



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, August 11, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Matthew

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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APOLYTKION OF THE RESURRECTION (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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TONE SEVEN)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great Martyr George intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TONE SEVEN)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may

glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Living: Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David, Donald, Debi, Susan, Barbara.

Liturgical offerings:

Salim, Lara, Stella, Leonardo, and Linda Shleef and Rasha Kuri offer Holy Bread in loving memory of Dina Shleef. May her memory be eternal. For the health, happiness, and peace of our family and loved ones.

Mary Davison offers Holy Bread for her good health and salvation. For the good health and salvation of Alexandros 'Morgan' Davison and Aikaterina 'Katherine' Agra on the occasion of their shared August 15th birthdays. We ask the Lord to illuminate their hearts, minds and protect them. Prayers for the good health, salvation, protection for our St George clergy, church family, David, Donald, Lori Chittenden and her family. We ask the Lord to illuminate their hearts, minds and shield them. May God grant them many years. Holy Bread in loving memory of all departed family and friends not listed. May their memory be eternal. O God, be gracious unto me a sinner, and have mercy upon me. Newly departed James, may his memory be eternal.

Taysir & Mary Kay Haddad offer Holy Bread for their son Adam on the occasion of his 25th Birthday. May God grant him many years of good health and happiness and for the good health of all the Haddad and Audey family members.

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Food Festival

October 4-6, 2024

Music all weekend by



4530 E Gold Dust Ave, Phoenix, 85028 | StGeorgeFoodFestival.org
Fri, Oct 4th, 5-9pm | Sat, Oct 5th, 11am-10pm | Sun, Oct 6th, 11am-6pm

Attention St. George Dancers Pre-K to 12th Grade!

If you are interested in having your child be part of this year's fabulous dance team please come to The Legacy ballroom on Sunday August 18th following Divine Liturgy for a brief meeting and to sign up.

If you have any questions or can't make the meeting you can contact:
Feda Khalil: (602) 579-4448

Pre-Sale GIFT CARDS **Coming Soon!**

Discounted GIFT CARDS will be offered from

September 8th to September 29th only.

*Limited quantity available in The
Legacy Ballroom following Divine Liturgy!*

Volunteers Needed:

PLEASE go to the link below and sign up

<https://tinyurl.com/FestVolunteers>



Antiochian Charities

Website: www.antiochian.org/charities Email: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com

“Whoever receives one little child like this in my name receives me.” (Matthew 18:5)

For over forty years the Children’s Relief Fund has provided financial help support to help defray the cost of education for children in Lebanon and Palestine. Requests for such support have increased significantly in recent years. As a result of dire circumstances in Lebanon, many parents have become unable to pay tuition to send their children to Orthodox Christian schools. Our Orthodox schools are at risk of closing, and consequently many of our children will now have to attend a public school or to discontinue their schooling altogether.

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, we are seeking your help. We have approximately forty Lebanese children from the Archdioceses of Beirut, Koura, Tripoli, Akkar, and Zahle who need assistance to continue their education at an Orthodox Christian school this coming school year. The tuition cost per student varies from \$750 to \$1200 per school year, depending on the school and the student’s grade level.

Donated funds will be wired directly to the Orthodox School in the child’s name. The child and their family will receive a notice of your support, and you will receive contact information so that you can communicate directly with the child if you wish. Children receiving a tuition scholarship will not receive any other funding from the Children’s Relief Fund. Sponsorship in any amount will be appreciated.

School begins in a few weeks, so if you can help, please contact CFR Administrator Amy Stiffler at: childrensrelieffund@gmail.com.

Children’s Relief Fund Scholarship Program

Antiochian Village
140 Church Camp Trail
Bolivar, PA 15923

God bless you for your consideration of this urgent request.
In Christ’s work

Amy Stiffler, CRF Administrator & Executive Director
Anne Bourjaily Thomas, Charitable Outreach Chair
cc: His Eminence Metropolitan SABA