



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, March 23, 2025  
Veneration Of The Precious And Life Giving Cross

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America  
His Grace Bishop ANTHONY - Diocese of LA & the West  
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Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development

**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 FOR THE HOLY CROSS (TONE ONE)**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

**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 FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE EIGHT)**

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, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry. O my God!*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)**

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

### *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, Iyad, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterine, David, and Donald.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers the Holy Bread for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation of James, Dede, Rachel, Jane, Daniel, Jillian, Richy, Kim, Daniel, Rick, Rob, Angie, Carrie, for her godchildren: Michael, Marcus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for our clergy and church families at St George, and for her work family, and all family and friends not listed. In loving memory of her mother Mary (3/23/2005), her father John, Chris, Fotoula, Nikos, Dimitri, Rick, and departed family and friends not listed. May their memory be eternal.

John Doumani offers Holy Bread in loving memory for a most beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Nicole (Nikki) Abdelnour Doumani for 5 years (March 25<sup>th</sup>). Also in memory of Nicholas & Margaret Abdelnour, Uncle John, Aunt Mary & Aunt Helen, for the memories of Charles Doumani, James & Emily Baker, Uncle George and Aunt Vicky Doumani & Aunt Gene. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Christopher, Megan, Ava & Faris.

Mary Davison offers Holy Bread for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation of Alexandros, Aikaterina, David and Donald. In loving memory of George, Edna & Wilma. May their memory be eternal.

Caroline Aeed offers Holy Bread for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation of Marlo, Larry, Kyle, Catherine, BJ, and Aeed and Miller families. In loving memory of Fred Aeed. May their memory be eternal.