



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

## Sunday, August 4, 2024

### Sixth Sunday of Matthew

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Christopher Salamy, Pastor  
Rev. Dn. Raphael Abrahams • Rev. Dn. Serafim Grove  
Rev. Dn. Basil Ritchie • Rev. Dn. Michael Haddad • Rev. Dn. Peter Samore  
Dr. Gregory Abdalah, Pastoral Assistant • Christian Farradj, Youth Pastor  
Happy Kaur, Executive Assistant to the Pastor  
Jane Romley, Parish Administrator • Matthew Peters, Ministry Lead  
Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE FIVE)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)

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 THE TRANSFIGURATION (TONE SEVEN)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

#### THE EPISTLE

(For Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.*

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)**

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## THE GOSPEL

(For Sixth Sunday of Matthew)

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

### THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

**Living:** Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David, Donald, Debi, Preston, Andrea.

### Liturgical offerings:

James and Briggette DeRienzo and children offer a Holy Oblation in celebration of the churching for their grandson Lorenzo Nicholas Girmonde. For the health of James, Briggette, Nicole, Samuel, Jimi, Melissa, Sam, Ariana, May, Richard, Lynarda, the Sayegh, DeRienzo, Girmonde, and Mondri Families. In memory of Ghassan, Diana, Joan, Sam, Rosalind and James. May their memories be eternal.

The Rihani family offer a Holy Oblation in loving memory of Nasiem Rihani (3 years). May his memory be eternal. In memory of Jamileh Rihani, Fozan Rihani and Mousa Rihani. May their memory be eternal.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Nicole and Samuel Girmonde on the Churching of their son Lorenzo. May God grant them many years.



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**Food Festival** **October 4-6, 2024**

Music all weekend by **DJ SARMAD**

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