



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Matthew

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY – Diocese of LA & the West
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
Rev. Dn. Dr. Gregory Abdalah, Pastoral Assistant • Christian Farradj, Youth Pastor
Harpreet Kaur, Executive Assistant to the Pastor
Jane Romley, Parish Administrator • Matthew Peters, Ministry Lead
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 ST. PANTELEIMON (TONE THREE)

O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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 St. Panteleimon)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

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, Nina, Victoria, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David and Donald.

Wisam and Ruba Sweis offer Holy Bread for the health of Sam, Ruba, Nayif, Noor, Odeh, Suhad, Nijmeh, Yousra, Reem, Waad, Ward, Layth, Rami, Nijoud, Karam, and the Sweis family. In memory of Nayif, Jereis, Hanna, Rasmeyah, Fadeyah, Hana, Haneeyah, Ibrahim, Abdullah, Eman, Jane, Gada, Muna. May their memory be eternal.

Nasser & Evone Sayegh offer Holy Bread for the health of Noora, Gabriel, Robert, Ayman, Janet, Nicolas, Steve, Jeannine, Raya, Ellen, Evelyn, Minia, Rasha, Magdoleen, Manal, their family, and friends. In memory of Gabriel, Raya, Ibrahim, Amina, Riad, Nasser, Nasri, Dina, Marwan, Adel, Karma, Issa, Scandel. May their memory be eternal.

Richard and Marion Saba offer Holy bread in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary and thankfulness for all the blessings in our life. For the health of their family, and St. George family, for all the cards, flowers, food, calls, and visits we received this past month for Marion's surgery and our anniversary.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers Holy Bread for the good health and salvation of Elizabeth, James, Hannah (on the occasion of her birthday), Catherine, Hannah, Olga, Rachel, Jane, Daniel, Jillian, Misadeh, Marion, Richy, Daphne, Sarah, Carrie, Val, Phil, Sawsen, Grace, Peter, Neva, Kiki, for her godchildren: Michael, Marcus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for our clergy and church families at St George, and her work family, and all family and friends not listed. In loving memory of her parents, John and Mary, for Chris, Scott, Gust, Daniel, Pam, Fotoula, George, departed family and friends not listed. May their memory be eternal.

Thank you, Wisam and Ruba Sweis, for sponsoring coffee hour!

Paraklesis' upcoming services.

Friday, August 1 at 6.30pm
Thursday, August 7 at 6.30pm
Tuesday, August 12 at 6.30pm
Thursday, August 14 at 6.30pm