



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, December 15, 2024
Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of
Christ

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

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY - Diocese of LA & the West
V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Christopher Salamy, Pastor
Rev. Dn. Raphael Abrahams • Rev. Dn. Serafim Grove
Rev. Dn. Basil Ritchie • Rev. Dn. Michael Haddad • Rev. Dn. Peter Samore
Dr. Gregory Abdalah, Pastoral Assistant • Christian Farradj, Youth Pastor
Harpreet Kaur, Executive Assistant to the Pastor
Jane Romley, Parish Administrator • Matthew Peters, Ministry Lead
Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE EIGHT)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS (TONE TWO)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ELEUTHERIOS OF ILLYRIA (TONE FIVE)

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes and newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood, thou didst soar aloft to stand before thy Master, Christ; hence never cease to intercede for those honoring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherios.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (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.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Eleutherios)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:8-18)

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know Whom I have believed, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Holy Forefathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen.

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, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Sandy, Iyad, Nicholas, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David, Donald, Susan, Barbara, Teresa.

Liturgical Offerings:

Fr. Christopher, Khouriyee Allyson and Sophia Salamy offer prayers for the health of Amelia on her 18th birthday. May God grant her many years! For the health of the Salamy, Raya, Ajalat, Jabour, Armelli, Moujaes, Karadsheh, Ovando and Matthews families and all of our wonderful parishioners at St. George. May God grant them many years. In memory of Raymond, Robert, Lutfy, Eileen, Mitry, Elizabeth, Fritz, Jean, Mary, Elias, Adeeb, Joseph, Emily, Salim, Sophie, Edmon, Shafik, Jubran, Olga, Leon, Lucille, Nellie, Sonia, Philip, David, Chet, Alfred, Sol and Jonathan. May their memory be eternal.

Siham Nassar offers Holy Bread in memory of Issa, Jany and Joesph, Jimmy and Nuha. May their memory be eternal. For the living Siham and Sam Nassar. May God grant them many years.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers Holy Bread for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation for James, Kiki, Christina, Zoe, Daniel, Pam, Cathy, Rima, Sawsen, Rachel, for her godchildren: Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for all at St. George, for her family and friends not listed, and for her work family. In loving memory of Fotoula Haralambous (40 day Trisagion), John, Mary, Christopher, Rick, Ned, Vivian, and all family and friends not listed.

Walid and Randa Qaqish and family offer Holy Bread for the health of Walid, Randa, Sandy, Jesse, Lana, Robert, Kim, Crystal, Joe, Katherine, Manuel and children. May God grant them many years. For the departed Elias, Mary, Awni, Refa, Suliman, Halim, Tamam, Hannah, Hala, Ibrahim, Issa, Ibrahim, Nasri, Refa, Majdoleen, Fadwa, Zwad, Saleem and Sameeha. May their memory be eternal.

In reverence and remembrance, Sami Yacoub and Ibtisam Salem, along with their families, extend a heartfelt Holy Bread for the souls of Yousef Yacoub Al Sayegh (22 years) and Jalilah Khoury Al Sayegh (5 years). May their memory be eternal. Additionally, prayers are offered for the well-being and health of Sami, Wafaa, Ibtisam, Mitch, and their respective families. May the divine grace of this Holy Oblation bring solace and healing to all.

Thank you to the Yacoub Family for sponsoring Coffee Hour. God bless you!

Congratulations and God's blessings to Issa and Nalani Fakhouri on the Baptism of their son Vincent. May God grant them many years.

Follow Today's Orthros on Your Smartphones

English



English-Arabic

