



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Third Sunday of Great Lent  
Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

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 SEVEN)**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS (TONE ONE)**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

**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**

(For the Third Sunday of Great Lent)

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

*Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)**

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore

draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### THE GOSPEL

(For the Third Sunday of Great Lent)

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)**

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

#### ***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 Joseph Family offer Holy Bread in loving memory of Chris Yousef Joseph. He lived a life with a selfless heart, putting his family before himself. He was our guiding light, a source of strength that never wavered. May your laughter, love, kindness, and strength live on forever in our hearts. Beloved son, brother, uncle to Rasmeih, Amanda, Julian, Peter, Josephine, and Adrian.

Caroline Aeed offers Holy Bread for the continued health and special healing for Larry, Caroline, Marlo, Kyle, Barbara, Kipper, Michael, James, and the Aeed and Miller families. In loving memory of Catherine Aeed, Catherine Michaels Aeed, Fred and Chaunci Aeed, Freda and David Brown, Jeanne, Fred and Michael Shaheen. May their memory be eternal.

Thank you to the Joseph Family for sponsoring coffee hour!