



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

## Sunday, January 25, 2026

### Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople & Fifteenth 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

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#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE EIGHT)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN (TONE ONE)

The pastoral psalter of thy discourse in theology triumphed over the trumpets of orators and overcame it; for having sought the depth of the Spirit, there was also vouchsafed to thee excellence of speech, O Father Gregory. Wherefore, intercede 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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE  
(For Gregory the Theologian)

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.*

*Hear this, all ye people.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)**

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son Who has been made perfect forever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a High Priest, one Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

THE GOSPEL  
(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—“Zacchaeus Sunday”)

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)**

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

***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.

Noha Simon offers Holy Bread for the health of Noha, Paula, Joe, Malia, Christina, Walter, Sophia, Michael, Nadia, Savannah, and Amelia. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Donald (5 year memorial), Louis, Sandy, Elia, Marie, Nadia, Richard, Heather, Linda, Lillian, Louis and Sandy. May their memory be eternal.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Abraham and Iliana Khoury on the Baptism of their son, Mason Abraham Khoury. May God grant them many years.

Thank you, Brittany Rose, for sponsoring Coffee Hour.