



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost & Second
Sunday of Luke

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 EIGHT)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, 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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (TONE TWO)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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.

Please join us for lunch at the Festival!

October 5, 2025

Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that you enjoyed a peaceful and refreshing summer and that you are diligently engaged as we begin a new ecclesiastical year.

This year marks the 130th anniversary of the arrival of St. Raphael of Brooklyn in North America and the establishment of our Antiochian presence on this continent. The seeds he planted have blossomed, thanks in large part to our dedicated clergy. While most of the early clergy were pious and faithful men whose Orthodox ethos was formed by their families in their homelands without formal theological education, today's clergy are a diverse mixture of men: some who embraced the Orthodox faith as adults, some who immigrated from overseas, and others who were born into Orthodox families here in North America. The common thread among our contemporary clergy is the spiritual formation they receive from their families, parishes, and educational institutions.

With that in mind, we remind you that October in the Antiochian Archdiocese is observed as "Youth Month and Seminary Month." This year, we are blessed with 22 seminarians, most—if not all—of whom will serve this Archdiocese as priests. They will baptize and/or chrismate catechumens, raise up the youth in the faith, educate the laity, comfort the sorrowful, visit the sick, restore the penitent, and heal the broken-hearted. Supporting our future clergy and the institutions that provide their education and formation is vital to the spiritual health of our parishes and ministries. St. Vladimir's, St. Tikhon's, Holy Cross, and our own Antiochian House of Studies need our help to equip these future priests with the tools necessary for proper education and formation.

We live in a pluralistic society where our faith and values are constantly under attack and scrutiny. We need soldiers of Christ to confront the negative trends that affect our youth by instilling in them an Orthodox ethos and a distinctly Orthodox way of life and thinking. Likewise, as we welcome more inquirers thirsting for the truth, we must have competent and educated clergy and lay leaders who can answer their questions and guide them into the faith. To that end, we humbly ask for your generous support of our seminarians and the institutions that educate them.

May our Lord continue to bless you and your families.

Your Father in Christ,



+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)