



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, October 7, 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:

- Mary Lou, Wendy, Jordan Simon & Alex and Samantha Kinkaid in memory of Ron Simon (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, David Welling, Shaun Curley, Lamia Harb, Karen Horattas, Marie Saidy, Rosemary Mclaughlin, Joyce Simon, Micheline Debs, Rose Farah, Samir Bakhos, George Tebcherani, Sophia Massouh, Susan Hanna, David Pilversack, Giovanni Albanna.

(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 & 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, 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, Regina Salloum, Bonnie Dallas, Ann Sayre, Violet Carey

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

George Ostich, Nathme Al-Smeirat, Norman Elias Sr, Richard Simon, Laurice Tabanji , Myrna Kalail, Jerrie Elias, Jerges Alassaf , Irene Kincheloa , Donald Kinney, David Carey, Nick Shaheen, Naoum Maarouf, Andrew Assad and the newly departed Claire Joseph

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION BEFORE & AFTER IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS IN TONE FOUR

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Building Fund Luncheon sponsored by Teen SOYO and The Antiochian Women (Check Insert)
Tues., Oct., 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parish Council meeting @ 7:30pm
Sun., Oct., 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council● Camp Liturgy● One Year Memorial Service for Issa Michael● Brunch at Dr. Bill & Jessica Shaheen's residence (Info page 5)
Oct., 18 th - 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clergy Retreat & Fall Gathering/ Toledo, Ohio
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

THE EPISTLE

(For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **(Amen)**

THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!

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

Mary Lou, Wendy, Jordan Simon & Alex and Samantha

Kinkaid are offering Strudels and Cupcakes during

Building Luncheon in memory of Ron Simon (2 years)



Donations

Building Fund:

\$100	Michael & Patrice Kormushoff on the occasion of the birth of their granddaughter, Henley Ann Sloan
\$25	Edmund & Gerri Farris in memory of Nick Shaheen
\$50	Robert Boyce in memory of Nick Shaheen
\$100	Mousa & Raeda Kakish in memory of Nick Shaheen
\$75	Fred & Selena Shaheen in memory of Nick Shaheen
\$100	Jean & Lena Yaacoub in memory of Issa Michael
\$50	Jean & Lena Yaacoub in memory of Jerges Alassaf
\$200	Margaret Azar for the health of Joyce Simon, Margaux Yerian and in memory of Landon Azar Francisco & Ken Azar Sr.

Camp Fund:

\$100	Anonymous in memory of Nick Shaheen
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Sunday School:

\$100	Gerry Ostich in memory of Nick Shaheen
\$25	Amy Chalhub George in memory of Nick Shaheen

Needy Fund:

\$100	Jennifer Mattingly in memory of David Carey
\$25	Vincent & Eleanor Alexander 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

Dr. Bill & Jessica Shaheen are hosting a brunch after Divine Liturgy for the young adults at their residence 2189 Sourek Trail, Akron, OH 44313 next Sunday, October 14th, 2018.

Please try to attend and God bless you all

Sermon on Third Sunday of Saint Luke

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

Today's Gospel concerns the resurrection of the son of the widow of Nain. The whole picture moves our hearts. We see before our very eyes a mother who accompanies her only begotten son to its tomb. The whole picture moves our hearts. The mother with great pain in her soul accompanies the fruit of her womb to its final resting place. She is surrounded by many people and, yet, she remains by herself with the only thought, the lost of her precious child, who was her only comfort in life as she had lost her husband some time ago.

The situation is dramatic. During this hopeless time, the moment, when she preceded towards the tomb, unexpectedly Christ meets with her. Christ meets with the dead young man and changes the course of life. The Source of Life confronts with the death of His creation, and with authority He commands saying: "Young man, I say to you, rise" (Luke 7:14). Immediately, "the dead sat up rise" (Luke 7:15).

The people of Nain were filled with sacred fear, a deep astonishment and an indescribable admiration, when they witnessed this sensational miracle. They had seen and heard about the many miracles which the Lord had performed. But, this, which took place before their very eyes and only by His commandment, was stunning. They witnessed a dead man being raised from the dead. They saw a fellow countryman, who they thought that was forever lost, coming back to their society alive and in good health.

The young man was dead, and yet Christ came to him. The young man was speechless, and yet Christ speaks to him. With a simple command Christ grants life to the dead. The Word of Christ is a Word of Life, it is Life giving, it is a Word which is not empty and useless. The Word of Christ is addressed to every person and bears the Fruit of its purpose, to save man.

The Word of Christ is not addressed only to the dead young man of today's Gospel reading, but to all the youth of our time. It is addressed to all those who are spiritually dead. Christ speaks to all and every one of us, who under the bondage of sin, have been captured and enslaved in its mortal nets and are led to our moral catastrophe and death.

Many times we hear people saying, that "we live in difficult times and it is impossible to practice Christ's Commandments, to live a virtuous and Christ-like way of life". But, this opinion is completely wrong and it is a deception of Satan. All periods of time have their difficulties and problems. But, in all times Christ is present and alive. He offers true Life to all those who want to follow Him. But, Christ never forces anyone to follow Him. One must follow Christ by his own free will and not by force.

Many times, we hear parents advising their children to have a good time, to party with others and, they even encourage them to live a sinful life without any restrictions or boundaries. These parents, although, they know that their children are living in sin and far away from the Will of God, yet, they do not speak out and, thus, they become participators of their sins because of their silence. They do not teach them to follow the Way of Christ, of the Church, of the virtues and all good deeds. As parents they want to justify their failure by saying: "They are young, let them enjoy Life"!

The youth may work very hard, they might be good within society and have a good character. But, what happens, if they live in sin? If they dishonor God, through their way of life? If they have no

relationship with Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church, but only appear at Church during Christmas, Easter, or on a social occasion of one's death, wedding or baptism? If they do not participate every Sunday in the public worship, or, if they do not confess, or they do not partake of the Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, then, they are truly spiritually dead.

All parents take care for their children education, their financial statues, looking forward for a better future life. They struggle very hard to achieve these things out of love towards their children. But, why do they neglect the spiritual aspect of life? Why do we allow our children to be dead spiritually and we do not awaken them to follow Christ and be active members of His Holy Orthodox Church?

When a young man dies, everyone is there. If the people show so much sympathy towards one who died so young, how much more should we show sympathy, when we see the youth of our society being enslaved under the spiritual death? If the people of Nain had shown so much sympathy, how much more our Lord, Who is the Lord of Life and grants the power to overcome death itself?

In our time, Christ approaches the youth and commands them saying: "Young man, rise". Rise from your falling. Rise from the dirt of sin. Rise from the spiritual death, which led you to death. The world and the worldly pleasures are with enmity with God, because Satan uses them as his instruments to destroy the image of God, who is man.

The path which the people of Nain followed led the young man to his grave. The path which one follows far away from Christ leads to spiritual death and finally to eternal death.

When one meets with Christ and listens to His voice, then his soul is filled with Life. When one opens his heart to Christ, Who is always standing next to you, then, no matter how many sins one has, through true repentance and holy confession, they will be forgiven. Man's soul is cleansed from every stain and filth, both of soul and body.

As long as we walk in the path of life, we have the opportunity and hope to meet with Christ. We must never be discouraged. But, again, we must never delay our repentance and our return to Christ our God.

Today's Gospel reading reveals Christ's Love and compassion towards the youth. Christ loves all youth and wants to offer them the true Life. The Way of Life one should follow. Christ wants to raise you from spiritual death. He wants you to become His.

Let us, therefore, all together approach Christ and become Christ bearers and not bearers of death.

Amen.

Fr. John

Congratulations to Benjamin & Erin Lohrum on the birth of their new baby girl Jenika Saige Lohrum on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018. She weighs 8 lbs 13oz and 20 inches long. Jenika is the sister of Jaylynn, Jemma, Jacob and Jensen. Proud grandparents are Jim & Suzi Hanna.



May God Grant Her Many Years

Thank you for your help & Support!

40th Annual Building Fund Raffle

Friday, November 2nd, 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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