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Sunday, March 7, 2021
Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

Tone 6 **Eothinon 6**

Commemorations: The Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Eugene, Kapiton, Elpidios, Agathodoros and Aetherios; Venerable Laurence; Venerable Paul the Simple, disciple of Anthony the Great

THE DIVINE 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 the patron saint

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

EPISTLE:

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, , food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any one sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle?

Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

GOSPEL:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Alice Woog, Jim Ebner and the members of the Woog, Herzak and Ebner families, the family of Nusrallah and Sanaa Jubran and the family of George and Joanne Droubie, all Covid victims, their families and all St. George parishioners.

In loving memory of Subdeacon Joseph, Joseph, Anna, Paul, James, Ann, Philip, Helen, Alexander, Constantine, Alexandra, Anne, all Covid victims and all departed members of St. George Parish.

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/chrismated 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.**

Wisdom from the Church Fathers—Do not be irritated either with those who sin or those who offend. Do not have passion for noticing every sin in your neighbor, nor judge him. Everyone shall give an answer to God for himself. Especially do not look with evil intent upon the sins of your elders because they have no bearing on you. Correct your own sins and amend your own life. *St. John of Kronstadt (+1908)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Jeffrey Brown, Scott McCloud, Pat Burbank, George Droubie, Helen Katsampes, James Awada Sr., Lowell Colliander, Elizabeth Swanson, Nick Dragich, Ethen Leff, Elizabeth Henry, Boulos Bitar, James and Emily, Corrie Fox, Lauretta Villareal, Genevieve Lehnen, Jim Etoll, Michael 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, Lamese McDowell, Edgard Siouffy, Berhane Haliemichael, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Joseph Kammeyer, Marilyn Perry, Nancy Maker, Dawn Tillbury, Joshua & Richard Lang, Eva Etoll, Alan & Mary Poulsen, Natalie Mozey, Mervat & 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.

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) or phone with all your bulletin information by NOON Wednesday of the week before you offer the Holy Bread in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*** **Deadline for APRIL newsletter: 3/18/2021.**

HOLY BREAD LIST

Mar. 14,	Forgiveness, Cheesefare
Mar. 21,	Orthodoxy Sunday
Mar. 25, Perry	Annunciation
Mar. 28, Katrina/Michael Begley	

To schedule Holy Bread and/or memorial, contact Joan Alevizos **(651-453-1894)**. It is completely proper to offer more than one memorial or Holy Bread on the same Sunday. **Coffee hour,** due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic, has been suspended in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

UPCOMING SERVICES

- Saturday, March 13, Great Vespers at 5:00pm
- Sunday, March 14, Orthros at 9:00am CDST*
- Sunday, March 14, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am CDST
- Sunday, March 14, Forgiveness Vespers at 5:00pm CDST

*CENTRAL DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (March 14)

On March 14 at 2:00am we ***spring forward*** one hour as Daylight Saving Time begins. So please, make sure you set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed next Saturday evening so you are ***right on time*** for Services next Sunday morning!

FORGIVENESS VESPERS ON CHEESE FARE SUNDAY 5:00pm

One of the most moving Services in the Church Year is that of Forgiveness Vespers. We come before one-another and ask forgiveness and extend forgiveness. This is the perfect prelude to Great lent which begins the next day (actually with this Service!) We will have the Service next Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm. We are directed by our Metropolitan to practice a modified rite of Forgiveness whereby people prostrate and bow with their hands crossed over their chests.

THE ANNUAL SEMINARIANS OFFERING

During the Month of March we will receive a Second Offering for the annual Seminary drive in our Archdiocese. Help insure the proper training of our future priests.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES, ETC.

Governor Waltz issued an 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, 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 **wearing masks** and **practicing social distancing**. Please go online to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444A8AC23ABF85-stgeorge to sign up for the Services. We have 100 slots available for each Service. (50 in the Church and 50 in the Hall). It is important to get people back to the Church. The Services continue to be available via **Livestreaming** on YouTube thanks to the efforts of Heath Nelson, Mike Varian and James Baker!

We are able to have small gatherings at the Church as long as masks are used and social distancing is observed. We still **do not** have permission to use the Parish Hall for Coffee Hours, etc. If you have any questions, concerns, or needs, please contact Father John Mangels at 303-520-0981 or ajammn@aol.com.

WISDOM FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS: Believe me when I say, I have never been so sure of my heart in peacetime as in the times of persecution. For I have confidence that if I should die while suffering for Christ and being strengthened by His mercy, I will find still greater mercy in Him. ***St. Athanasios the Great***

The 2021 Drive Up & Pick Up Father John Khoury Falafel Dinner

Please join us, as we honor the Lenten tradition started by the late great Fr. John Khoury. The Annual St. George Falafel Dinner Sunday March 28th, Noon-3pm Fr. Khoury began this tradition almost 40 years ago, and it has been our honor to continue it in his name. Covid restrictions prevented us from putting it on in 2020, but we are pleased to be able to go forward with it this year. We will be doing it **strictly drive-up, take-out & curbside only** with no sales or dining allowed inside the hall. We kindly ask that you please either pre-pay in advance or make a "reservation" in order for us to know how much to make. Also available on hand will be bags of bread, containers of garlic sauce, and hummus available for purchase in addition for $5 each item.
Tickets/reservations can be made by contacting:
GEORGE KHOURY-651-208-3954 or PURCHASED AT BEIRUT RESTAURANT MONDAY-THURSDAY 3PM-7PM. WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT CASH, CHECK, AND VENMO PAYMENTS AT THE CHURCH ON DAY OF EVENT.SUNDAY MARCH 28, 202, NOON-3PM
St. George Church PARKING LOT
$10 for adults
$5 for kids (12 & under)
All proceeds go to St. George Church
Sponsored and prepared by Beirut Lebanese Restaurant, West Saint Paul.

ST GEORGE BOOKSTORE **is online!** Our bookstore offers an array of quality Orthodox Christian books, icons, jewelry, music, and gifts. Visit our **store online** and discover the richness and beauty of our Orthodox faith. Go to https://bit.ly/2UHrUno and start shopping! Contact Deb Korluka at 612-889-5868 for pricing and to place your order. Arrangements will be made for payment and pickup at St. George Church. Quantities are limited. Your support of our bookstore is greatly appreciated.

PREPARING FOR LENT, METROPOLITAN JOSEPH SAYS:

First and foremost, we must focus on Christ and His Resurrection. This past year has been a divisive and passionate one. The goal of the fast is to be dispassionate and focused on our own sins. By

being obedient to Christ and the Church we share in God's grace instead of our pride and self-direction. Let us be good examples to our faithful and teach them to do the same. Let's heal our divisions and be examples to our nation.

Young Adults/Relationship Sundays

We are gathering at 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm each Sunday afternoon. It is not too late to join us! More than 15 of you have signed up! It has been great fellowship! Call Cindy or Paul Karos to learn more. 612.701.7320 or cindyzkaros@gmail.com.

ICON ART STUDIOS

Icon Art Studios is offering Virtual Icon classes hosted by Wet Paint, www.wetpaintart.com. Click the link and go to "events & classes" for further information or send an inquiry to Deb at akorluka@aol.com to obtain detailed information about session 1, 2 and 3. Virtual classes will take place Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 starting January 13th, session1, February 10th session 2, and March 20th, Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, session 3.

PATRISTIC WISDOM: Only the lifeless (the dead) are exempt from the battles of lust. We know then that the struggle of the flesh and the spirit is extremely beneficial to us in order to gain self-control and mastery over our desires. ***St. John Cassian*** (+435)

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.

This Sunday will be the last Sunday of 2020. If you are planning an end of the Year contribution, please have it in today so that it will be recoded on your 2020 giving statement.

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 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!

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.

The Church Fathers Speak—Do not be irritated either with those who sin or those who offend. Do not have passion for noticing every sin in your neighbor, nor judge him. Everyone shall give an answer to God for himself. Especially do not look with evil intent upon the sins of your elders because they have no bearing on you. Correct your own sins and amend your own life. *St. John of Kronstadt (+1908)*

SOYO BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday night at 6:15, SOYO meets for a bible study on Zoom. It is a time for fellowship, spiritual nourishment, and connection among the youth at St. George. Right now, we are making our way through the Gospels, starting with Matthew. **Anyone 8th Grade and up is welcome and encouraged to join… We would love to have you with us!** We start each meeting with a prayer, then read/ discuss together, and close with prayer. Contact Joseph Karos at josephkaros33@gmail.com or 612-500-327 if you are interested!

Think about it. *Remebering last Susnday's Gospel*: We fear because our false freedom and license and apostacy from God has caught up with us, just as it did with the Prodigal. ***Fulton J. Sheen***

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Antiochian women have busy days ahead. March is WOMENS MONTH in our Archdiocese!
The ladies will be reading the Epistle and ushering, Rahwa Bahta is in charge of scheduling.
The Ladies will be baking **Spinach Pies** Monday, March 15 at 9:00am. For info call Sue Perry or Boshra Haddad.
Mark your calendars for March 20TH Ladies ZOOM MEETING AT;
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87034534070?pwd=S1VRQmxIRUt4ekovOTNDK0MxNmp1QT09

COFFEE CUP COLLECTION money is due, those who have been filling your cup this year, send your check to Katy Price. For those who do not know about this, it is part of our annual fundraiser. Take a cup and each Saturday put what you would pay for one cup of coffee daily into the cup. Next March you write a check for whatever is in the cup and give it to the Antiochian Women.

Book Club...New Book! Everyone is invited to join the St George Ladies book club meeting on March 18 at 7:00. The featured book is THIRTY STEPS TO HEAVEN by Archimandrite Vassilios Papavassiliou, and is available in the church book store. If you would like to sign up, contact Lisa Hartwig at Lihartw@aol.com or Cindy Karos at cindyzkaros@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORS **Neighbors and MN March Food Share**

Let's all do our part and help Neighbors Inc with their biggest food and fund drive of the year. The MN Food Share campaign begins on March 1 through April 11. If it is within your means, Neighbors prefers funds this year to help them purchase items they need. But know that food donations are always welcome! Make your check out to Neighbors Inc and give to Willy Percy, George Khoury or Michelle Apman. Food donations may be dropped off outside the church hall. Thank you for helping Neighbors help our neighbors!

1 John 3:17: "But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him."

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK—Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us. All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn by reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. ***St. Isidore of Pelusium***

Sunday of the Last Judgement (Meatfare)

The Following is an excerpt from **Great Lent**, *by Alexander Schmemann*
From Chapter 2: Preparation for Lent

It is *love* again that constitutes the theme of *"Meat-Fare Sunday."* The Gospel lesson for the day is Christ's parable of the Last Judgement (Matt. 25:31-46). When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgement? The parable answers: *love*—not a mere humanitarian concern for abstract justice and the anonymous "poor," but concrete and personal love for the human person, any human person, that God makes me encounter in my life....

Christian love is the "possible impossibility" to see Christ in another man, whoever he is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a "good deed" or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself. For, indeed, what is love if not that mysterious power which transcends the accidental and the external in the "other"-- his physical appearance, social rank, ethnic origin, intellectual capacity-- and reaches the *soul*, the unique and uniquely personal "root" of a human being, truly the part of God in him? If God loves every man it is because He alone knows the priceless and absolutely unique treasure, the "soul" or "person" He gave every man. Christian love then is the participation in that divine knowledge and the gift of that divine love. There is no "impersonal" love because love *is* the wonderful discovery of the "person" in "man," of the personal and unique in the common and general. It is the discovery in each man of that which is "lovable" in him, of that which is from God.

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The parable of the Last Judgement is about Christian love. Not all of us are called to work for "humanity," yet each one of us has received the gift and the grace of Christ's love. We know that all men ultimately need this *personal love*—the recognition in them of their unique soul in which the beauty of the whole creation is reflected in a unique way. We also know that men are in prison and are sick and thirsty and hungry because that personal love has been denied them. And, finally, we know that however narrow and limited the framework of our personal existence, each one of us has been made responsible for a tiny part of the Kingdom of God, made responsible by that very gift of Christ's love. Thus, on whether or not we have accepted this responsibility, on whether we have loved or refused to love, shall we be judged. For *"inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me..."*

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