



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, September 30, 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:

- Dawn, Julia, Sophia & Dr. Nick .Shaheen in memory of Nick .Shaheen(9 days)
- George & Dana Maarouf in memory of Naoum Maarouf ( 40 days), Trisagion Prayer following Divine Liturgy
- Elias family in memory of Jerrie Elias, ( 40 days), Trisagion Prayer following Divine Liturgy
- Edmund & Geri Farris for the health of Fr. John & his family
- George & Georgette Zabaneh for Offering the Holy Unction oil
- Youmna Jannoura in memory of her sister Georgette Issa , and Youmna, Adele, Fawzi , Chafic, Fady, Najibeh, Doumit, Najib, Issa and Aida
- Jim & Pamela(Hackim)Workman in memory of Lincoln Sr.(35 yrs), Helen (8 yrs),Lance Hackim (30 yrs) and Betty Khouri ( 2 yrs)
- Atef & Teresa Haddad and Family
- Olga Yogmour
- Walid & Victoria Qaqish Family

## (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

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

Landon Azar Francisco, Ken Azar Sr., Hannah Kakish, George Ostich, Nathme Al-Smeirat, Norman Elias Sr, Richard Simon, Laurice Tabanji , Myrna Kalail, Jerrie Elias, Jerges Alassaf , Irene Kinchelo , Donald Kinney, David Carey, and the newly departed Nick Shaheen and Naoum Maarouf

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION BEFORE & AFTER IN TONE ONE**

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 ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA IN TONE FOUR**

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, 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.

**Donations**

**Needy Fund:**

\$50	Helen Velikoff in memory of her nephew David Carey
\$20	Julie Velikoff in memory of her cousin David Carey

**Camp Fund:**

\$100	A.J. & Rima Maghes in memory of Jerges Alassaf
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## THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)**

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

**MEMORY ETERNAL...** We regret to inform you the passing away of Nick Sr. Shaheen on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. He survived by his wife Dawn (Kousaie) and children Julia, Dr. Nicholas H. III and Sophia. Siblings: Margaret, Nadia (Swade), Noor and Nasser and numerous Nephews, nieces and extended family.

**May His Memory Be Eternal.**



**Congratulations Teen SOYO** for electing new officers on September 16<sup>th</sup>:

President: Luke Shaheen

Vice President: Sabrina Maghes

Treasurer: Kendall Anenson

Recording Sec. : Lydia Boyce

Corresponding Sec. : Delanie Dadich

Historian: Anna Callow

## **CALENDAR**

Sun., Sept., 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday of Gregory of Armenia</li><li>• <b>9 days Memorial Service for Nick Sr. Shaheen</b></li><li>• <b>40 days Memorial Service for Jerrie Elias</b></li><li>• <b>40 days Memorial Service for Naoum Marrouf</b></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>• Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council</li><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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St. George Annual Building Fund Raffle @ The Family Center</li></ul>
Sun., Nov., 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fall Festival @ the Fellowship Center</li></ul>

### **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**

## Sermon On the Second Sunday of Luke-2018

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

Jesus left us no writings and no dogmas. He left us a simple message displayed in both His words and His deeds. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor as yourself." That's it. Jesus left us with a way of life. The acid test of love is not whether we love our friends, but whether we love our enemies. A great Russian Saint asked, "How do we know whether a person abides in God and is sincere in his Christian faith? There is no other way of ascertaining this than by examining the person's life to see if he loves his enemies. Where there is love for one's enemy, there also is God." That is the great test of whether we are in tune with God; for that is what God Himself does. He sends His rain on the just and the unjust. Chesterton said once, "Love means to love that which is unlovable, or it is no virtue at all."

But to love our enemies in a world like ours seems highly impractical. To love your enemy — some object — is to allow him to take advantage of you. To love your enemy is to let him step all over you.

So we thought, until psychology and psychiatry came along and taught us a few things about hostility and hostile people. Specifically, they told us that a hostile person hates because he fears you will strike him; so, to protect himself, he strikes first. He is hostile because he expects vilification and hatred from you. The last thing he expects is love. So if, instead of hatred, you give him love, you will disarm him. Love is what he craves more than anything else. Love is the only thing that can destroy his hostility.

"Give him the devil!" said someone to a friend who had suffered an injustice at the hands of a third party. The reply he received was truly inspired, "He's already got the devil. I'd like to give him God." To love your enemy is to give him God.

But does God expect us to love the sin and the evil people do? Of course not. He expects us to hate the sin but to love the sinner. But isn't this splitting hairs? How can one distinguish between the sin and the sinner? Yet we make this same distinction every day with ourselves. We do terrible things; we commit egregious errors. We hate the errors we commit, but we continue to love ourselves. Do the same with others, said Jesus. "Love your neighbor as yourself." Hate the sin; love the sinner. Someone expressed it this way, "To love one's enemy does not mean to love the mud in which the pearl lies, but to love the pearl that lies in the mud."

Why? Why must I love my enemy? That I may be a child of the Father. "Love your enemies ... and you will be sons of the Most High." God wants me to be what He is. He loves His enemies. He does good to those who hate Him. He prepares green pastures for us when our just reward would be a desert. He leads us by still waters when we might have expected a land of drought. While we were yet sinners, God loved us and died for us. Shortly before He died Jesus told His disciples: "A new commandment I give unto you; that you love one another, even as I have loved you."

"Love your enemies." The man who makes your misery his policy, who dogs your steps, who sets snares for your feet, who twists your words, who is always pointing out the fly in the ointment, and who is never happier than when he is slowly dropping bitterness into your cup; your enemy, love him. Love him for My sake, says Jesus. Love him "even as I have loved you." But love him also because your enemy is first of all an enemy to himself. The bitterness which he drops into your cup has, first of all, poisoned his own cup. Forget the superficial injury he inflicts on you and think of the fatal injury he is inflicting upon himself. On your part he creates bitterness; on his part he commits suicide.

As the great Russian priest Father John of Kronstadt writes in his inspiring book "The Life of Christ:" "Every person that does any evil, that gratifies any passion, is sufficiently punished by the evil he has committed, by the passions he serves, but chiefly by the fact that he withdraws himself from God, and God withdraws Himself from him: it would therefore be insane and most inhuman to nourish anger against such a man; it would be the same as to drown a sinking man, or push into the fire a person who is already being devoured by the flame. To such a man, as to one in danger of perishing, we must show double love, and pray fervently to God for him; not judging him, not rejoicing at his misfortune.

For My sake, says Jesus, but for their sakes, too, 'love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you.

We are to love people not because they are attractive but because they need love. The very fact that a person dislikes you may mean that he needs you. His soul is warped by his hatred of you, and you alone can warm him and free him. **Amen**

**Fr. John**

**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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