



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, March 8, 2026
Second Sunday of Great Lent
Commemoration of Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica

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

Rev. Dn. Elias Mousa • 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 SIX)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE EIGHT)

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of 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 Martyr George intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE EIGHT)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

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

Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

Thou, “O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail.” But to which of the angels did He say at any time, “Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?” Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Sister Theopisti, David, and Donald.

The Rabadi family offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Maher Rabadi. May his memory be eternal.

Ruba & Wisam Sweis offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Odeh Sweis. May his memory be eternal.

Suhaila & Toufik Al Haj offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Georgette Alhaj Saliba. May her memory be eternal.

John Doumani offers a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Julian Capata. May his memory be eternal.

Rania, Maryam, Elissar, and the Daya family offer a 40-day Trisagion for the salvation of their mother and grandmother, Elham Boutros, who fell asleep in the Lord at her home in Lebanon. May her memory be eternal.

Sami and Wafaa Yacoub and Ibtisam and Mitch Salem offer the Holy Oblation for the 9- and 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Jack Faisal Sayegh. May God grant rest to His servant Jack, and may his memory be eternal. We pray that God bless and comfort the entire Sayegh family, especially Faisal, Manal, Joey, Yasmeen, Johnny, Jessica, Santana, and James. In loving memory of Jack, Yousef, and Jalilah.

Buzz, Rima and Hannah Iacovelli offer the holy bread in celebration of the wedding of Arnold Hanna and Yara Hakim, May God Grant them many blessings. For their parents John and Olga Hakim, and Marie Rose Wazzan, For the good health of Em Jamil, Jamil, Amira, George, John, Olga, Eliot, José & Rita Hakim, Rana, Ross, Ray & Romy Landreth, Miray, John, Chloe & Christophe Chamoun, Sarah & Josh Nuyten, Marie el Asmar, Raghida Chamoun, Marsha Landreth, Bob, Irene, Ronnie, Lynn, Jeff, Sophia, Antonio, Maria, Nick, Elizabeth, and Serena Iacovelli, Richard, Amalia, Elena Reinhardt Iacovelli, Paula, Kim and Bruce Cater, Marcia Parisi & their families. In memory of George Hakim, Henry & Grace Iacovelli, Elias el Asmar, Tony Chamoun, Youssef and Nahia Najem, Jack Iacovelli, and for all the Hakim, Hanna, Wazzan, Asmar, Najem, Chamoun, Nuyten, Karamouzis, Ferris, Nehme, Fiandaca, Cater, Iacovelli and Landreth families.

Thank you to Ruba & Wisam Sweis family for sponsoring coffee hour!