOY TEAM 1 WILL SERVE SUNDAY, December 8, 2019.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- December 1, Ladies Christmas Cookie Exchange & Executive Meeting
- December 3, Tuesday, Mother Maria of Paris, See below.
- December 8, Sunday School Christmas Program/Pot Luck
- December 8, Bookstore special event!
- Arabic Divine Liturgy, Friday, December 13 at 7:00pm

- December 15, Ladies Holiday Centerpiece Craft. (*Details to follow*)
- Christmas Divine Liturgy, Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm—Matins & Divine Liturgy
- January 4-6 Bishop Anthony’s Annual Archpastoral Visit (*more information to follow*)

HOLY BREAD LIST		COFFEE HOUR LIST
Dec. 08, Coco Bombini	(memorial)	Christmas Program Pot Luck
Dec. 15, Berhane, Kidan, Teklu, Rahwa		SAME
Dec. 22, Burbank/Apman Family	(memorial)	SAME
Dec. 24, OPEN	Christmas (4pm)	
Dec. 29, OPEN		
Dec. 31, OPEN	St. Basil New Year’s Eve (6pm)	N/A

To schedule Holy Bread and/or a 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 of the week before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.***

**THINK ABOUT IT:** We are preparing to celebrate Christmas; there is No Christmas without Christ and there is no Christmas without “Mass!” Put Christ and “Mass” back into ChristMass!

### PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS

Father John Mangels has announced that he will have **REGULAR OFFICE HOURS** at the Church on **TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS** from 2:00-6:00pm every week. During these times Father will be at the Church if you would like to stop by. Please give a call to make sure that he is not occupied with someone else. As always, he is available 24/7 to you for emergencies and appointments, for Confessions, and pastoral counseling.

**Antiochian Women** Executive Meeting in Conference Room Dec. 1. Get a bite to eat then come to the meeting. **All ladies are welcome.** If not enough people signed up for the cookie exchange by today, it will be cancelled this year.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

St. George Church School is accepting non-perishable food and other donations to benefit the work of two important organizations in the community: Neighbors, Inc. and FOCUS Minnesota. Please find our poster in the hallway with information about what is needed. We will be accepting your generous contributions through Sunday 12/15/19. Thank you for helping to make this holiday season extra-special for all!

**FROM THE FATHERS**—Wisdom, holy dignity, a desire for justice, valor, the thoughts of a good heart, love that is strong, love of the poor, faith in Christ, freedom from anger, hospitality. If we possess these things we will find them going before us, preparing a dwelling for us in the land of the gentle. ***St. Anthony the Great***

### BOOKSTORE NEWS

**New Children’s Books**—The bookstore has just purchased a series of children's books from Potamitis Publishing an Orthodox children's books publishing company and the first ever Orthodox publishing ministry that publishes exclusively books for Orthodox children. Since 2007 the Potamitis family has been publishing dogmatically correct, and enviably beautiful and intriguing books, posters, stickers,

and CDs for Orthodox Children around this blessed Globe! The books are available starting this Sunday. **Now available in the bookstore- Sander: The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.** English-language recording of “The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom” by the PATRAM (the Patriarch Tikhon Russian-American Music) Institute Singers. Recorded in SACD on 2 CDs. Composed by Kurt Sander and directed by Peter Jermihov. This is the first and only complete setting of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in English. A comprehensive and informative booklet is included. \$16.00

**2020 PARISH DIRECTORY – Stay informed! Please update your contact information in the DRAFT 2020 St. George Parish Directory that is located outside the Church Hall.**

**FOCUS - We are in need of coats, hats, gloves/mittens** for men, women and children, but children in particular.

**Sandwich Program for School Kids,** Weekly we provide 200 lunches for the children at the St. Paul City School. The cost for preparing each bagged lunch is \$2. We are in need of donations to help fund this ministry.

**Clothes Closet,** Volunteers needed to sort donations on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00-3:00.

**Sunday Meals,** Beginning Sunday, November 3 and running through December 22, we will resume our Sunday evening community meals consisting of soup and sandwiches.

**Thanksgiving Turkey Bags,** We plan on distributing holiday food bags Saturday, November 23, during the regular food shelf hours. We are in need of 10 more turkeys, 10-12 pounds each. We are also looking for pumpkin pies. We ask that the pumpkin pies be delivered Thursday or Friday, November 21 and 22 for distribution on the 23rd. Any pies not given away at the food shelf will be served at the November 24 meal. Please call me (Judy Purman, 612.490.8611) with questions about this effort.

**Looking ahead to December,** Donations of brand new toys for children 18 months to 12 years and gift cards for teens will be accepted for our annual Christmas Marketplace. *We already have an abundance of stuffed animals* so please opt for other toys, books, games and/or puzzles. **Thank you!** We are so grateful for your dedication to helping us spread the word in your parishes about FOCUS programming and needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me Judy or Vera with any questions or concerns.

## NEWSLETTER

Do you have computer skills? Do you do publishing? We are in need of someone to take over the ST. GEORGE NEWS! Pat Percy did it for a long time and she is unable to continue. It does take some time, and it does take some computer skills, but many of our young people have those skills and perhaps a little time! This would be a wonderful gift of time and talent as a part of your stewardship. If you are interested please see Fr. John.

## NEW LITURGICAL ITEMS NEEDED

As we continue to grow we need to update some of the Liturgical items used for Divine Services.

We are currently in need of We are also in need of a larger paten to be placed on the top of our DISKOS, the tray upon which the bread rests before it is consecrated. And of two ORLETS, these are the small eagle rugs upon which the bishop stands when he is celebrating the Divine Services. If you would like to help purchase any of these items, please see Father John and he will give more information on the cost, etc.

Often time individuals or families like to donate these items in memory of a loved one or for some other purpose.

## PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND 2020

Tom and Mary Rudquist are planning another Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and the Holy Land for next year, September 19-28, 2020. Please email or call Tom if you are interested at [email: abousean@yahoo.com](mailto:abousean@yahoo.com) or 651-890-6817 Group size: 25 Love in Christ, Tom and Mary!

## MINISTRY OF ICON CLASSES SESSION 1

The schedule of 2020 classes are as follows: please register by sending a deposit of \$75.00 to Icon Art Studios, 13921 127<sup>th</sup> Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082. All inquiries can be sent via email at [akorluka@oal.com](mailto:akorluka@oal.com) or my cell 612-889-5968. For more information, contact Deb directly!

## CALLING ALL LADIES OF ST. GEORGE

The Coordinator for Activities of the Ladies of St. George, Michelle Apman is trying something new for this Fall/Winter Season! She would like to establish a “**once a month girl’s night out**” for us girls/ladies to do something fun and exciting to de-stress from our busy lives! **Everyone is invited! The more the merrier!** If you have ideas for fun activities please contact me, Michelle at 651-455-0723! Some suggestions are; holiday lights bus tours, play, ballet, dinner & show at Chanhassen, movie night or just go out for a nice dinner.

## THE NATIVITY FAST—*The Christmas Fast*

On Friday, November 15 we began the Nativity Fast. The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a *joyous* fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ.

That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example.

Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.

We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God’s gift of Salvation may bear fruit in us.

We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and prayer go together.

Fasting is not irrelevant. Fasting is not obsolete, and it is not something for someone else.

Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.

Most of all, we should not devour each other. We ask God to “set a watch and keep the door of our lips.”

## THE WEBSITE CALENDAR

This is a reminder to use the St. George website (<http://saintgeorge-church.org/>) to view kitchen and social hall availability.

Also, please use the site to view available dates for Holy Bread, memorials, and coffee hours.

Email or call George Khoury with your request. George will enter reservations into the WEBSITE CALENDAR. Clicking on George’s name in the website will display his email. If you have difficulty, please call or text George. He will walk you through the process. It’s important that we all make an effort to use the website.

The website is THE OFFICIAL SITE to view all assigned kitchen and social hall reservations as well as Holy Bread for Sundays and Feast Days.

**THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK**—Christ is our Friend, our Brother; He is whatever is beautiful and good. He is everything. In Christ there is no gloom, melancholy or introversion, whereas man suffers from various temptations and situations. Christ is joy, life, light, the true Light, which makes us glad, makes us fly, makes us see all things, see all people, suffer for all people and want all people to be with Him, close to Him. *Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalyvite*