



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

## Sunday, September 7, 2025

### Transfer of the Nativity 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  
V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Christopher Salamy, Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Peter Samore  
Rev. Dn. Raphael Abrahams • Rev. Dn. Serafim Grove  
Rev. Dn. Basil Ritchie • Rev. Dn. Michael Haddad  
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  
Erin Thobias, Director of Communications

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE FOUR)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE FOUR)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

#### KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE FOUR)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life

#### THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

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

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

### ***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, Theopisti, David and Donald.

Dn. Michael, Valerie, and Gabriel Haddad offer Holy Bread for their health and the health of Georgina on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many years!

The Haddad, Samore, and Sutton families offer Holy Bread for the newly ordained Fr. Peter Samore. AXIOS! May God grant him, Khouriye Nora, Xenia, and Abigail many years!

Fawaz and Buthaina Fakhouri offer Holy bread for the health of Fawaz, Buthaina, Joanna, Linda, Amal, Matthew, Ben, Benjamin, Yousef, Frankie, Fayez, Fareese, Faris, Natalie, Feras, Maysoun and Susan and their families. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Fakre, George, Ibrahim, Amal, Fadda, Feras, Laila, Saliba, Kholoud, Jalal, Yacoub, Musa and Moheb. May their memories be eternal.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers the Holy Bread for the good health and salvation of Elizabeth, James, Richy, Fr. Chris, Rose Mary, Jillian and Jane (on the occasion of their birthdays), for Robert, Hannah, Olga, Rachel, Jillian, Misadeh, Carrie, Sawsen, for her godchildren: Michael, Marcus, Devin, Nikki, Lauren, for our clergy and church families at St George, for her work family, and all family and friends not listed. In loving memory of her parents, John and Mary, for Pam, Gust, George, Scott, and Daniel. And for all departed family and friends not listed. May their memories be eternal.

Halim Mokbel offers Holy Bread for the health of Ayleen, Mel, Jonathan, Susana, Halim, Ghassan, George, Nadim, Salim, Janet, Evangelina, Gianna, Marinal, Sarah, Kenan, Linda, Jamal, and Luisa. May God grant them many years. For the departed Raul, Melhem, Marie, Norberto, Maria, Guida, and Rosa. May their memory be eternal.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Jacob & Olivia Simmons on the Baptism of their son, Theodore. May God grant them many years.

**We welcome His Grace, Bishop THEODORE, the Patriarchal Vicar for Rio de Janeiro. Please join us for a special coffee hour to welcome him to our parish AND to celebrate the ordination of Fr. Peter Samore!**