Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church A Parish of The Diocese of Los Angeles and the West of The Antiochian Archdiocese of New York and North America



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Sunday, May 18, 2014

Fifth Sunday of Pascha - Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraklios, Paulinos and Benedimos; Stephen the New, Patriarch of Constantinople

Welcome To St. George

We are honored that you have come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the Orthodox Christian Church, often called the Ancient Church, we invite you to simply relax, listen to the service and allow our congregation to carry you in worship.

We understand Communion to be a sacred act of unity within our faith. Though we work toward such unity throughout Christianity, it regrettably does not yet exist. Therefore, only baptized Orthodox Christians, prepared through prayer and fasting, are permitted to receive Holy Communion. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we welcome you to come forward and request a blessing from our clergy. You may also partake of the blessed bread you will see being offered by non-clergy during Communion and at the end of our service.

Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for our Fellowship Hour next door in our Legacy Ballroom. Our clergy and congregation welcome the opportunity to learn more about you and answer your questions about St. George and the ancient Orthodox Faith. Thank you for joining us today!









THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 4)

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.

APOLYTIKION OF MID-PENTECOST (TONE 8)

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE 4)

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 souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.







THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saving to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him. "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saving, 'I have no husband': for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him. "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes. He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saving holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

For Your Information – From Your Stewardship Chair

Stewardship for Week 19 is as follows for End Date 5/12/14:

YTD Budget – \$137,750.00 YTD Actual – \$138,599.33 % of Actual Budget –101%

Those to Remember in Prayer – LIVING: Steven, Jolene, Joe, Nicholas, Gloria, Romy, Scott, Philip, Ludmila, Husam, Hanada, Amanda, Samantha, Ghassan, Anthony, Bassam, Hisham, Issam, Basma, Chester, Diana, Nick, Molly, Zoe, David, Angela, Payton, Jonathan, Theresa, Cathy, Matushka Maria and Christina. **DECEASED: Yousef, Haniah,** Olga, Jubran, Peter, Lucille, Harry, Rose, Farris, Arthur, Mary, Mitry, Elizabeth, Raymond, Shafik, Koli, Aphrodite, Christo, Vangelina, Thomaidha, Pastoli, Steven, Fr. Joe, Leon, Al, Anesti and Dorothy.

Liturgical Holy Bread of Oblation Offered by...

- † Husam and Hanada Sahawneh and Family offer a 40 day and 6 month Trisagion in loving memory of Yousef and Haniah Sahawneh. May their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of: Husam, Hanada, Amanda, Samantha, Ghassan, Anthony, Bassam, Hisham, Issam, Basma and the Sahawneh Family.
- † Chester and Diana Matthews offer Holy Bread for their health and the good health of Nick, Molly and baby Zoe. Also for the health of: David, Angela, Payton, Jonathan, Theresa, Cathy, Matushka Maria, Christina, and the Ajalat, Salamy, Karadsheh, Danish, Abrahams and Matthews families. For the departed servants of God: Olga, Jubran, Peter, Lucille, Harry, Rose, Farris, Arthur, Mary, Mitry, Elizabeth, Raymond, Shafik, Koli, Aphrodite, Christo, Vangelina, Thomaidha, Pastoli, Steven, Fr. Joe, Leon, Al, Anesti and Dorothy.

Anniversaries

Niki & Wayne Abraham 5/18 Linda & Sam Hweimel 5/18 Alisa & David Jones 5/18

Birthdays

Lauren Sayegh 5/18 Davis Nichols 5/18 Amjad Sweiss 5/19 Najwa Sayegh 5/19 Janice Ghiz 5/19 Jacob Abukhader 5/20 Vanessa Ghareib 5/20 Yvette Qaqish 5/20 Lamees Khalil 5/20 Abeer Gebran 5/21 Samia Dahdal 5/22 Diana Matthews 5/22 Jenna Rabadi 5/24 Jeslyn Ghattas 5/24

Memorials

Betty Rae Thomas 5/19/87 Fanny Kofile 5/22/08

Uncrowning

Rani & Fabiola Sweis 5/18/14

Sunday School Graduation is TODAY!!!! NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. All students will stay in church and await graduation.

After Graduation, meet us in The Legacy Ballroom for the Camp St. Nicholas Fundraiser



What? Hot Dog and Lemonade Stand

When? TODAY!!!

Cost? \$5 per Meal - WHAT A DEAL!!! (Includes a hot dog, bag of chips, a cookie and beverage)







From The Ladies Auxiliary

It's back ... BUNKO/WHIST GAME NIGHT at 6pm on Sunday, June 8, 2014

Tickets: Adults \$10 / Children \$5
Ice Cream, Syrup and Sprinkles Oh, my!
Come and join in the fun; it's always a great family fun night!

For more information, contact Sandra Hasbany at (602) 277-1963

Our Community Food Bank is currently at 600 lbs. The yearly goal is to reach at least 1,000 lbs.

If we each bring one can a week, we can easily reach and exceed our goal!!!







2014 Vacation Bible School is around the corner!

VBS begins Monday, June 9 - Friday, June 13 from 9am – noon Spaces are available. Register TODAY!!!!

Save the Date

Our next H2H – Hearts to Hands Outreach will take place on **Sunday**, **May 25**, **2014** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

SEE YOU THERE!!!



20% off Summer Special at The Legacy Ballroom

With Summer right around the corner, we at The Legacy Ballroom would like to extend an offer that is sure to keep you cool while planning your next event!

Come take a tour and book with The Legacy Ballroom before the first official day of Summer and receive a 20% discount on your booking!

This offer begins today and is valid thru June 21, 2014.

Call Alexandra Ghiz at The Legacy Ballroom to set up your tour today

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Bunko players have talent. They can talk and play cards too!



GAME NIGHT IS BACK! COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

Sunday, June 8 at 6:00 pm in the Ballroom Tickets: Adults \$10 / Children \$5

There will be ice cream, syrup and toppings, Oh, my! Tea and Coffee too!

For additional details, please contact: Sandra Hasbany at 602.277.1963