

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Sunday, December 1, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE SIX)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (TONE THREE)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Sandy, Nicholas, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David, Donald. Joe, Louise, Nada, Saba, Brent, Dana, Kimla, Gabriela, Michael, Sophia, Jihad, Cristiano, Leonardo.

Liturgical Offerings:

Congratulations and God's blessings to Aliaa Haddad & Samuel Goodwin on the Baptism of their son Danny. May God grant them many years.

Georges & Patricia Aboukhaled and family offer a one year Trisagion in loving memory of Khalil Aboukhaled. May his memory be eternal.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers Holy Bread for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation for James, Kiki, Christina, Zoe, Daniel, Pam, Cathy, Rima, Jillian, Sawsen, Rachel. Marion on the occasion of her birthday. For her Godchildren, Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, Lauren, for all at St. George, family, friends and work family. In loving memory of Fotoula, John, Mary, Christopher, Rick, and all departed family and friends.

Fareese and Nadia Fakhouri offer Holy Bread for the health of Maysoon, Natalie, George, Juli and Amelia. May God grant them many years. For our loved ones who have passed: George, Amal, Feras, Fakre, Abbas, Qoote and Maysoun. May their memory be eternal.