



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 21, 2018

**The Most Reverend Metropolitan  
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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:**

- Jim & Pam (Hackim) Workman on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- Jackie Wilson & her sons (Glenn & Fred) and their families in memory of Richard Wilson (2 years)
- 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, Wafiga Zawahri Family, Lamia Harb, Karen Horattas, Marie Saily, Rosemary McLaughlin, Joyce Simon, Samir Bakhos, George Tebcherani, Sophia Massouh, David Pilversack, Giovanni Albanna, Carl Massouh, Violet Carey, Regina Salloum

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

David Welling, Shaun Curley, Micheline Debs, Rose Farah, Susan Hanna, Fadia Albanna, 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 & Mary 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 M., 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, 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, Bonnie Dallas, Ann Sayre,

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

George Ostich, Nathme Al-Smeirat, Norman Elias Sr, Richard Simon, Laurice Tabanji, Donald Kinney, David Carey, Nick Shaheen, Naoum Maarouf, Youmna Jannoura, Claire Joseph and Adele Eid.

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION BEFORE & AFTER IN TONE FOUR**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world 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 ST. HILARION THE GREAT IN TONE EIGHT**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Hilarion, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

### **TROPARION 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 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**

Sun., Oct., 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, Archdiocese Seminary Fund</b></li><li>● <b>Antiochian Women meeting after Divine Liturgy</b></li></ul>
Sun., Oct., 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Camp Liturgy</li><li>● Campers will be selling Gyros sandwiches &amp; fries after Divine Liturgy</li></ul>
Fri., Nov., 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● St. George Annual Building Fund Raffle @ The Family Center ( Info page 8)</li></ul>
Sun., Nov., 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fall Festival @ the Fellowship Center following Divine Liturgy</li></ul>
Fri., Nov., 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Project: St. Nicholas Returns, Inc. Annual Auction (Info Page 5)</li></ul>
Sun., Nov., 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Veterans Day ( God Bless America)</li></ul>
Thur., Nov., 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Advent Fast Begins ( Nativity Fast)</li></ul>
Wed., Nov., 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</li></ul>

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost)

*O Lord, how magnified 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. (Amen)

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.."

**(Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee O Lord)**

# Donations

## Building Fund:

\$100	Violet Carey and family in memory of David Carey
\$150	Cheryl & Carl Massouh for the health of Sophia Massouh and the Massouh families

## Needy Fund:

\$100	Lauren Oldfield
\$10	Menka Velianoff in memory of David Carey

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

Earn 5% on Acme Fresh Market Store Brands

*They will only accept Acme Fresh Market Store Brands.*

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

**SAVE YOUR ACME RECEIPTS AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE ST. GEORGE  
CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

## **Antiochian Village Laundry Fundraiser**

The Laundry facilities at the Antiochian Village Camp are in desperate need for an upgrade. The goal is to replace 18 washer/dryer sets and renovate the laundry rooms.

To donate, please check flyer on the church board or contact Lana Dayeh

@ (315)391-8414 or [lanadayeh@gmail.com](mailto:lanadayeh@gmail.com)

The cake for today's coffee hour is offered by Jim & Pam (Hackim)

Workman on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*May God Grant Them Many Years*



## **Sermon on Sixth Sunday of Luke (Luke 8: 27-39 ) - 2018**

### **In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

As our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ visited the villages of Judaea, he met a man from the village of Gergesenes. Now, this particularly man few years ago became possessed by many demons, who made him suffer in many ways. The possessed man was in a wild condition, the result of the demons' influence. He was ripping off his clothes and was living in the tombs of the dead. Although his relatives were riding him up with chains, in order that he will be unable to harm any other human being, he was breaking his chains and was led by the demons into the wilderness.

In this miserable condition our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, meets with the possessed man. The appearance of the possessed man is pitiable and frightful. Yet, the Merciful Lord walks into the wilderness in order to meet with His troubled creation, man. He meets with him and opens a dialogue with the unclean spirits, which with His Divine authority casts out and banishes them away from His creation.

The Work of Salvation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ had as its final goal to free man from the bondage and the tyranny of the evil one, Satan. With man's fall into sin, day after day, year after year, he was drifting far away from God, falling more and more into the traps of the enemy. Mankind became enslaved to the devil. The peak of this tyranny is achieved, when man is possessed by evil spirits.

When the evil spirit posses man's soul, then it rules over both his soul and body, in other words man's whole existence. Man acts whatever Satan tells him to do, without having understanding of what he says or does. Man's soul and conscience are paralyzed by the evil forces and are unable to react against them. Man lives the greatest misery of his existence.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the love towards man, came to free him. He came to meet with every man. He came to discuss with us and to guide us back to God the Father.

Every man, who lives far away from Christ, lives in the dessert of sin, of slavery, under Satan's tyranny. Far away from Christ, as much as we may be proud of ourselves, there can be no true freedom. Man is tied with chains and the bondage of sinful passions. Man, who lives in sin, deprives himself from the Life-giving Grace of the Holy Spirit. Life, which is far away from Christ, is barren of virtuous and the man's spirit is fruitless.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in today's Holy Gospel assured us saying, that every tree which does not bear fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire, because it is useless and not profitable. He also assured us that, if we want to bear fruit, we must be united with Him, for only then one bears many fruit, if he remains with Him. For without Christ we cannot achieve anything.

At this point we must speak about the great deception of many Christians, who created a false image of themselves and they live within a false belief, believing, that they could be "good Christians" without living the life of Christ, without Church attendance, without Holy Confession and Repentance, without Holy Communion, without the blessing of their marriage. They create a false image of themselves, which satisfies only their egocentric and egoistic personality. And though they boast about themselves, they are deprived essentially from every virtue.



Man, who does not follow Christ, His Holy Orthodox Church, and does not participate in the Holy Sacraments of God, lives in the hell of guilt, anxiousness and is always troubled. Therefore, we see men, who are enslaved to sin, to want to find some kind of deliverance from the tyranny of their conscience. They find refuge at night clubs or the casino believing that they will forget or will not hear the voice of their conscience, which cries out to them, that: “This is not the way and purpose of our life”!

The man who has not met with Christ, in order to ask for his healing from the spiritual illnesses, is like today’s demon possessed man, who, before being healed by the Savior Christ, was completely in the hands of the demons. How many fellow men, how many of us, how many of our relatives or friends, how many of our children are still under the tyranny of evil spirits and are enslaved in sinful passions of the flesh, bound by hatred, pride, unmerciful, greed and so many other passions? How many young people are overcome by the spirit of disobedience and contradiction to their parents, not respecting their own families and social surroundings?

The man who avoids meeting with Christ is like the cemetery which is decorated with beautiful tombs, but is empty and deprived from life. On the contrary, the man who meets with Christ is freed from the catastrophic influence of sin. The bonds of passions are crushed. The tyranny of the demons is abolished and man is healed by God’s Love within His Holy Orthodox Church and through the Divine Grace of the Holy Spirit, which is freely offered through the participation of the Holy Sacraments. The man in Christ finds himself. He comes to reasoning and becomes a new man, a new creation. The sinful man is transfigured into a holy man, fulfilling God’s Plan for man, to become in His “likeness”.

When man of the 21st century meets with Christ, speaks and relates with Him, then he departs from the desert of sin, he becomes free from the bondage of hatred and discovers his spiritual peace and calmness. The Lord has taught us saying: “Learn from Me, that I am meek and humble in heart and you will find peace in your souls”.

Let us approach Christ, because the Truth will liberate us from all that make us suffer and which drag us into deserts places which lack of God’s Grace. **Amen**

**Fr. John**

**Thank you Dr. William & Jessica Shaheen for hosting a wonderful gathering for the young adult last Sunday and for your hospitality.**

**It was a well-spent day to enjoy the end of the summer.**

**God Bless You And Your Lovely Family**



**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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