



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church



Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**The Most Reverend Metropolitan  
JOSEPH**, *Primate Antiochian Orthodox  
Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

**The Right Reverend Bishop  
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*Every Sunday:  
Matins 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM*

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**Epistle Reader:** *Judge Kathryn Michael*

## **CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST” / “HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE” THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

I believe, O Lord, and I confess, that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly Thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Wherefore, I pray Thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins unto life everlasting. Amen. Of Thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Thy Mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief, will I confess Thee; Remember me; O Lord in Thy Kingdom. Neither unto judgment nor unto condemnation, be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

## Holy Bread Of Oblation for Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by:

- Atef & Teresa Haddad and Family
- Olga Yogmour
- Walid & Victoria Qaqish Family

## Holy Remembrances are offered for the health of:

Christian Simon, Margaux Yerian, Frank & Gladys Chirakos, Edmund & Geri Farris, Dawn Shaheen, Myrna Kalail, Mary Lou Simon, Jan Kattouf, Wafiga Zawahri Family, Mike Shuman Shawns, Kathy Velikoff, Neda Zawahri Serhan, David Aramouni, Ann Sayre, Donald Kenny, Danny & Pierre Nader, Mike Panceo and David Welling

## (Quiet prayer at the altar) Holy Remembrances at the Table of Oblation for the health of

Samar Jabbour, Fadia Albanna, Bonnie Dallas, Carl Massouh, Elie Eid, Deacon Joe Harb Family, Helen Dadas, Freda Corbin, Ethan Wernecke, Mary Smolinski, George & Georgette Zabaneh Family, Paul Megois, Richard Morrow, Marsha Lindsay, Tony Jaber, Celia Kulmala, Sophia Britton, Kristen Sage, David Pilversack, Elie Asmar, Daisy Salem, Jihan & Hamodeh Albanna, Atty. George Mallo, Rachel D'Fantis, Madeleine Khoueiry, Kelsey Thompson, Sandra Shofani, Maroun Benchi, Peter George, Landon Skidmore, Matthew Hallowell, Susan Bogunovich, Tina Gmerek, John Bourjaily, Larry Ciavarella, Josephine Katzbach, Becky Burtoff, Brianne Dishong, Wilma Seely, Doug Simmons, John Stevens, Johnny Bennett Stevens, Kory Wiita, Mildred Halamay, Norma Kakish, Botros Kerro, Elia Shoufani, John Mashni, Helen Zimmerman, Kathy Curley, Jerrie Elias, Issam Halasa, Sadie Kannam, Carl Moore, Habouba Rahbani, Greg Kattouf, Jamileh Hilaneh, Edward L. Collins, Wagdi Anton, Antoine Aramouni, Gerald Hanna, John Simon, Jackie Wilson, Ralph & Rosalie Yerian, Vincent & Eleanor Alexander, Antoinette Jabbour, June Denios, Isaac & Gamalat Gaid, Ghassan & Mona Ashkar, Romeo Jajju, Jackie Shama, Robert, Dr. Richard Esper, Amanda Hagger, Pat Magette, Jordan Miller, Bob & Flo Howell, Shaun Curley, Violet & David Carey, Bentley Licitiri

## Holy Remembrances are offered for the Repose of the Souls of :

Chaker Debs, Hannah Kakish, George Ostich, Nathme Al-Smeirat, Norman Elias Sr., George Elias, Richard Simon, Elie Samaha.

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 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.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee

### **TROPARION – HYMN OF ST. GEORGE**

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 soul's salvation,

### **KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee..

## **CALENDAR**

<i>Sun., July 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Council Ecumenical Council</i></li></ul>
<i>Mon., July 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bible Study at 6.30 PM @ The Chirakos Residence ( info page 5 )</i></li></ul>
<i>July 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Clergy Symposium @ the Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania</i></li></ul>
<i>Fri., July 20<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Feast of Prophet Elias (Elijah)</i></li></ul>
<i>Sun., July 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mary Magdalene Equal to the Apostles</i></li><li>• <i>1 Year memorial service for Sanaa Albanna</i></li></ul>
<i>Sun., July 29<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Sunday of Martyr Callinicus</i></li><li>• <i>1Year memorial service for Chaker Debs</i></li></ul>
<i>Sun., August 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Sunday of Eusignius of Antioch</i></li><li>• <i>Parking Lot Party @ St. George Church(check flyer page 8 )</i></li></ul>

## ***THE EPISTLE***

*(For the Holy Fathers)*

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.  
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## ***THE GOSPEL***

*(For the Holy Fathers)*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

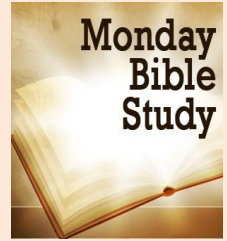
## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Frank Chirakos is hosting a weekly **Bible Study** during summer.

**When:** Every Monday from 6:30 PM– 8PM

**Where:** Chirakos Residence 464 Schocalog Rd., Akron OH 44320

**Questions:** Please contact Frank at 330-807-7214 or [fcchirakos@gmail.com](mailto:fcchirakos@gmail.com)



## JULY DONATIONS

### **BUILDING FUND:**

\$100	Anonymous in memory of Norman Sr. Elias
\$40	Adnan & Lurice Halasa
\$100	Habib & Regina Salloum
\$25	Sam & Martha Salem in memory of Betty Dalton
\$100	Jim & Cathy Snyder-Sage

### **CHOIR FUND:**

\$100	Cynthia Shama-Sturm in memory of Charles Sturm
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## July 8, 2018 Monthly Drawing Winners:

Carl & Cheryl Massouh \$200 #108	Khalil & Dr. Mariah Samara \$100 #65
Dan & Dr. Elaine (Esber) Elias \$50 #42	Mike & Carol Shaheen \$50 #136

Fr. John & Kh. Rania Alassaf invite all parishioners to a graduation party honoring **Eli Alassaf**  
**Friday, July 27, 2018 from 5-9 PM**  
@ our Church St. George Fellowship Center

**YOUR PRESENCE WILL HONOR US**



## Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical-2018

### In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Today we remember the 630 holy and God-bearing fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon in the year 451. They made clear this very point: that Christ is fully God and fully human: one Person with two nature, for if He were not, how could He save us who are fully human? They rejected the views of the Monophysites who claimed the Lord has only one nature, a divine one. If that were the case, we could not participate in His divine life—for we are simply humans--and it would be hard to see how Christ's death and resurrection had much to do with us. So today's commemoration is not simply a reminder about ancient history; it is a proclamation of the Gospel, for Jesus Christ must be both God and man in order to be our Savior.

We do a lot with lights in our church. There are candles on the altar and in front of icons. We turn up the lights at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, and "Come Receive the Light" is the high point of the Pascha service when the light of our Lord's resurrection shines in the darkness and spreads from the priest's candle to everyone in the church.

So we shouldn't be surprised that Christ told His followers that they were to be the light of the world, a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. Imagine driving in the countryside at night, you will see the lights of even a small town from quite a distance; when light shines in the darkness, it is very hard to hide. And we never turn on light in order to hide something; instead, we want to illumine it so that we can see it clearly.

The good news of our faith is that Christ has brought the light of heaven to our darkened world. Indeed, He is the Light, the eternal Son of God who becomes fully human while remaining fully divine. That's how He brings us into His light, how he makes it possible for us to shine with His holy glory even as we live and breathe upon the earth. He fulfills all the foreshadowing and preparation of the Law and the Prophets, for God was never primarily concerned with Old Testament rules about outward behavior or the sacrifice of animals. Instead, those rules pointed the way to the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, to the One who triumphs over sin and death themselves. And now He makes it possible for us all to share in His glorious, brilliant light, to become partakers of His divinity by grace.

Yes, the good news is that we are called to become radiant and illuminated by the light of Christ such that we become the light of the world, shining so brightly with good works that all will give glory to God. the good news of the gospel remains: The God-Man Jesus Christ is our perfection, our salvation, our theosis. He has already worked the unfathomable miracle of joining humanity to divinity, of conquering sin and death, of making us participants in His life. Our on-going task is to cooperate with Him, to open the dark corners of our lives to His light, to stop corrupting and diminishing ourselves and instead to start living as the icons of divine glory that we were created to be.

Christ has brought light and life to all, to the entire world, and in His Body, the Church, we all learn how to grow in relationship with Him. Basically, if we actually do what we know we should be doing, we will grow in holiness. That means simple steps, such as: coming to church; receiving the Holy Mysteries with proper preparation; praying, fasting, and taking confession on a regular basis; repenting of any wrong that we do; giving to the needy and for the support of the church; forgiving those who have wronged us and asking forgiveness of those we have wronged; fighting our passions; being mindful, which means to watch our thoughts, your mouth, and whatever else we have trouble controlling. Like St. Paul said, we should focus our energy on living the basic Christian life and we will find that we have much less time for pointless disputes and other spiritually unhealthy endeavors. Do all of this with sincere faith, hope, and love, and you will grow in Christ and be a light and blessing to the world.

But don't be surprised if you still don't glow in the dark, at least not in your own eyes. Truly holy people don't think that they are holy at all. In contrast with the brilliant light of the Lord, they see their own dark spots with greater clarity than the rest of us see ours. The closer we are to the Lord, the more aware we will be of how far we have to go to be perfect as He is perfe

So if you are aware of more darkness than light in you at the moment, don't be surprised and don't despair. Do what you can to welcome the light that is in you, no matter how dim it appears; focus on it, fuel it, do everything within your power to help it grow and overtake the night. Our Lord has conquered the darkness of death, the tomb, and hades; and He wants to do the same in our lives—and He will, if we will continue the process of growing in union with Him; and as we do our good works and our personal transformation will bring at least a glimpse of the glory of heaven to earth. And that's a good thing because it is our calling: to be the light of the world so that others will glorify God and be drawn to the new life of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. For He is truly the light that shines in the darkness, illuminating even people like you and me.

Amen -

Fr. John

**Our Lady of the Cedars Church**  
**507 South cleveland-Massilon Road**  
**Fairlawn, OH 44333**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanese Festival**  
**DATES:**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am - 9:00pm**

# PARKING LOT PARTY

## ST. GEORGE CHURCH



### Classic Car Cruise-In

**ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME!**



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### END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

1:00 - 4:00PM

- FREE Family Event
- Car Cruise-In
- Bounce House
- Giant Backyard Games
- Dunk Tank
- Music
- Food Trucks\*

\*Food available for purchase from The Cedar Grille, Amanda's Hot Dogs, and Kona Ice of Central Canton