



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 28, 2018

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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:

- Lamia Harb & family in memory of Sam Harb (6 years)
- Carl & Cheryl Massouh for the health of the Massouh families
- 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 Saidy, Rosemary Mclaughlin, John & Joyce Simon, Samir Bakhos, , Sophia Massouh, David Pilversack, , Carl Massouh, Violet Carey, Regina Salloum, Yvette Rizk

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

George Tebcherani, Karen Horattas, Marie Saidy, Samir Bakhos, Giovanni Albanna
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 Cherfan, 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, Wagdi Anton, Antoine Aramouni, Gerald Hanna, 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,

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 , Adele Eid and the newly departed Anne Sayre

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION BEFORE & AFTER IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 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., 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Camp Liturgy <u>After Divine Liturgy:</u>● Recognition of the creative festival awards● Teen SOYO meeting● Campers will be selling Gyros sandwiches & fries
Fri., Nov., 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● St. George Annual Building Fund Raffle @ The Family Center (Info page 8)
Sun., Nov., 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fall Festival @ the Fellowship Center following Divine Liturgy (page5)● 40 Days Memorial Service for Nick Shaheen
Fri., Nov., 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Project: St. Nicholas Returns, Inc. Annual Auction (Check Insert)
Sun., Nov., 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Veterans Day (God Bless America)
Thur., Nov., 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Advent Fast Begins (Nativity Fast)
Wed., Nov., 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Thur., Nov., 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thanksgiving Day- Office Closed

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened. (Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee O Lord)

Donations

Building Fund:

\$50	Gerry Ostich on the occasion of Jim & Pam (Hackim) Workman's 50 th anniversary
\$100	Carl & Cheryl Massouh in memory of David Carey
\$50	Gernard & Wilma Drayer in memory of Nick Shaheen

Needy Fund:

\$20	Jackie Wilson & family in memory of Richard Wilson
\$20	Anonymous

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

MEMORY ETERNAL... Anne Sayre passed away on Monday, October 22, 2018. Anne was a very loyal and sincere member of our church. Anne was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold; and is survived by brother, John (Jeanne); as well as many nieces, nephews, and many, many good friends. Calling hours will be held today, Sunday, October 28, 2018, from 2-4 PM, Trisagion at 3 PM at Billows Fairlawn Chapel, 85 N Miller Rd, Akron, OH 44333. **Monday, October 29, 2018** calling hours from 10- 11 AM, and the Funeral Service starting at 11AM at Billows Funeral Home. Interment will be at Rose Hill Burial Park @ 3653 W Market St, Akron, OH 44333. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church, 3204 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333. **May Her Memory Be Eternal.**



Homily for the 7th Sunday of Luke 8:41-56 -2018

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Christ is in our midst! In today's Gospel reading, we have two miracles. The woman with the flow of blood is healed, and the daughter of Jairus is raised from the dead. But in these two quite different and humanly speaking unrelated miracles, we have an identical message from Christ. "Your faith has made you well," He tells the woman with the flow of blood. "Only believe, and she will be made well," He tells the family of the departed girl.

The Church today, and in fact St. Luke in the way he's chosen to relay these two miracles in his Gospel, talk to us about faith. What does it mean to have faith in God? To believe in God? The woman with the flow of blood just reaches out to touch the hem of Christ's garment. She doesn't go to Him directly, like Jarius does, and ask for healing. She comes from the side, trying to remain hidden, but having the faith that just touching the Lord will bring her healing. And Christ calls her out of the crowd not because He doesn't know who she is—He's God, and He knows what's just happened.

And He doesn't call her out of the crowd for her sake—she has what she's come for. She doesn't want anything else, she doesn't want to be known or recognized, she had only come to see the Lord. Christ calls her out of the crowd so that her faith could serve as an example. So that people could see that He had come for all—not just for leaders like Jarius, whose house He was traveling to at that very moment. Christ came to bring healing for all.

And what did He ask in return? Nothing. Only that we believe. When Christ comes to Jarius' home, He handles the situation a little differently. Jairus' daughter is no longer sick, and in need of healing. She's died while Christ was on the way to see her. But this time He sends everyone away. The only people who get to witness the miracle are three of the disciples, and the father and mother of the young girl. And after the young maiden has been resurrected by Christ—a miracle far more impressive in human terms than simply healing an ill woman—Christ tells them to tell no one.

He chose to reveal the faith of the woman who was healed to everyone around, but the faith of the family who's daughter was raised from the dead, He chooses to keep silent. Now, we could talk about why this was historically (Christ didn't want to be confused for merely a traveling miracle worker), but a far more important question is what message is being sent by Christ in the Gospel about the nature of faith in Him. What does it mean to have faith in God? We know from Christ's own words that believing in God is not simply an intellectual exercise. Christ, in the Gospel this morning, uses the words "faith" and "believe" in the same way, so we'll use them as synonyms this morning. We're not going to talk about differences, Christ uses them to mean the same thing. We know that faith in God is not simply the admission that God exists. As St. James writes in his Epistle, "the

demons believe in God and tremble.” To think that God is real, or to think that everything we read in the Bible and the Fathers is true, is not what Jesus means by faith in Him. So what is faith in God? What is the faith that Christ is referring to in the Gospel reading this morning, the faith of those who are healed?

As we’ve already said, faith is more than simply believing that God is real, and that the Bible is true. But these things are necessary. The first step toward true faith is, in fact, the recognition of the reality of God, and our need of Christ as our Saviour. And even this first step is a gift from God. But then something must happen with this “head knowledge” in order for us to be transformed, and truly have faith in God. When we have faith in God, our knowledge leads us, by the grace of God, to the point of giving ourselves to God. Of learning to love God, and to do the things He commanded us to do in Christ. If we truly think that the words of the Scriptures are true, then our lives will be transformed by those words.

And this transformation is the product of a growing faith. We’ll begin to strive to do the things Christ calls us to do, and we’ll begin to seek to know God and to give our lives over to Him more fully every day. This is what the people in the Gospel reading today were doing. They were relying on Christ to fulfill their every need.

They were coming to Him, seeing in Him the source of all life and healing, and they were coming to bow down and worship Him.

Their faith is in their actions. If they had just sat at home and thought, “I believe Christ could do this,” but then if they didn’t make any move, nothing would have happened. And the same is true in our lives. Our faith in God is a willful decision to do the things of Christ. “Faith without works is dead,” St. James wrote. If we claim to have faith, but we don’t try to live according to Christ, if we don’t try to follow the commandments of God, then we don’t have faith. Faith’s not an emotion, and it’s not just a cognitive acceptance of fact. Faith in Christ is a life dedicated to doing the will of God. The woman with the flow of blood doesn’t just leave from the place of her healing and return to normal life. She goes home and tells people what has happened.

If we have faith, then Christ tells us we will have works. Many of our Saints, including modern people like St. Silouan of Mt. Athos, make the point that the teachings of Christ are no different than the life of God. This is why True Faith lies in doing the will of God, following the commandments of Christ.

The teachings of Christ are not simply dictates—they reveal the very life of God. Christ is God, and all He says flows from the very life of God. His teachings don’t just make good people; they form us in the image of God .**Amen**

Fr. John

Come One!! Come All!

FALL FESTIVAL

Sponsored by the youth of St. George to be held at



ST. GEORGE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

Following THE DIVINE LITURGY

Everyone is welcome to attend

Light lunch will be served

Music, Fun and Games

Your Admission Fee: Nonperishable Food

Donations will be given to families in need.

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

Congratulations to Brian Haynam & Ann Ciavarella on the occasion of their marriage that took place in our church Saturday, October 27th, 2018. Brian is the son of Hank & Kris Haynames, and Ann is the daughter of Larry & Dianne Ciavarella.



MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY YEARS