

# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Anticipated Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

*Rest of John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Martyr Makarios the New of Thessalonica; Venerable Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos*

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### THE EISODIKON OF THE FEAST

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

### KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

### THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. (*thrice*)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Dynamis!

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### EPISTLE:

Exalt ye the Lord our God.

The Lord hath reigned, let the people tremble.

### The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:18-24)

Brethren, the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### GOSPEL:

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

(19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where art Thou from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Wilt Thou not speak to me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to release Thee, and power to crucify Thee?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement", and in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led him away, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew "Golgotha." There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the Cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Now standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the Disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the Disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true.

## HOLY BREAD

**Holy Bread** is offered for the health and welfare of Al & Deb, Nicole, Ronnie, Alexander, Anthony & Andreas, Robbie & Shelbie, Lorraine, Sandra, Dan & Family, the victims of COVID-19, their families and all members of St. George parish.

**In loving memory of** Helen & Robert Olson, Victor & Steven Korluka, Wally, victims of COVID-19 and all departed members of St. George.

**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/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. Please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Mary Rudquist, James and Emily, Corrie Fox, Hanna Colliander, Lauretta Villareal, Genevieve Lehnen, Jim Etoll, Mike Etoll, Dwight Johnson, George & Ellie Saba, Anna Windsor, Peter Hafiz, 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, Joe Etoll, Lamese McDowell, Edgard Siouffy, Berhane Haliemichael, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Alexander Emmanoulakis, Marilyn Perry, Nancy Maker, Mike & Sandy Brown, Natalie Mozey, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Alan, Mary Poulsen, Mervat and Abigail Lotfalla & Samira Shehata.

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.

### PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST

It has been brought to our attention that there are names on the PRAYER LIST that have been on the list for YEARS! Would you please take a look at the list and if people's names can be removed, please let us know. We like to keep the list fresh and yet make sure that those who truly need prayer are being prayed for regularly.

### BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE

ANY announcement in the weekly bulletin and Newsletter is subject to approval by Fr. Mangels/and the Council. **It is important to notify Brigitte by e-mail ([bgkstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:bgkstgeorge@gmail.com)) or phone with all your bulletin information by NOON Wednesday of the week before your coffee hour, in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.**

#### HOLY BREAD LIST

Sept. 20, Joan Alevizos (memorial)  
Sept. 27, Saba Family

#### COFFEE HOUR LIST

To schedule Holy Bread and/or memorial, contact Joan Alevizos. It is completely proper to offer more than one memorial or Holy Bread on the same 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, call Sanaa Jubran.

## HOLY BREAD

As you know, the offering of the Holy Bread is a beautiful way to participate even more fully in the Divine Liturgy. This is especially true when it is the work of your own hands. Even though we are not fully present in the Church yet, we are still in need of the Bread which becomes the Body of Christ in the Liturgy. Think about taking a Sunday or weekday and making the Holy Bread. **Joanie Alevizos** is the coordinator for this ministry, **please contact her (651-453-1894)** if you would like to offer the bread for your intentions.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

### UPCOMING SERVICE

- Saturday, September 19, Great Vespers at 5:00pm

### UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES, ETC.

Governor Waltz issued a new Emergency Executive Order regarding the use of face masks in Church. From now until we hear otherwise, **Face Masks shall be used in Church.** Please refer to the Update, I sent out on Friday, July 24 for more information. As the Governor said, if someone is not wearing a mask **we must assume** they have a reason and not make a scene and certainly not shame people. This is the House of God.

With the new directives from Metropolitan Joseph and the Emergency Executive Order 20-62 of Governor Waltz, we have been allowed to increase the number of people attending Divine Services to 25% of capacity with people **practicing social distancing.** Please go online to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444A8AC23ABF85-stgeorge> to sign up for the Services. We have 50 slots available for each Service. **PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP FOR TWO SUNDAYS IN A ROW.** We must let people come back to the Church. Look on the signup sheet **early on Sunday morning** and if there is room, then you can sign up again. The Services continue to be available via **Livestreaming** on YouTube thanks to the efforts of Heath Nelson, Mike Varian and James Baker!

We have been given the permission to distribute Holy Communion and hear Confessions **by appointment.** Those who might be afraid to come back to Church in a larger setting can sign up to receive Holy Communion after all Services. We hope soon to be able to start doing more things at Church but until we hear differently **we are still not having meetings or using the facilities for any reason.** Try to do everything from home, by phone or email. If you have any questions, concerns, or needs, please contact Father John Mangels at 303-520-0981 or [ajammn@aol.com](mailto:ajammn@aol.com).

### AID TO THE PEOPLE OF BEIRUT

Following the tragic explosion in the city of Beirut, Antiochian Orthodox Christians from around the world are being asked to help with prayers and financial offerings. You can make an offering using this link provided by Metropolitan Joseph: <https://antiochian.networkforgood.com/projects/106179-financial-aid-following-Beirut-explosion>

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this worthy effort.

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Online registration is open for the 2020/2021 school year! Please click the link to the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/gDffUDvfT8EmTCi99>. Our church school team is getting ready for the first day. The teacher meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13 immediately following Liturgy, under the pavilion. Looking forward to it! Details about the Zoom classes on Sept. 20th will follow via email to families. Please contact Christina Andrews Worrall ([worrall.christina@gmail.com](mailto:worrall.christina@gmail.com)) with comments or questions.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This year we are continuing our tradition of hosting a school-supply drive for low-income children at a local area school. School supplies are still very much in need for many families, even with hybrid and distance learning due to COVID. New pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, glue, folders, rulers, colored pencils, etc. can help students feel ready to start the new school year. NEW items only, please!

Donations can be placed on the cabinet in the hallway, as in previous years. We will be collecting items now through Sunday, Oct. 4. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Questions? Contact Jennifer Buddensiek (651) 295-7335.

## NEW ADDRESS FOR PAT BURBANK

Just to let you all know Pat Burbank has moved to West St. Paul into the senior living complex, The Winslow. Her new address is 1631 Marthaler Lane #212. She is happy to be closer to her friends and to St. George Church.

## INTRO TO ORTHODOXY, PAN-ORTHODOX CATECHISM

Our 12-week Fall 2020 catechism class on the basics of Eastern Orthodox Christianity will be on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm, starting **September 15**. The course is open to all, especially inquirers, and those interested in converting to Orthodoxy. Classes will be held virtually via Zoom. If we move to in-person, classes will take place here at St. George. See link for schedule; register online at <https://forms.gle/JuYZfmJGMWEUPpfE6>. Feel free to join us for individual classes without registering.

## LOMCP GALA INFO

To keep our supporters safe during this “pandemic” MCP is partnering with OneCause to virtually bring you the 2020 MCPGala streamed live from the Korluka Equestrian Farm this September 20, 2020.

We are excited to partner with OneCause to bring the MCP Auction online this year! OneCause, a top rated fundraising software company and creator of Bidpal Mobile Bidding. Here is how it works:

Four ways to participate in the MCP Virtual Gala:

- Purchase link to watch the Gala on your computer, smart tv or smartphone
- Bid on items in the MCP Online Auction
- Make a monetary donation
- Donate items in the MCP Online Auction

Register at our MCP Gala 2020 OneCause Site to participate: <http://bidpal.net/mcpgala2020>  
Auction bidding begins September 11- September 20. All sales are final.

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN CHANGE IN DATE

The St. George Ladies will be hosting an online book club via Zoom featuring “The Holy Angels” by Mother Alexandra. Anyone who would like to join is welcome. If you don’t already have the book you can purchase one in our church book store. Our first of three monthly meetings will be Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. covering the first section of the book, Angels in the Old Testament. If you would like to sign up for the first session, contact Lisa Hartwig at [lihartw@aol.com](mailto:lihartw@aol.com) or Cindy Karos at [cindyzkaros@gmail.com](mailto:cindyzkaros@gmail.com). We look forward to visiting and learning with you.

## CHURCH SUPPORT DURING THIS TIME

Thank you so much for your continued support of your parish during this time! We are very much aware of what a hardship this crisis is putting on people throughout the country. If you are able,

please continue to financially support your Church during this time. Your weekly/monthly contribution can be mailed to the Church so that we can keep up with our commitments. Many, many thanks!

The Parish Council has approved numerous ways to donate to St. George.

1. Venmo is a free secure app that can be downloaded and installed on a mobile phone. Donors that install the Venmo app can directly transfer money from their bank account to St. George's Old National Bank account with no fees incurred. However, if a credit card transaction is used by the donor, the donor will incur a 3% fee. **Venmo** your donation to **@stgeorgeaoc**. The church is automatically emailed a notification of your donation.

2. From your online bank account, do an External Transfer directly to the church's Old National Bank account. Info you will need: Routing Number **086300012** Account Number **322042** **Please send an email to [stewardshipstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:stewardshipstgeorge@gmail.com) so that our Financial Secretary can properly record your donation.**

3. From your online bank account, schedule Bill Pay and a paper check will be written to the church.

4. A paper check can be written and mailed to the church.

5. When you come to Church, the collection tray will not be passed. Please leave your offering in the plate on the Candle Table before or after Services.

PROFOUND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

**Wisdom from the Church Fathers:** This is our festival, that we celebrate God coming to mankind that mankind might go back to God our Father. Off with the old human nature, on with the new! Once dead in Adam, now alive in Christ! Born with Christ, crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, risen with Christ! *St. Gregory the Theologian* (+390AD)

## FOCUS MN

**Check out the FOCUS website [focusmn.weebly.com](http://focusmn.weebly.com) or contact** either Vera (651-324-2705) or Judy (612-490-8611) to see what their needs are.

**Clothes Closet:** Operating on an appointment basis. Need on site volunteers willing and able to meet face to face (with masks) with clients. We are only accepting donations of winter wear for men, women and children; coats, boots, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens.

**Reception:** We need of a few volunteers who are willing to be receptionist for the building. You will answer the phone, take messages, let people into the building and direct them to where they need to go, answer questions about our programming, and perhaps make inquiries for us or confirm clothes closet appointments. In general, hours will be 10-2:00. This can be divided between two different people; be split 10:00-12:30 and 12:30-2:30 **Food Shelf:** operating on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Occasional help is needed stocking shelves, filling bags of staples for distribution, dividing large quantities into smaller bags for distribution/picking up food. **Bagged Lunch:** Approximately 200 bagged lunches made weekly for various youth partners and for neighborhood distribution. Production of the sandwich/lunch bags occurs Thursdays from 10:00 - 12:00 and distributed Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30-12:30 outside FOCUS House Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches, pack bags, and distribute /deliver the lunches.

## HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If anyone, particularly our older or shut-in parishioners needs help with anything, please call either Fr. John or George/Brigitte Khoury. We have a number of parishioners who are willing to help with bringing food or supplies to you. It is important that we follow the guidelines that have been given us but in an emergency or time of need, don’t hesitate to call!

Christ is hung upon the Cross, and the devil has become a corpse. Christ has been stretched on the Cross, and a standard of salvation has been given to the world. Christ has been nailed to the Cross, and every soul has been released from bonds. Christ has been fixed to the Cross, and all creation has been set free from the slavery of corruption. Christ has breathed his last on the Cross, and a new marvel has been shown to the world; for the sun's light is darkened. This what a prophetic saying cries out, "And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that the sun will set at midday, and the light will become dark in the daytime, and I will change all your feasts into grief and all your songs into laments" [Amos 8:9]. Do you see, beloved, how great a mystery the prophetic saying holds? For here the deeds of both are intimated: I mean of the Jews, who are under the law, and of the nations, who are outside the law, who both practice iniquity. For those who feast according to the law will grieve as they celebrate their feasts, and instead of songs, they make lamentations over Jerusalem. For Jerusalem will no longer hold solemn rites, and no feast will be celebrated in it. While pagan nations will mourn, making confession for their sins, and mourning is cause of blessedness. For scripture says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" [Matthew 5:4]. They will mourn, then, over their empty feasts and lawless songs that they performed for the unclean demons. Take note then today how a pagan, repenting for the evil things he has done, laments and says with the prophet, "We have erred and strayed in our shame, and our sins have covered us, for we have been filled with our impiety. We have acknowledged the iniquities of our fathers". So then let us too lament and mourn for the evils that have been laid to our charge; let us cling to the Cross, placing all our hopes on the Cross, so that taught through the Cross, fixing our thought on heaven, being brought close to Christ our Saviour, we may be found worthy to be near God in the kingdom of heaven, in Christ our Lord himself, to whom be glory and might to the ages of ages. Amen.

*St. John Chrysostom*



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