



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, January 12, 2025  
Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

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**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE FOUR)**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, 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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (TONE FOUR)**

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

**THE EPISTLE**

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of

the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## THE GOSPEL

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### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

### ***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.

Fr. Chris, Fr. Raphael, Jane, Happy and Christian offer Holy Bread for Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. May God grant him many years!

Dn. Michael, Valerie, Georgina and Gabriel Haddad offer prayers for the good health and salvation of Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. May God grant him, Diana, Eleanor, and Jonathan many years! Mustahiq!

George and Lois Kilsey offer Holy Bread for the good health and salvation of her nephew Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. May God grant Greg, Diana, Eleanor and Jonathan many years. In memory of her beloved sister Joanne Abdalah. May her memory be eternal.

Bryan, Stephanie, Nick, Leila and Emily Chowning offer Holy Bread for Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. For the health of Dn. Greg, Diana, Eleanor and Jonathan. May God grant them many years!

Elaine Gauthier offers Holy Bread for Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah on his ordination to the Holy Diaconate. For the health of Dn. Greg, Diana, Eleanor and Jonathan. May God grant them many years!

Steve, Tara, Jenna & Brooke Husson offer Holy Bread for the health of Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah and his family, Diana, Eleanor and Jonathan on the occasion of Dn. Greg's Ordination. May God grant them many years; AXIOS! Dn. Greg.

Axios! Kathy and Dan Abraham offer our congratulations on this momentous occasion of the ordination of Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah to the rank of Deacon. May God grant him, Diana, and his children many blessings in all ways.

Denise Nahat offers Holy Bread in memory of Fred Nahat, Linda Nahat, Sandra Hasbany, Leon Nahat. May their memory be eternal! For the good health of Denise, Dennis, Ray, and family. May God grant them many years!

Nasser & Evone Sayegh offer Holy Bread for their health and for the health of Noora, Gabriel, Robert, Ayman, Janet, Nicolas, Steve, Jeannine, Raya, Ellen, Evelyn, Minia, Rasha, Magdoleen, and Manal. May God grant them many years. For the departed, Gabriel, Raya, Ibrahim, Amina, Riad, Nasser, Nasri, Marwan, Adel, Dina, Karma, Issa, Scandel, Shafiq, Christina, Yousef, Fadiyah, Latifeh, Martha, Naim and Jacqueline. May their memory be eternal.

The Alkhouri family would like to offer Holy Bread for the health of Jamal and Waleed on the occasion of their birthdays. For the health of Raeda, Samia, Abeer, Kholoud, Rashed, Libby, Hannah and Charbel. For the health of Kevin and family, Brian and family and Sam and family. May God grant them many years.