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& Fourth Sunday of Luke
Prophet Hosea; Venerable-martyr Andrew of Crete*

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by living a crucifixional life.**

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2021

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

God willing, this coming summer our teens will have the blessing to host and serve at the 40th Special Olympics SOYO Sports Training Camp, providing—free of charge—a week of sports training for over 320 athletes and coaches. Once again, I ask the parishes of our God-protected Archdiocese to generously support this worthy program.

The mission of Special Olympics, as described on their website, “is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.” As is true in any ministry, when we offer the love of Christ to others, we receive so much in return. I have heard from countless young people how their own lives were changed in profound and beautiful ways by serving the athletes of Special Olympics. Please generously support this offering of love by our young people and be a part of the far-reaching transformative impact it has on so many lives.

As you leave church this morning, the teens will offer you a bookmark with an icon of Christ blessing the children. They offer this icon as an expression of their appreciation for your contribution and for you joining them in this sacred ministry that helps them share their blessings with others.

Asking the Lord to bless this fortieth year of our participation in Special Olympics as well as all of you and your loved ones, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE 40TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND HELP IN MAKING THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE. APPROXIMATELY 300 ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN OUR CAMP EACH YEAR. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS TRAVEL FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, TO LIVE IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND TO FULFILL THE CALL TO DO ALL THINGS

As working for the Lord, not for men. (Col. 3:23)



Today, October 17, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 40th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2022. Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp. As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing out bookmarks with an icon of Christ blessing the children.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO group with "SOAD 2021" in the memo.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$70,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.



Tone 8 **EOTHINON 6**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One,
and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion;
Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (TONE 8)

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth,
and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith.
O Most Merciful One, glory be 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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (TONE 2)

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.

PROKEIMENON:
Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

LIVING:
Romy, Chase, Gloria, Don, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac,
George, Michael, Ray, Pam, Iskander, Amal, Nejwa, Farouk, Randa.

THE EPISTLE
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)
Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:
Very Rev. Jehad Michael, Kh. Salwa and family offer a 40 day Trisagion in loving memory of Kh. Salwa’s brother, Shahadi Suleman.
May his memory be eternal.

Salim Adel Shleef and family offer a 6 month Trisagion in memory of his father Adel Salim Shleef and uncle Amer Shleef. May their memories be eternal! Also in loving memory of their dearly departed. And for the health of all of their loved ones. May God grant them many years!

THE GOSPEL
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)
The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Many **THANKS**

*Salim Adel Shleef and family sponsor Coffee Hour
in memory of his father Adel Salim Shleef and uncle Amer Shleef.
May their memories be eternal!*

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