



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, March 16, 2025  
Second Sunday of Great Lent

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  
Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah, Pastoral Assistant • Christian Farradj, Youth Pastor  
Hnadi Bandak, Parish Life Coordinator • 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 FIVE)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE EIGHT)**

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

**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 FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE EIGHT)**

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)**

Thou, "O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail." But to which of the angels did He say at any time, "Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?" Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic - "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

### *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. Abanoob, Erin, Michael, Feirouz, Michael, Juliana, Loris, Max, Aracely, Tatiana, Adham, Erin, Dn. Michael, Valerie, Georgina, Gabriel, Ilham, Gebran, Mike, Vera, George, Mario, Ralph, Camilia, Faith, Alexa, Matthew, Sana, Negwa, Mark, Brigette, Danielle, May and Futha.

Michael & Feirouz Ziton & family offers Holy Bread for a one-year Trisagion in loving memory of Feirouz's beloved brother, Osama Lahham. May his memory be eternal. Holy Bread is offered for the health and well-being of Feirouz's mother Loris Lahham, together with the entire family and in in loving memory of all our departed family members.

Ilham Gebran offers Holy Bread and Coffee Hour for a 6-month Trisagion in loving memory of Assad Gebran. May his memory be eternal. Holy Bread is offered for the health and well-being of Ilham, Gebran & Family, Mike, Vera & Family, George & Family and Mario & family.

Ralph Saigh & family offers Holy Bread in loving memory of Dr. Nayel Sayegh. May his memory be eternal. In Memory of Nayel, Michael, Jamil, Jalilah, Nabil, Nazar, Ghassan, Kassab, Diane, Michael & Nicole. For the health and well-being of Ralph, Camilia, Faith, Alexa, Matthew, Sana, Negwa, Mark, Brigette, Danielle, May and Futha.

Dn. Michael, Valerie and Georgina Haddad offer a Holy Bread for their health and the health of Gabriel on the occasion of his birthday. May God grant him many years! For the health of all the Haddad, Bitar, Samore, Rizk, Ferris, Moussa, Audey, Araj, Kalyoussef, AlHaddad, Leonetti, and Sutton families. In memory of Aziz Haddad, Peter and Skiye Rizk, John and Nellie Samore, George and Jeanette Bitar, Ibrahim Haddad, George Moussa, and Aida and George Kalyoussef. May their memory be eternal.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Max and Aracely Hendricks on the Churching of their baby Tatiana. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Abanoob and Erin Sayegh on the occasion of their uncrowning. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Adham and Megan Burbari on the occasion of their uncrowning. May God grant them many years.