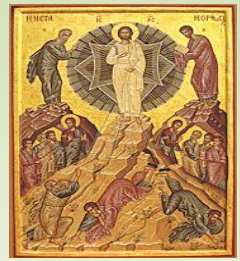




St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church



Sunday, August 5th, 2018

**The Most Reverend Metropolitan
JOSEPH**, *Primate Antiochian Orthodox
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*Every Sunday:
Matins 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM*

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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:

- Vincent & Eleanor Alexander on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary and removal of their wedding crowns
- Atef & Teresa Haddad and Family
- Olga Yogmour
- Walid & Victoria Qaqish Family

Holy Remembrances are offered for the health of:

Michel & Deb Halasa Family, Christian Simon, Margaux Yerian, Frank & Gladys Chirakos, Edmund & Geri Farris, Nick & Dawn Shaheen, Mary Lou Simon, Wafiga Zawahri Family, Don Kenny, David Welling, Shaun Curley, Dr. Tom Shaheen, Marie Saidy

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

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, 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, 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, Violet & David Carey, Bentley Licitiri, Kathy Velikoff, Jan Kattouf, Myrna Kalail, Mike Shuman Shawns, Neda Zawahri Serhan, David Aramouni, Ann Sayre

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, Laurice Tabanji and the new departed Ghaleb Zawahri, Emile Halasa and Doug Simmons

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

ENTRANCE HYMN For with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

CALENDAR

<i>Aug., 1st – 15th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dormition Fast, Paraclesis Prayer @ 7:00 pm every day except Sunday and Monday</i>
<i>Sun., August 5th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Divine Liturgy of Transfiguration of the Lord</i>• <i>Antiochian Women meeting after Divine Liturgy</i>• <i>Parking Lot Party @ St. George Church</i>
<i>Mon., August 6th - 13th, 20th, 27th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Bible study @ 6.30 pm-8 pm @ The Chirakos Residence 464 Schocalog Rd., Akron 44320 330-807-7214 or fchirakos@gmail.com</i>
<i>Tue., August 14th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Divine Liturgy 6:30 PM(Dormition of the Theotokos)</i>• <i>Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30PM</i>
<i>Wed., August 15th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dormition of the Theotokos</i>
<i>Sun., Sept., 9th</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Annual Food Fair 12pm-6pm(rain or shine)</i>• <i>Sunday School starts</i>

THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:1-9)

At that time, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if Thou wilt, I will make three booths here, one for Thee and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; hear Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is risen from the dead"

AUGUST DONATIONS

BUILDING FUND:

\$50	Samantha & Alex Kincaid on the occasion of Mary Lou Simon (Sitto's) Birthday
\$150	Khalil & Dr. Mariah Samara in memory of Norman Elias Sr.
\$100	Drs. Georges & Muriel Markarian in memory of Chaker Debs
\$250	Tony & Mirna Debs in memory of Chaker Debs
\$100	Vincent & Eleanor Alexander on the occasion of their 65 th Wedding Anniversary and removal of their wedding crowns

CAMP FUND:

\$100	Anonymous for the health of Alexander Isaac Noecker
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NEEDY FUND:

\$200	James & Susan Hanna
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Transfiguration of the Lord **Sermon On The Transfiguration** **In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the** **Holy Spirit. One God, Amen**

In the month of August, the Orthodox Christian Church worldwide celebrates the feast day of the Transfiguration. The event took place when Jesus took Peter, James and John up Mount Tabor and manifested himself to them with shining face and brilliant garments.

Today our Lord's human nature was transfigured by the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father, Whose voice witnessed to the Son's divine nature. the glory of God revealed to humankind in a real and powerful way.

These are some of the rare times in the Bible where the tremendous glory of the Trinity was revealed directly to human beings. Most of the time God's glory was revealed in more subtle ways, such as through miracles or wise teaching. Today's text from Luke involves God's glory revealed by Jesus. This text is traditionally referred to as "The Transfiguration." where the Savior, in teaching His disciples, said to them: "For the Son of Man shall come with his angels in the glory of His Father," and further: "Again I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death, until they have seen the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom" (Mt 16:27-28)? That is to say, it is the Light of His own forthcoming Transfiguration which He terms the Glory of His Father and of His Kingdom.

There were eight on the mountain, but only six were visible. Three, Peter, James and John, had come up with Jesus, and they saw Moses and Elias standing there and conversing with Him, so altogether

there were six of them. However, the Father and the Holy Spirit were invisibly with the Lord: the Father, with His Voice testifying that this was His Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit shining forth with Him in the radiant cloud. Thus, the six are actually eight, and there is no contradiction regarding the eight. Similarly, there is no contradiction with the Evangelists when one says “after six days,” and the other says “eight days after these words.” “What does it mean to say: He was transfigured?” asks the Golden-Mouthed Theologian (Chrysostomos). He answers this by saying: “It revealed something of His Divinity to them, as much and insofar as they were able to apprehend it, and it showed the indwelling of God within Him.” The Evangelist Luke says: “And as He prayed, His countenance was altered” (Lk 9:29); and from the Evangelist Matthew we read: “And His face shone as the sun” (Mt 17:2). But the Evangelist said this, not in the context that this Light be thought of as subsistent for the senses (let us put aside the blindness of mind of those who can conceive of nothing higher than what is known through the senses). Rather, it is to show that Christ God, for those living and contemplating by the Spirit, is the same as the sun is for those living in the flesh and contemplating by the senses.

Therefore, some other Light for the knowing the Divinity is not necessary for those who are enriched by Divine gifts.” Even the face of Moses was illumined by his association with God. Do you not know that Moses was transfigured when he went up the mountain, and there beheld the Glory of God? But he (Moses) did not affect this, but rather he underwent a transfiguration. However, our Lord Jesus Christ possessed that Light Himself. In this regard, actually, He did not need prayer for His flesh to radiate with the Divine Light; it was but to show from whence that Light descends upon the saints of God, and how to contemplate it. For it is written that even the saints “will shine forth like the sun” (Mt 13:43), which is to say, entirely permeated by Divine Light as they gaze upon Christ, divinely and inexpressibly shining forth His Radiance, issuing from His Divine Nature. On Mount Tabor it was manifest also in His Flesh, by reason of the Hypostatic Union (i.e., the union of the two perfect natures, divine and human, within the divine Person [Hypostasis] of Christ, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity). Rabbi, it is good for us to be here.” Mark 9:5 Sisters and brothers in Christ, it's good for us to be here! It's good for us to be here, where Jesus shines, It's good for us to be here, in this radiant place, this heavenly place, so there is no spiritual beauty in the heart which does not have Christ. But how can the heart which believes in Christ obtain this beauty? Brothers, may the Christ transfigured on Mt Tabor teach us. His visage shone during prayer, during His discussion on prophesies, during His pondering of the coming sufferings in Jerusalem. This is the path towards ascending to our own spiritual beauty. We must prayerfully beseech God's' help, we must fill our minds with the Divine word, revealed to us in Holy Scripture and all the teachings of the Church; we must, finally, boldly decide to endure sorrows, which are inevitable on the path to ascending to Divine glory. Let us, brethren, strive for this glory, not by relying on our own powers, but by praying and immersing ourselves in Divine teaching, let us be ready to accept sorrows for Christ according to His commandments, and He will enable us to participate in His eternal glory in heaven; and we, just as Peter on Mt Tabor, will forget our sorrows and deprivations and will eternally exclaim in spiritual ecstasy: “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” **Amen. Fr. John**

MEMORY ETERNAL.. We regret to inform you of the passing of Ghaleb Zawahri. He is the brother of Akram Zawahri and Lurice (Adnan) Halasa & Abla Halasa.



May Her Memory Be Eternal

A very warm thank you to all St. George Parishioners for attending our son's graduation party and for celebrating with us such a joyful day. Also a big thank you for your thoughtful and generous gifts. We are so grateful for the love and support from families and friends like you.
Fr. John & Kh. Rania

The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women are accepting donations for the Annual Food Fair.

Please make checks payable to "St. George Ladies"

Thank you for your support

The Antiochian Women will need your help on these dates @ 9:30 AM to prepare for our picnic.

August 13th : Kibbe balls, **August 25th** : Meat pies, **August 29th** : Spinach pies.

If you have questions, please contact Renee Reale @ 330-338-1815.

Thank You!

Congratulations to **Dr. Yazan Haddadeen & Ramia Abboud** on the occasion of their marriage that took place in our church Sunday, July 29th , 2018

MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS



A **cake** is offered today on the occasion of Vincent & Eleanor's 65th Wedding Anniversary and removal of their wedding crowns.

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FOOD FAIR

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Annual Food Fair

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2018

12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (rain or shine!)

Middle Eastern and American Food

Great Music

Fun Games, Bounce House & Face Painting

Basket Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Our Bake Sale will take place during this event

For any questions, please contact the church office:

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