

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

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St. Gregory Palamas Sunday

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

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.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION IN (TONE 4)

Today the preludes of universal joy move us to sing the prefeetal hymn; for behold, Gabriel cometh, bringing the good tidings to the Virgin, and shall cry to her: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE 8)

Light of Orthodoxy, pillar and teacher of the Church, adornment of monastics, invincible champion of theologians, O Gregory thou wonder-worker, boast of Thessalonica, herald of grace: ever pray that our souls be saved.

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 FOR THE SUNDAYS OF GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, Thou wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

“In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to

what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Those to remember in prayer...

LIVING: Romy, Gloria, Larman, Don, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Philip, Richard, Marwan, Moira, Mac, Nick, Joe

Liturgical Offerings...

Khouriye Allyson, Sophia and Amelia Salamy offer prayers for the health of Fr. Christopher on the occasion of his 20 year Anniversary to the Priesthood. May God grant him many years! For the health of the Salamy, Raya, Moujaes, Ajalat, Armelli, Jabour, Karadsheh, Ovando and Matthews families and all of our wonderful parishioners at St. George. In memory of Raymond, Lutfy, Eileen, Mitry, Elizabeth, Fritz, Jean, Mary, Elias, Adeeb, Joseph, Emily, Salim, Sophie, Edmon, Shafik, Jubran, Olga, Leon, Lucille, Sonia, Philip, David and Chet.

Joyce Salamy offers prayers and continued good health and happiness for Fr. Christopher and Khouriye Allyson on the occasion of 20 years in their ministry and for the continued good health and happiness of Sophia and Amelia and all of the Salamy, Moujaes and Ajalat families. Prayers also for Bob and Cheryl Raya and for the memory of Raymond Salamy.

Robert and Cheryl Raya offer prayers for Fr. Christopher in honor of his 20th Anniversary in the Priesthood. Continued prayers for the health and happiness of Khouriye Allyson, Sophia, Amelia, Joyce, the Raya, Jabour and Salamy Families. Prayers in memory of Sophie and Salim Raya, Joseph and Emily Armelli.

Michael, Valerie, and Georgina for the health of Gabriel on the occasion of his 2nd birthday. May God grant him many years! Also for the health of the V. Rev. Fr. Chris Salamy, Khouriye Allyson, Sophia, and Amelia on the occasion of Fr. Chris' 20th Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood. May God grant them many years! For the health of Aziz, Samar, Taysir, Mary Kay, and Adam Haddad, Ron, Rose, Peter, Ronnie, Melissa, Autumn, and Christina Samore, Michael, Amanda, David, and Elaine Araj and for all the Haddad, Bitar, Samore, Rizk, Ferris, Moussa, Kalyoussef, and AlHaddad families.

Dn. Serafim and Mary Grove offer holy bread in memory of their sister-in-law Michelle and their nephew Matthew, and for the health of the Grove, Hessinger, Nelson, Makar, and Trelford families.

Ralph & Camilia Saigh offer Holy Bread in memory of Dr. Nabil Sayegh on his 1-year trisagion. May his memory be eternal. For the continued health of Ralph, Camilla, Alexa, Faith, May, Fatha, Jacqueline, Alia, Zaina, James, Paul, Rima, Peter and the entire Saigh and Sayegh family. In loving memory of Ghassan, Kassab, Diana, Nazar, Michael, Michael, Nicole, and Futha.

Wael and Manal Yaziji offer a 3 day trisagion for Wael's mother, Rouza, who died in Syria. May her memory be eternal!

Gregory and Diana Abdalah offer prayers for the continued good health of Fr. Christopher, Allyson, Sophia, and Amelia Salamy, for the health of Bishop JOHN, Nicola, Renee, Joseph, Maria, Linda, Nicholas, Albert and Amanda and in memory of Kh. Joanne.

3.24.19	3.25.19	3.26.19	3.27.19	3.28.19	3.29.19	3.30.19
#FC20 Luncheon	Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation 9:00am		Presanctified Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Teen Bible Study 5:30pm Prophets Study 5:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm		Akathist (Madayeh) 6:30pm	Lenten Retreat SOYO 9:30am Young Adults 1:00pm Great Vespers 5:00pm

Parish News:

Save the date! St. George Little Warriors Lazarus Saturday Retreat is April 20th.

Hey, hey, hey Ladies! Our ladies meeting and bible study is set for April 4th at 10:30am. And make sure to be with us on Sunday, April 7th for our world famous zaatar sale!

Our Lenten Retreat, "Livin' on a Prayer: Are we Halfway there?" is next week, March 30th! Our teens will meet from 9:30am-6:00pm, and our young adults will meet from 1:00pm-6:00pm. We are excited to welcome Fr. Alex Mackoul, Director of Camp St. Thekla, as this year's speaker.

Thank you to Hiyam Gharib and those who helped make the Teen SOYO Falafel Sale a smashing success! Look for Falafel Part Deux on April 14th!

Pascha is April 28th! Every year we break bread together after Liturgy to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. If you would like to sponsor Pascha Breakfast, please let us know and thank you!

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My beloved Warrior Saints,

I do not have the words to accurately thank you for the kindness and love you have shown to me, to my bride and to my girls while celebrating this personal milestone. To say 'thank you' somehow seems inadequate to properly express the love and gratitude for you that I feel in my heart. I am not an emotional man, but I have been so moved throughout the entire process of this celebration. Please know that when I say 'thank you' there is so much more behind those words than simple gratitude.

These 20 years that we have served the Gospel of Jesus Christ together have been the best years of my life. And that is because of my beautiful family: my stunning bride Khouriyee Allyson, my best big girl Sophia and my best baby girl Amelia. And it is because of YOU, my spiritual family and fellow Warrior Saints. To have served alongside you has afforded me many opportunities to see how amazing you truly are. You have inspired me, encouraged me, loved me and shown me how a Crucifixional life is to be lived. It has been an honor to serve with such amazing people.

I ask you to forgive my shortcomings, manifold as they are, and to know that my heart's desire is only to serve you in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And please be assured of my constant prayer for all of you. I did not write an oblation for you in the bulletin today. I chose not to do so because I offer an oblation for ***each and every one of you*** every time I stand before the Lord's holy table. Though I am not a prayerful man, you are the heart of my prayer at all of our divine services.

Finally, I promise you all: as long as the Lord gives me breath, I will continue to serve you to the best of my abilities. I will continue to grow, to learn, to improve, to refine, to produce and to teach with a fearless and relentless mindset. I intend to lead us to new heights as Warrior Saints, living Crucifixional lives: servant leaders who sacrifice for the sake of others.

I love you all so dearly and thank you from the depths of my heart.

Your father in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Chris Salamy

