



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, February 9, 2025
Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican &
Leave-taking of the Presentation (Meeting) 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
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Harpreet Kaur, Executive Assistant to the Pastor
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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 threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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.

Noha Simon offers Holy Bread for her family, Paula, Joe, Malia, Christina, Walter, Sophia, Michael, Nadia, Savannah, Amelia. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Donald (4 - year memorial), Louis, Sandy, Elia, Marie, Nadia, Richard, Heather, Ernie, Linda, Lillian. May their memory be eternal.

David and Melanie Ghiz and family offer the 8-year Holy Bread prayers in loving memory of our beloved brother, brother-in-law and Uncle Edward Ghiz (2/13/17). May his memory be eternal! Also, in memory of George, Sally and Jazelle Ghiz, David, Arleen, Albert, Francis and all other departed members of the Ghiz, Brown and Tibshraeny families. For the health and well-being of David, Melanie, Alexandra and Harrison and all other members of the Ghiz, Brown and Tibshraeny families.

Halim Mokbel offers Holy Bread for the health of Halim, Susan, Ayleen, Jonathan, Melhem, Janet, Nadim, Salim, George, Evangelina, Maria Jesus, Victoria and Adrian. May God grant them many years. For the departed, Melhem, Marie, Haydee, Raul, Maria Rosa, Ibrahim, Juanita and Juana. May their memory be eternal.

Samira Khoury offers a 40 day Trisagion in loving memory of Rifga Khoury. May her memory be eternal. In memory of Jack, Fr. Gerius, Kh. Hannah, Fr. Nassar, Kh. Hanna, Majed, Jamil, Adib, Kamal, Jamilia, Jalila, John, George, Ghanem, Gerius, Benyout, Odeh, Brahim, Nawaf, Hyatt, Miriam, Abdullah, Juliette, Jackson. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Samira, Marian, Constantine, George and Jack Dougenis, Lillian, Ava, and Julia Sayegh, Sandy, Eddie, James, Madelyn, Matthew and Michael Khoury. May God grant them many more years.

The Hendricks family offer Holy bread for the health of Max, Aracely, Elena, and Anastasia. May God grant them many years! For their departed dad/Opa David Hendricks (1 year since passing). May his memory be eternal.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Hala & Murad Maayah on the occasion of their uncrowning. May God grant them many years.