



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church



Sunday, June 30th, 2019
Sunday of All Saints of North America

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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:

- Kim & Cindy Shama for the health of Jackie Shama on the occasion of her 95th birthday.
- Dave & Mary Pilversack family for the health of Abby Lenkowski on the occasion of her graduation.
- Atef & Teresa Haddad family.
- Walid & Victoria Qaqish family.

Holy Remembrances are offered for the health of:

Dcn Joe Harb, Dcn Jay Wallace, Bonnie Dallas, Jim & Suzie Hanna, Marlene Elzeer, Lamia Harb, Olga Yogmur, Edmund & Geri Farris, Frank & Gladys Chirakos, Tom McLaughlin, Karen Dodovich, Hoda & Gina Jabbour, Shaun & Kathy Curley, Wendy Simon, Christian Simon, Dawn Shaheen & Sophia Massouh.

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

Fr. George Shalhoub, James Workman, James Hicks, Sandy Abookire, Margaux Yerian, John Dodovich Family, Hala Zawahri, Wafigah Zawahri family, Paul Megois, John & Joyce Simon, George Tebcherani, Connie Kenney, Joseph Kelley, Michael Peludat, Carl Massouh, David Welling, Micheline Debs, Rose Farah, Elie Eid, Deacon Joe Harb Family, Freda Corbin, Mary Smolinski, George & Georgette Zabaneh Family, Keith Yerian, Richard Morrow, Marsha Lindsay, Tony Jaber, Celia Kulmala, Sophia Britton, Kristen Sage, Daisy Salem, Jihan & Hamodeh Albanna, Madeleine Khoueiry, Kelsey Thompson, Bob & Flo Howell, Susan Bogunovich, John Bourjaily, Mildred Halamay, Norma Kakish, Botros Kerro, Elie Sherfan, John Mashni, Helen Zimmerman, Sadie Kannam, Marie Saidy, Carl Moore, Habouba Rahbani, Greg Kattouf, Wagdi Anton, Antoine Aramouni, Gerald Hanna, Jackie Wilson, Vincent Alexander, Antoinette Jabbour, Isaac & Gamalat Gaid, Ghassan Ashkar, Jackie Shama, Larry Kobbs, Dr. Richard Esper, Jordan Miller, Bentley Licitiri, Kathy Velikoff, Neda Zawahri Serhan, David Aramouni, Patty Sue Jones, Inyas Markarian, Violet Carey, Patricia Hanna, Alexandra Eid, Afaf Halasa, Sandy Mahshie, Bryan Caley, Suzette Saadeh, Rosemary McLaughlin, Sub-Deacon David Tomey, Joe Gabel, Robert Denious, Regina Salloum, Karen Horattas, Mary Lou Simon, Lurice Halasa & David Pilversack.

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

Nick Shaheen, Khourieh Kiriako, Eleanor Alexander, Raymond Matthews, George Zagaib, Sr. & Joseph Haddad.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 1)

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.

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 SYNAXIS (TONE 3)

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (TONE 2)

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.

DONATIONS:

NEEDY FAMILY FUND:

\$100	Kathy & Shaun Curley
\$100	Awwad & Jacqleen Khourieh in memory of Janan Khourieh Kiriako

CONGRATULATIONS! The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Aspen Jade Rider is taking place today, June 30th after Divine Liturgy. Aspen is the daughter of Stephen Rider & Lorraine Kulmala. Proud grandparents are Randall & Celian Kulmala and Peter & the late Nancy Stevens.

May God grant her many years!



THE EPISTLE

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens show forth the glory of God.

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

Brethren, I think that 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 scourge of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. (Amen)

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of All Saints of North America)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:36-10:8)

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His Disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And He called to Him His twelve Disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay." (Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee)

2nd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints of North America

In the Name of the Father & The Son & The Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ calls Peter and Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, and immediately, they leave their nets to follow Christ. They willingly sacrifice everything in order to follow Christ, to serve Him, and become the “fishers of men” that Christ has called them to be. Their response is astonishing, childlike in its innocence and manly in its ready and courageous response.

These disciples, all fishermen, left their homes and families, their livelihood, everything, to follow Christ. Often, they didn’t know where their next meal would come from or where they would lay their heads to sleep. After Christ’s resurrection, they were imprisoned and persecuted, tortured, and eventually crucified, for sharing the Gospel, the Good News that Christ the long-awaited Messiah, had come to give new life to all, a new identity to us fallen sons and daughters of Adam. In fact, just like Simon and Andrew, all of the disciples except John were martyred for that “Yes!” to Christ’s calling.

In other words, in calling them to be “fishers of men,” Christ God was not calling them to a life of ease, of power through their leadership, of earthly riches, but rather, of self-denial, of service, of dying to self—even at the cost of their earthly lives. He called them to put Christ and His Church above all things. Fishing for men was not what the disciples did on the side, it became their whole lives because the love of God compelled them, motivated them, to live life for Christ God and desire that life for others above all else.

In last Sunday’s Gospel Christ proclaims, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me... and he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matt. 10: 37, 38). We also hear St. Peter’s response, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

Through their communion with God, they grew in love for their fellow man. This is the natural fruit born from growing in relationship with God. By the power of the Holy Spirit outpoured on them, these simple fishermen became great fishers of men, just as Christ said they would—just as we hear in the prokeimenon for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, the prophetic words of St. David in Psalm 18: “their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world” and at great cost to themselves, they brought the world to the knowledge and love of Christ and His salvation through their witness, their leadership, their martyrdom.

Christ God says, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all” (Mk. 9:35). Our godly bishops aren’t lords in any political sense; they are shepherds, guarding and guiding their flock, loving enough to speak the truth in love and protect the flock from the “wolf of souls.” We see this example today in this time of confusion and change; our Churches strive to articulate with fresh zeal and relevance the timeless truth of Christ that frees us from the hold that the passions have on us and enables us keep the faith in continuity with the Saints and our forefathers and mothers that have come before us.

The same example of selfless service that we see in the Apostles, we also see in the Saints of

North America whom we commemorate today. They ‘risked’ their lives as “fishers of men” on this continent to bring the Gospel and the Orthodox Faith, the life in Christ, to this spiritually barren land; all suffered—some even martyrdom just like the Apostles—to preach the timeless truth of Christ to a nation newly born.

the Gospel and the Orthodox Faith in this dry and thirsty land.

Being “fishers of men” isn’t just a calling for the Apostles and the clergy, but for all baptized Orthodox. By virtue of our Chrismation, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and empowered to live this life to God’s glory—if we are willing, if we are willing to live out our baptism and serve God, compelled by love for our fellow man and woman.

Christ calls on us in today’s Gospel to be “fishers of men” too, to serve and evangelize in His name (this is what it means to witness and share the Gospel). It’s a common mistake to think that it’s the priest’s responsibility alone to evangelize and witness the faith or it’s the priest’s job alone to be a servant. In reality, the priest is here to equip the people of his flock in discovering, growing, and using their gifts and talents to serve God and build up the Church. But all of us as baptized Orthodox are called to evangelize, to witness to the truth of the love of Christ. This is what it means to be “fishers of men.” St. Tikhon puts it this way, “The spread of Christ’s faith ought to be near and precious to the heart of every Christian.”

What’s clear is that love for God and their fellow man was the primary motivating force at work in their lives, and this love of God compelled them to proclaim the Good News, the Gospel of salvation, to work tirelessly to bring others to that same knowledge and love of God. Our love for God and our fellow man has to be our motivation too if we are to witness effectively and help change the lives of those around us.

As we struggle and strive to live out our faith daily, in our prayers, our repentance, our yes to God and no to sin, our participation in the worship of the Church, our offerings of fellowship with others, the use of our gifts, talents, and treasure, we create an environment where we can come outside ourselves to share Christ’s love with others. And this desire grows in us, it humbles us, makes us more like Christ, and enables us in turn to serve even more.

Our life takes on real purpose when we take our Christian faith from inside and reflect it on the outside. St. Theophan asks, “when we come outside ourselves, whom do we meet?” The answer is, God and our neighbor. As fishers of men we witness to the truth of the reclamation, the healing of the human race. We take what God has done and is doing in our lives [healing us, growing us] and share it with those around us, living out our faith (however imperfectly but sincerely we do so) in witness to the Truth that Christ alone is.

If we want to see our church grow, if we want to see Annapolis changed into a God-loving city, if we want to see others experience the healing in Christ we have, if we want to see and experience strong families and our children growing confidently in the knowledge and love of God, then we come to see ourselves as “fishers of men,” as Christ’s servants, striving above all to live this life for God’s glory in authentic witness to the truth that He is. May each of us pray for such love to be His true witnesses, fishers of men! And may we beseech the holy Saints of North America to pray for our efforts to glorify God with our lives! **Amen**

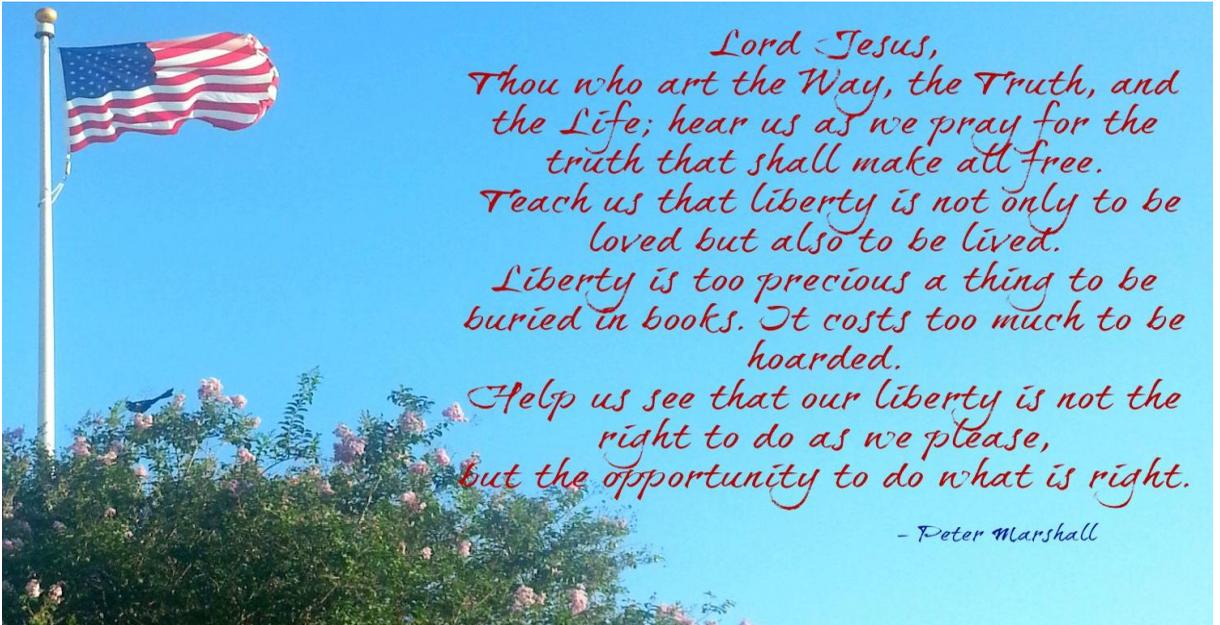
CALENDAR

Sun., June 30 th	• Feast of All Saints of North America
Mon., July 1 st	• Feast of Cosmas & Damian the Holy Unmercenaries
Wed., July 3 rd	• Bible Study with Frank Chirakos 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ Our Church
Thurs., July 4 th	• INDEPENDENCE DAY! Office Closed.
Sun., July 7 th	• Antiochian Orthodox Women Society meeting after Divine Liturgy
Tues., July 9 th	• Parish Council meeting 7:30 PM
Sun., July 14 th	• Basketball/ Volleyball @ the Family Centre following Divine Liturgy
July 21 st – July 28 th	• 2019 Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention
Sat., July 20 th	• Feast of Prophet Elias



**Antiochian
Village**

Welcome back safe our campers
from the Antiochian Village.
God bless you all!



*Lord Jesus,
Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and
the Life; hear us as we pray for the
truth that shall make all free.
Teach us that liberty is not only to be
loved but also to be lived.
Liberty is too precious a thing to be
buried in books. It costs too much to be
hoarded.
Help us see that our liberty is not the
right to do as we please,
but the opportunity to do what is right.*

- Peter Marshall

UPDATE ON St. George Photo Album Directory to be published later this year: We need volunteers for the Sundays of July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th to sign up church families for photo shoot appointments. We also need volunteers to help with the photo sessions scheduled for: Wednesday, August 7th, 12 to 8:30 PM; Thursday, August 8th, 2 to 8:30 PM; Friday, August 9th, 2 to 8:30 PM: and Saturday, August 10th, 10 to 4:30 PM. Please contact Sam Salem, 330-864-3745 Land – 330-524-7037 – samsalem@neo.rr.com

Holy Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian at Rome.



Commemorated on July 1st.

Their life of active service and their great spiritual influence on the people around them led many into the Church, attracting the attention of the Roman authorities. Soldiers were sent after the brothers. Hearing about this, local Christians convinced Saints Cosmas and Damian to hide for a while until they could help them escape. Unable to find the brothers, the soldiers arrested instead other Christians of the area where the saints lived. Saints Cosmas and Damian then came out of hiding and surrendered to the soldiers, asking them to release those who had been arrested because of them. At Rome, the saints were imprisoned and put on trial. Before the Roman emperor and the judge they openly professed their faith in Christ God, Who had come into the world to save mankind and redeem the world from sin, and they resolutely refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. They said, “We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, “Freely have you received, freely give” (Mt. 10: 8). The emperor, however, continued with his demands. Through the prayer of the holy brothers, imbued with the power of grace, God suddenly struck Carinus blind, so that he too might experience the almighty power of the Lord, Who does not forgive blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mt. 12:31). The people, beholding the miracle, cried out, “Great is the Christian God! There is no other God but Him!” Many of those who believed besought the holy brothers to heal the emperor, and he himself implored the saints, promising to convert to the true God, Christ the Savior, so the saints healed him. After this, Saints Cosmas and Damian were honorably set free, and once again they set about treating the sick. But what the hatred of the pagans and the ferocity of the Roman authorities could not do, was accomplished by black envy, one of the strongest passions of sinful human nature. An older physician, an instructor, under whom the holy brothers had studied the art of medicine, became envious of their fame. Driven to madness by malice, and overcome by passionate envy, he summoned the two brothers, formerly his most beloved students, proposing that they should all go together in order to gather various medicinal herbs. Going far into the mountains, he murdered them and threw their bodies into a river. Thus these holy brothers, the Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian, ended their earthly journey as martyrs. Although they had devoted their lives to the Christian service of their neighbors, and had escaped the Roman sword and prison, they were treacherously murdered by their teacher. The Lord glorifies those who are pleasing to God. Now, through the prayers of the holy martyrs Cosmas and Damian, God grants healing to all who with faith have recourse to their heavenly intercession. **Amen**