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# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 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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**Epistle Reader:** *Jasmine Durbak*

## **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:

- Micheline Debs family in memory of Chaler Debs (one year),  
The Trisagion will be following Divine Liturgy.
- 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, Nick & Dawn Shaheen, Myrna Kalail, Mary Lou Simon, Wafiga Zawahri Family, Mike Shuman Shawns, Neda Zawahri Serhan, David Aramouni, Ann Sayre, Donald Kenny ,David Welling and Shaun Curley,

## (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, 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, 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,

## 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 and Laurice Tabanji

## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, 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.

### 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>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>Mon., July 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bible study @ 6.30 pm-8 pm @ The Chirakos Residence 464 Schocalog Rd., Akron OH 44320</i> <i>Questions: contact Frank at 330-807-7214 or <a href="mailto:fchirakos@gmail.com">fchirakos@gmail.com</a></i></li></ul>
<i>Aug., 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Dormition Fast, Paraclesis Prayer @ 7:00 pm every day except Sunday and Monday</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</i></li></ul>
<i>Sun., August 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Sunday of Photius &amp; Anicetus of Nicomedia</i></li><li>• <i>Antiochian Women meeting after Divine Liturgy</i></li></ul>
<i>Mon., August 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bible study @ 6.30 pm-8 pm ( info page 5)</i></li></ul>
<i>Tue., August 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30PM</i></li></ul>
<i>Sun., Sept., 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>SAVE THE DATE:</u></b> <i>Annual Food Fair 12pm-6pm( rain or shine)</i></li></ul>

## ***THE EPISTLE***

**(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)**

***Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.  
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel..***

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

## ***THE GOSPEL***

***(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)***

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)**

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

**Hi ladies!**

Hello, my name is Annie Resetar and I am a senior nursing student at Walsh University. I will **be at St. George Antiochian Church on Sunday, July 29th** conducting group interviews for my thesis on Middle Eastern Culture and feeding methods (breastfeeding, formula feeding, or both). If you self-identify with the Middle Eastern Culture, are of 18 years of age or older, have given birth in the past 3 years, and can speak and understand English please consider joining in the discussion. Contact **Zaina Zawahri** with questions or to sign up. Her email is [zzawahri@walsh.edu](mailto:zzawahri@walsh.edu). The interview will start at 11:30 and will last no longer than 2 hours. Breakfast will be provided. I will be back to do more group interviews on Sunday, August 5th as well if you cannot make the July date. Additionally, I can do private interviews (in person at the church/your house, or via the telephone). I would love to hear from you. Thank you in advance for all of your help!

### **JULY DONATIONS**

#### **BUILDING FUND:**

\$25	Anonymous in memory of Richard Simon
\$200	Carl & Cheryl Massouh for the health of Albert, Makhlof and Massouh's families

**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**

**For any questions, call Kh. Rania (330) 907-9151**

**or Debbi Asfoura (330) 933-8415**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Clay & Sreen (Zawahri) Krasuna on the birth of their new baby girl Lana on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. She weighed 7lbs 15oz. Proud grandparents are Monged & Randa Zawahri and Lou & Patsy Corpas.**

**Great-grandmothers are Wafigah Zawahri and Despina Corpas. Great great grandmother is Vasiliki Pasalis**

**MAY GOD GRANT HER MANY YEARS**



# **The Divine Liturgy explained**

## **Introduction**

As Orthodox Christians we consider the Liturgy to be 'Heaven on Earth' and try to experience this reality in many ways. Bright and colourful vestments are worn by the Clergy, in order to symbolise and make real the beauty of Heaven. Clouds of incense fill the Sanctuary and spread throughout the church as the deacons cense the icons and the congregation, signifying the elevation of their prayers to God's throne (Revelation 8: 3-5). Hundreds of candles are lit by worshippers in front of the icons, to remind themselves of Christ's light and of the warmth of God's love. The faithful move freely in the church, feeling at home in God's House. They frequently make the sign of the cross when they pray, to remind themselves both of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and of their own cross in life. They usually stand or kneel rather than sit in prayer. They frequently make prostration before the icons and their neighbours, to express their deep sense of respect for God and people, seeking forgiveness for their sins. They try to attain perfect reconciliation with God their Father and pray for the salvation of the world around them. And they seek to discover the presence of God everywhere.

### **What is the Meaning of the Word Liturgy?**

**“The word liturgy means common work or common action.** The Divine Liturgy is the common work of the Orthodox Church. It is the official action of the Church formally gathered together as the chosen People of God. The word church, as we remember, means a gathering or assembly of people specifically chosen and called apart to perform a particular task.” In the case of the Divine Liturgy, then, the “particular task” is to gather with the angels and the saints, who surround the throne of God, to offer thanks corporately to God for all that has been accomplished for our sake and salvation; to express our thanks through the celebration and reception of the Eucharist, His very Body and Blood; and to anticipate His second and glorious coming, when His eternal Kingdom—already fully present in the life of the Church—will be fully revealed to us. As such, we are called, first and foremost, to be a “worshipping people,” called to join “with one mind and heart” with the angels and saints who have gone before us in worshipping Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with Whom we enter into a “common union” through the reception of Holy Communion—as a community, and not as isolated individuals.

**Since the Liturgy is the “common action” of the People of God,** it is not something merely “performed” by the clergy for the benefit of a “passive audience,” so to speak. While the bishop or priest, as the “president of the Eucharistic Assembly,” certainly has a central function in the Liturgy, so do all of the members of the Church—including children, whose “holy noise” is a joyous sign of the ongoing life of the Church as it “marches through time”—especially through the singing of the liturgical responses and hymns, the various actions and gestures expressed in worship, and the collective offering of ourselves—as a worshipping community—to carry on the Lord’s work after the Liturgy formally ends.

**( TO BE CONTINUED) Fr. John**

# 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

# FOOD FAIR

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church**

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## **Annual Food Fair**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

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

Middle Eastern and American Food

Great Music

Fun Games, Bounce house

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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