

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

THE SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

TONE: 7

EOTHINON: 10

On this day, we commemorate: *Holy Apostle Timothy & Anastasios the Persian
Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete.*

DIVINE LITURGY TODAY OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

During and after the Little Entrance with the Gospel Book, sing:

The Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone: 7

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.

Then sing:

The Troparion of the Apostle Timothy in Tone: 4

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr and Apostle Timothy. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

The Troparion of the Martyr Anastasios in Tone 4:

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

The Troparion of St. George, our Patron saint.

The Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord in Tone: 1

Thou, who didst sanctify the virginal womb by thy nativity and didst bless the hands of Simeon, hast come this day and saved us, O Christ God. Grant peace and strength to the Orthodox people whom thou hast loved, O only Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon: *The Lord will give strength to his people
Bring to the Lord, O sons of God,
Bring to the Lord honor and glory.*

EPISTLE: The Reading is from St. Paul's first letter to the Timothy.
(4:9-15)

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imothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST LUKE

(19:1-10)

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t that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is given for the health and welfare of Hend Bshara and Ziad, Lilian, Alexious Bshara and Essa, Afra, Michael, Robert Aldaya) and Feridun, Yumna , Andreas, Marcus Can; and in memory of Fr Antonios Bshara Saleem Bshara, Nasra Bshara, Meriam Bshara, Elyas Bshara, Yakup Can, Michael, Zakieh, Sameer Aldaya.

MEMORIAL

We will hold a memorial service for this morning for Fr. Antonios Bshara. May his memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour is offered this morning by the Bshara families. Everyone is invited to this time of fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 again soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but due to the sad 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. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. Also, please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Lorraine DeFlorin, Wally Golden, Nicholas Marinkov, Yasmin Kakish, Mary Saba, Erma Ziton, John Etoll, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Julie Funari, Denise Scott, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Gracie Holmes, Katherine Melchert, Carol Haddad, Ted Goll, Betty Ablan & Rosa Neimy, Maria Golden.

If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

A great time was had by all the Ladies who attended the "Holiday Get Together" at Angelos Pizza in South St. Paul. We had beautiful buffet and played some games. Instead of a gift exchange everyone brought items like blankets, food, and toiletries that were donated to Focus and Neighbors. Thank you to Pat Burbank, Michelle Apman and Brigitte Khoury for putting it all together. Thanks, Denise

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Liz Ziemba and her family, on the falling asleep of her mother, Shirley Ziemba. May her memory be eternal!

DRAFT 2012 PARISH DIRECTORY – The 2012 Parish Directory is now available and may be picked-up in the box by the bulletin board. Please review your contact information let us know about any corrections that need to be made.

THIS WEEK

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday Jan 22 following liturgy – Alto section
Wednesday, Jan 25, 7:00 P.M. full choir rehearsal.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will meet Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 PM. in the church hall.

VESPERS

We will serve Vespers, Saturday January 28, at 5:00 P.M.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Please call Fr. Tom to schedule a house blessing. Houses should be blessed between Theophany and the beginning of Great Lent.

HOLY BREAD LIST LIST

Jan. 29 Pat Burbank
Feb. 5 Joannie Alevizos
Feb. 12 Norman Holmes & Memorial

COFFEE HOUR

Pat Burbank
Bishop's luncheon

If you can take one of the open dates, please contact Joannie Alevizos. If you would like to offer Holy Bread or a memorial for your loved one on a date that is already taken please feel free to schedule it with Joannie. Also, if you would like to host the coffee hour the same Sunday, please contact Sanaa. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or holy bread on a Sunday.

Choir Rehearsals for January 2012

In anticipation of our Bishop's Visit in February
Sunday – Jan 29 - Sop

SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Super Bowl Party will be held February 5, sponsored by the St. George Men's Club. Food and beverages will be provided. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult. Children under 15 are free. See George Khoury for tickets. We ask that everyone who is attending to bring a can of soup or non-perishable item to help our local food shelf. We will open the hall about 4:30 to set-up and watch the pre-game show. There will also be door prices!

Antiochian Village Summer Camp Registration Now Online!

Are you ready for summer 2012? We are! Registration is open for campers who will be between the age of 9 (or entering 4th grade) through 17 next summer. Register online now... it's the best Christmas gift there is!

MARCH FOR LIFE

This year the March for life will be January 22, at 2:00 at the State Capitol. There will be a short service for the unborn at 12:30 PM at St. Mary's GOC. Following the service the bus will leave to go to the Cathedral to then march to the capitol. (See flyer on bulletin board).

SOUPER BOWL

As we all know, February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday. Neighbors Inc is having their own "Souper" Bowl Sunday on the 5th and is asking that each family bring a can of their favorite soup. Just look for the giant can of soup in the Narthex and drop it right in! Thank you all in advance.

Michelle Apman

FOCUS SERVING SCHEDULE

The future serving dates for FOCUS meals are: Jan. 22nd and Feb. 12th, 19th, 26th. Please help as you can. (for more information see flyer on the bulletin board).

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

We will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, February 1, at 6:30 P.M.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Antiochian Women of St. George will hold their meeting February 2, at 6:00 P.M. Please plan to attend. We have important things to discuss prior to the visit of our new bishop.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Our Bishop Anthony has agreed to make his first pastoral visit to St. George on the weekend of February 3-5. St. George Church holds a very special place in the heart of our new bishop and he is looking forward to visiting us! Please mark your calendars. As we receive more information we will pass it on.

DEFIBRILLATOR The AED, automated external defibrillator, is located at Church when you walk in the office; go to the right, on the shelf behind the main door. This will be the location until the AED storage box arrives.

2012 Icon Classes

Icon class (session 1) is currently in session at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Session 2 begins in February.

Session 2 will offer a new study, for 2012- "Prayer and Contemplation with Angels". Either an archangel or the guardian angel will be the prototype of choice for icons written during these sessions. We will explore the intimate relationship that angels enjoy with human beings in the theology of love; that authentic love which is sacrificial, self-offering, in the imitation of the inner Trinitarian kenotic love underlying our human reality. In other words, seeking the energy of this relationship by which angels, especially our guardian angel's love towards us works to restore us into our life with Christ. How very blessed we are to be able to study this concept in front of the icon in the Terrace Room- The Hospitality of Abraham and Sarah!

Session 2- at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church,
Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:30 on February 23, March
1,8,15,22 and 29. Tuition cost is \$195.00 plus
materials.

*Please call the office at St. Mary's at 612-825-9595 and speak to Sandra about registering for
icon class.*

Or

*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 or my cell at 612-889-5868.