



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

## Sunday, August 17, 2025

### After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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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#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE ONE)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION (TONE ONE)

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

#### 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 DORMITION (TONE TWO)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life

#### THE EPISTLE

(For the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

#### The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own

hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

### ***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.

Josette Lund and family offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Pam Vintila. May her memory be eternal.

The Sayegh and Asfour family offer a one year Trisagion in loving memory of Malika Asfour. May her memory be eternal. For the health of Sami, Khoulod, Yasmin, Samar, and Ola Asfour. May God grant them many years.

Fayez and Yasmin Fakhouri offer a Holy bread in memory of Amal "Um Fayez" Fakhouri for a 4 year memorial. In memory of George, Feras, Fakre, Ibrahim, Feda, Saliba, Khaloud, Laila, Moheb and Jalal. May their memory be eternal. For the good health of Fayez, Yasmin, George, Issa, Eddie, Emily, Amerah, Hnadi, and all their families. May God grant them many years.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers Holy bread for her good health and salvation, and for the good health and salvation of James, Theopisti, Rayya, Hannah, Olga, Rachel, Jillian, Misadeh, Carrie, Sawsen, for her godchildren: Michael, Marcus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for our clergy and church families at St. George, work family, family and friends. In loving memory of her parents John and Mary, Pam Vintila, Gust, George, and Daniel. For all departed family and friends not listed. May their memories be eternal.

Suleiman, Imad, Marwan Dahdal and their families offer Holy bread in loving memory of their Dad, Faried Dahdal on the 4th anniversary of his passing (August 12, 2021). May his memory be eternal! For the good health and salvation of Suleiman, Imad, and Marwan, their families, and the Dahdal family. May God grant them many years.

Manal Sayegh offers Holy bread in memory of Marwan, Odeh, and Maged. May their memory be eternal. For the good health of Manal, Danny, Schnabel, Magdoleen, Anthony, Zaina, Amanda, Joseph, Raja, Nasser and family, Rasha, Magdoleen, and Victoria. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Brian and Brittney Rose on the Churching of their baby, Clementine. May God grant them many years.

Thank you, Mary Davidson, for sponsoring coffee hour!