



# 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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### UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS IN ROME & FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

**TONE 4**

**EOTHINON 5**

**Saturday Service:** Vespers 5:00 P.M.

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

**Epistle:** Edwina Youngblood

**Altar Boys:** All are welcome to serve.

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 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 SS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN IN TONE EIGHT

O ye silver-hating, wonderworking saints, Cosmas and Damian, visit our sicknesses. Freely ye received, freely give unto us.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

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.

#### ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

*“And they were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26)*

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Unmercenaries)

*In the saints that are in His earth bath the Lord been wondrous.  
I beheld the Lord ever before me, for He is at my right hand, that I might not be shaken.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (12:27-13:8)**

Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)**

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

## THE SYNAXARION

On July 1 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, who were perfected in martyrdom in Rome.

These brothers workEd without pay as physicians and miracle-workers. Cosmas and Damian possessed abundant grace from God to heal men and livestock from every disease and suffering, usually by the laying on of hands. They only required of the infirm to believe in Christ the Lord. Inheriting a large estate, they charitably distributed it to the needy and to those in want. At that time, Emperor Galerius of Rome persecuted Christianity; he summoned these two holy brothers, shackled in chains, before him. The emperor ordered them to deny Christ and to offer sacrifices to the idols. Instead, Cosmas and Damian counseled him to abandon the dead idols and to recognize the One True God. Then Cosmas and Damian miraculously cured the emperor from a grave infirmity; he proclaimed his faith in Christ and released the holy brothers in peace. Later, a certain doctor, envious of their glory from God, who at one time was their teacher, and with the pretext to gather healing herbs, led Cosmas and Damian into the mountain and stoned them to death. They suffered honorably for the Faith of Christ in the year 284.

On this day, we also commemorate New-martyr Constantine of Cyprus; and the translation of the relics of Venerable John of Rila. By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

### *Thought of the Day*

We sometimes hear people say, 'I'm only human.' We hear it in songs, in conversation, perhaps in confession. It sounds like an excuse in our fallen condition not to change. Therefore, let us challenge ourselves and others to be 'truly human' rather than 'only human.' To be truly human we must commit ourselves to rise above the bodiless powers with the Theotokos who is more honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim in pursuit of the likeness of God. -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

### Holy Bread is offered by:



**Jamie Isaac** for the health of all St George Parishioners and their family.

**Vanessa Salloum** for the health of the Salloum Families.

**A 40-day memorial service** for Selma "Sallie" Malooly will take place this coming Sunday, offered by her family: Albert Malooly, Marilyn & Ken Drahan, Jennifer Drahan, Blake Malooly, Matthew

Malooly and family, and Cameron Malooly.

**May her memory be eternal!**

## DONATIONS

**Tony Dayoub** congratulations to Deacon Michael.

**Joseph & Melissa Isaac** for the health of Chris Joudi on the occasion of his birthday.

**James, Odette Shaheen & James A. Shaheen** for the good health of Abdo & Martha Esper, James & Odette Shaheen and family; congratulations Deacon Michael.

### In memory of Laura Abraham

Georgette Abraham

Blanca Anaipakos

Dora Vasilakis

### In Memory of Selma (Sally) Abraham Malooly

James & Odette Shaheen

## ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Alex & Madelyn Shaheen

Kyle, Alexis, Ella & Adrienne Gorham

Andrea, Ruben, Matheo Espinosa

## FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

There are 847 pre-sale tickets, \$16940, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, *PLEASE* do so by this coming Sunday.

Jamie Isaac - Treasurer

## Ladies Society Meeting

The ladies will be meeting Sunday July 1st after Divine Liturgy.

## Divine Liturgy for the Commemoration of Ss. Peter & Paul



**On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Matins: 5:45 PM**

**Divine Liturgy: 6:30 PM**



### **“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group**

**Come and join us every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM!**

Interesting discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are lead by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Abouid. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and faith!

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Hospital & Pastoral Visits** (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time).

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

**Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday.**