



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church



Sunday, September 16, 2018

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

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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:

- Kalail Families in memory of Myrna Kalail ( 40 days), Trisagion following Divine Liturgy
- Massouh Families for the health of Cheryl Massouh
- 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, Mary Lou Simon, Wafiga Zawahri Family, David Welling, Shaun Curley, Karen Horattas, Marie Saïdy, Bonnie Dallas, Rosemary McLaughlin, Ann Sayre, Violet Carey, Joyce Simon, Micheline Debs, Rose Farah

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

Fadia Albanna, 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, Mirna Debs, Sabrina, 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, Elie Sherfan, John Mashni, Helen Zimmerman, Kathy Curley, 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 , Larry Kobbs., Dr. Richard Esper, Amanda Hagger, Pat Magette, Jordan Miller, Bob & Flo Howell, Bentley Licitiri, Kathy Velikoff, Jan Kattouf, Mike Shuman Shawns, Neda Zawahri Serhan, David Aramouni, Dr. Tom Shaheen

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

Hannah Kakish, George Ostich, Nathme Al-Smeirat, Norman Elias Sr, Richard Simon, Laurice Tabanji , Myrna Kalail, Jerrie Elias, Jerges Allassaf , Irene Kinchelo , Donald Kinney and the newly departed David Carey

## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy...

## 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 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

## APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHEMIA IN TONE FOUR

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: \* O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, \* and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. \* I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; \* for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: \* accept me offered out of longing \* to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. \* Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

## 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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

**Sunday School started **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018****

Register your children online <https://goo.gl/forms/su18MWVMJ7U0dKhH2>



**If you are unable to register online, paper registration forms are located on the candle stand!**

Deepest appreciation to each and every one of you.  
Your kindness, generosity, dedication, hard work and  
Teamwork all helped to make our St. George Food Fair a  
success. A special thank you to everyone's tireless efforts to  
rise to each challenge that this rainy weekend threw at us by bringing out the best  
in each other. We are truly blessed by an exceptional community.  
Here's to more good food and fellowship next year! **Thank you again**



## THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)**

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

**MEMORY ETERNAL..** We regret to inform you of the passing of **David Carey** on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. Dave was preceded in death by his father, Allen Carey. Survivors include his wife, Karin Hagele of Ellerslie; his mother, **Violet Carey** of Akron, OH. Three brothers, Mike Carey and his wife, Tami, Steve Carey and his wife, Ann and Mark Carey, all of Akron and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

**May His Memory Be Eternal**



## Donations:

### Building Fund:

\$250	Harban LLC in memory of Yacoub & Rose Ghosn
\$100	Michael & Diane Pancoe in memory of Jerges Alassaf
\$100	Anonymous in memory of Myrna Kalail & Jerrie Elias
\$50	Gary & Deborah Jacob in memory of Jerrie Elias

### Needy Fund:

\$100	Shaun & Cathy Curley
\$100	Joe & Louise Mouradian in memory of Jerges Alassaf & Fr. Lou Mahshie

### Choir Fund:

\$100	Cindy Sturm
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## CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday after the Elevation</li><li>• <b>The Procession of Elevation of the Cross:</b> Procession will take place following Divine Liturgy in this order: <b>First</b> the Cross and Candle, <b>Second</b>, The Sunday School, <b>Third</b>, the Clergy</li><li>• 40 day Memorial for Myrna Kalail</li><li>• Bake Sale after Liturgy</li><li>• Teen SOYO will have their election for officers after liturgy</li></ul>
Sun., Sept., 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conception of John the Baptist</li></ul>
Sat., Sept., 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 40 day memorial for David Carey</li></ul>
Sun.,Sept., 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 40 day memorial Service for Jerrie Elias</li></ul>
Sun., Oct., 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building Fund Luncheon sponsored by Teen SOYO and The Antiochian Women</li></ul>
Sun., Oct.,14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Camp Liturgy</li><li>• One Year Memorial Service for Issa Michael</li></ul>
Oct.,18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clergy Retreat &amp; Fall Gathering/ Toledo ,Ohio</li></ul>
Fri., Nov.,2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Save the Date</b> St. George Annual Building Fund Raffle@ The Family Center</p>
Sun., Nov., 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Festival @ the Fellowship Center

## **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit – one God. Amen**

Every year on September 14th – we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This day is also called the Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, And Basil day. It goes back seventeen-hundred years ago to the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine. He was not a Christian at that time, but his mother, St. Helen, was a devout Christian and she was hiding her faith. We know the story one day Constantine had a major war with the barbarians, and he was worried. In his way he saw in the sky a glowing cross with the words “In this sign you will conquer, in this sign you will win, and he won the great war. He gave full credit to the Cross of Christ. When Constantine went back home and told this to his mother, St. Helen, his mother couldn't hide her faith anymore and she said:

“My son, I am a Christian, I believe in Jesus Christ. I pray for you. Every day when you leave the house and I walk you out of the door to make the sign of the cross on your back and ask our Lord Jesus Christ to protect you and today He did. My son, our Lord Jesus Christ is calling for you. Constantine was amazed, when he heard that from his mother and he decided to baptize, to become a Christian, He decided also to stop the persecution of Christians, and also the first job he wanted to find the cross of Jesus, and he sent his mother to Jerusalem to find it. This proved difficult because the pagan Romans did their best to cover up the area and hide the cross. Then St. Helen was attracted by the scent of a basil plant in the area where Jesus had been put to death.” therefore after the service we will give everyone, a sprig of basil. Saint Helen find three crosses were unearthed. she found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, St. Helen had no way of knowing which was the Cross of Christ, she was confusing, the three crosses were taken to a woman who was near death; when she touched the True Cross, she was healed. Also, the body of a dead man was brought to the place where the three crosses were found, and they laid him upon each cross. The True Cross restored the dead man to life, and walked. This happened on September 14th. and that is why we celebrate the discovery of the True Cross by Saints Helen and Constantine in Jerusalem in 320 AD.

One may wonder, why do we give so much honour to the Holy Cross? why do we honor the cross in our faith? and why is it so important? we preach Christ crucified. We begin and finish a prayer by making the sign of the cross. We use the cross to bless our dwellings, our homes, and churches.

We see the cross on the priest's vestments, in our homes, in our cars, on top of the church, behind the altar, on top of the iconostasis. why do we honor the cross? Our Lord Christ Himself offered us the answer: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me". Also, He said " whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me "Christianity without the Cross has no meaning: Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross can we enter into eternal life. Also for Christians, the Cross has become a symbol of love, joy, hope, power and victory. and by his death on the cross he brought Salvation to the world. First of all, the Cross reminds us of God's love.

St. John the Evangelist tells us, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever believes in him will not perish but will have eternal life." (John 3:16) "What greater love is there than to lay down your life for others".

The cross also reminds us of victory over sin and death, Jesus conquered death and gave us new life . " The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God". by the cross we have peace between earth and heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross (through him), whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Adoration of the Cross is the adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died to save us from sin and death. The Gospel also declares to us that when Jesus shall come at the last day to judge the world, the sign of the holy Cross shall appear in the heavens .the Gospel said "We should glory in the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, therefore Many Christians never take off the cross from their necks .

We all make this holy sign, but how many of us give any thought to the mysteries of Cross? when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — mind, soul, heart, body, will, thoughts. The sign of the Cross tells us that there is a love in this world that is stronger than death, stronger than our weaknesses and sins. The power of love of Cross is stronger than the evil which threatens us .The sign of the Cross is (quite surely) a body es but when we making the holy Sign with reverence and devotion with respect and admiration, we make the Angels and the saints happy".

Form now an earnest resolution to do all things in the spirit of faith, and never to make with indifference and distraction the sacred sign of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

**Fr, John**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to George & Jihan Albanna on  
The Churching of their baby boy Giovanni on  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Proud grandparents are Malek, Fadia,  
Hamodeh & Faten Albanna.

Great-grandmother is Jihan Albanna.

**May God Grant Him Many Years**



**Acme Community Cash Back August 10, thru December 30, 2018**

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A container will be on the candle stand or give to Mary Lou

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Thank you for your help & Support!**

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Building Fund Raffle**

**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
3204 Ridgewood Rd., Akron, OH 44333**

**Complimentary bar and hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm  
Dinner for two, including Beef & Chicken Kabob 7:15 pm**

**Donation \$125.00 for 2 dinners  
Extra Dinner \$35.00**

**Winner need not be present  
Grand Prize - \$4000.00**

**Only 125 Tickets will be sold**

**Chairmen: Tony Debs and Mousa Kakish**

**Please make check payable to: St. George Building Fund**

**Comptroller: Mary Lou Simon**

**Announcer: Tony Karam**

**Front Desk: Gary Salhany, Tony Debs and Mousa Kakish.**

**Door: Jan Kattouf, Mary Pilversack & Mirna Debs**

**Side Boards: Alice Elias**

**Special Fundraiser: Walid Qaqish Family**

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