



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, December 28, 2025
After-feast of & Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

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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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 CHRIST (TONE FOUR)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (TONE TWO)

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great George intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (TONE THREE)

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He Who existed before the ages as God.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after Nativity of Christ)

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Nativity of Christ)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Living: Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Laila, Michael, Ray, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Sandy, Iyad, Victoria, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Theopisti, David and Donald.

Erin and Renji Thobias and Reena Raju offer a one year Trisagion in honor of their Father, Raju Thobias. May his memory be eternal. For the health of Erin, Renji, and Reena. May God grant them many years.

The Abdelnour family offer a 40 day Trisagion for Joe's sister, Sarah Annette. May her memory be eternal. Prayers for the health and salvation of the Abdelnour, Berry, Saba, and Neil families and our St. George family. May God grant them many years.

Samira Khoury offers a one year Trisagion in loving memory of her sister in law, Rigfa Khoury. May her memory be eternal. In memory of Jack, Fr. Gerius, Kh. Hannah, Fr. Nassar, Kh. Hanna, Majed, Jamil, Adib, Kamal, Jamilia, Jalila, John, George, Ghanem, Gerius, Benyout, Odeh, Brahim, Nawaf, Hyatt, Miriam, Abdullah, Juliette, Jackson. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Samira, Marian, Constantine, George and Jack Dougenis, Lillian, Ava, and Julia Sayegh, Sandy, Eddie, James, Madelyn, Matthew and Michael Khoury. May God grant them many years.

Walid and Randa Qaqish offer Holy Bread for the health of Walid, Randa, Sandy, Jesse, Lani, Robert, Kim, Crystal, Joe, Katherine, Manual and the children. May God grant them many years! For the departed Elias, Mary, Awni, Refa, Suliman, Halim, Tamam, Hannah, Hala, Ibrahim, Issa, Nasri, Refa, Majdoleen, Fadwa, Zwad, Saleem, and Sameela. May their memory be eternal!

Brad and Lisa Henrich offer Holy Bread for the birthday of their daughter, Chloe Nichole, and for the health and salvation of her and her brother, Alexander Wolfgang. May God illumine their hearts.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Ian and Shaden deGrasse, on the Churching of their daughter, Rya Jacqueline deGrasse. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Michael Bannoura and Nadine Abualzulof, on the Baptism of their son, Dylan Bannoura. May God grant them many years.