

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Sunday, October 12, 2025 Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council & Fourth Sunday of Luke

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
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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 HOLY FATHERS (TONE EIGHT)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 Holy Fathers)

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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.

George Kyldas offers a 40 day Trisagion in loving memory of Katherine Klydas. May her memory be eternal.

Sami & Wafaa Yacoub offer Holy Bread in thanksgiving to God for their health and blessing for the birth of their two grandsons, Roman and Samuel. For the health and salvation of Leah and Christian, Georgette and Bill, Jacob and Yani, and Anthony and Tina. May God grant them many years. For the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God: Yousef, Jalilah, Jack, Rifka, Jamila, Adeeb, Jameel, Kamal, Fahad, Musa, Maytha, Nada, Edeh, Tammam, Yacoub, Meriam, Farouk, Elias, Amameh, Naseem, Sami, and Ferial. May their memory be eternal.

Hyam, Odeh, Issa, Hope, and the Sayegh family offer a 2 year Memorial for their beloved husband, father, son, and brother, Joe Majed Sayegh. In loving memory of Odeh, Issa-Matruke, Yacoub, Marwan, Faris, Jamal, Adeeb, Samman, Khadra, Sulieman, Rifah, Khazna, Salim, Ralph, Faris, and Mike. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Hyam, Odeh, Issa, Hope, Victoria, Yusra, Sultan, George, Issa Majida, Manal, Kathy, Chris, Amal, and their families. May God grant them many years. Congratulations and God's blessings to Dealla Fakhouri and Issa Saba on the Churching of their baby, George Ziad Saba. May God grant them many years.
Congratulations and God's blessings to Joseph & Crystal Yakou on the Churching of their baby, Zayna Yakou. May God grant them many years.
Congratulations and God's blessings to Khalil & Bidi Salman on the Churching of their baby, Jimmy Salman. May God grant them many years.
Congratulations and God's blessings to Fr. Peter & Nora Samore on the Baptism of their daughter, Abigail Petra Samore. May God grant them many years.
Thank you, Wendy Yacoub, for sponsoring coffee hour!