



SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26

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Second Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Matthew

Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina at Constantinople; Venerable Theophanes the monk and Pansemne the former harlot of Antioch; John the wonderworker, metropolitan of Tobolsk and all Siberia

TONE 2

EOTHINON 3

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, **Followed by the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Greg Baine

Greeters: Rose Beard & Rowayda Haddad

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR (TONE TWO)

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

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RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION IN TONE TWO

Exceeding glorious beyond the power of thought are thy mysteries, O Theotokos; for being sealed in purity, and preserved in virginity, thou wast acknowledged to be in very truth the Mother who didst bring forth the true God. Wherefore, entreat Him to save our souls.

THE EPISTLE

(For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

THE GOSPEL

(For Third Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious

can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

THE SYNAXARION

On June 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Isauros, Basil, Innocent, Hermias, Felix and Peregrinos of Athens; and the Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael of Persia.

The holy Martyr Isauros, a deacon, and Basil and Innocent were from Athens. In the reign of Numerian (283-284), they came to Apollonia in Illyricum. There, encountering Felix, Peregrinos, and Hermias hidden in a cave, they strengthened them in their faith as they endured persecutions. Betrayed to Tripontius the Proconsul, all but Isauros and Innocent were beheaded. These last two Tripontius gave over to his son, Apollonius, who tortured them, and then had them beheaded. All six men then entered into our Lord’s Heavenly Kingdom.

Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael, Persians by race and brethren according to the flesh, were sent by the Persian King Alamundar as ambassadors to Julian the Apostate to negotiate a peace treaty. While with him at a place near Chalcedon, they refused to join him in offering sacrifice to his idols. Scorning the immunity universally accorded to ambassadors, Julian had them slain in the year 362. This was a cause of the war with Persia in which Julian perished miserably the following year, much to the joy and ridicule of the entire world.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Joseph and Pior, disciples of Anthony the Great; and Martyr Nectan of Hartland. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

Humble people have no needless or petty quarrels with others, because they have no egocentric desires to always have their own way. They are not self-seeking; for they know that it is God’s will, not their own, that they should strive for. Therefore, humility naturally brings with it unity, both with God and with our fellows. -- **His Eminence,**

METROPOLITAN JOSEPH

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Anonymous

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A BLESSED MARRIAGE

“O LORD OUR GOD, CROWN THEM WITH GLORY AND WITH HONOR”

Congratulations to Frew Bekele Meshesha & Tsige Negash Gebremedhin on their blessed marriage as they joined together into “one flesh” through the Mystery of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 9, 2018. May the Lord God by His presence at the Marriage Feast in Cana of Galilee, and who did declare Marriage to be an honorable estate, bless their Marriage with blameless life and grant them and their families many years of peaceful love, oneness of mind, and steadfastness of faith.

A BLESSED BAPTISM

Congratulations to Philip and Nicole Mijares on the blessed baptism of their son Maximus Mijares on Saturday, June 9, 2018. May the Lord God bless him, his parents & Godparents with health, faith & happiness for many years. He is the newest member to the One & Holy Orthodox Church.

FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

There are 1428 pre-sale tickets, \$28,560, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, please help, as soon as possible. Jamie Isaac- Treasurer

Αξιός! مستحق He is Worthy!

We would like to wish our Beloved Subdeacon Michael Sifuentes all the best as he is to be ordained to the holy order of the diaconate this coming Saturday 16th of June 2018, at the Parish Life Conference in Santa Fe, NM! May God grant him many years!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

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