

# SAINT MENAS



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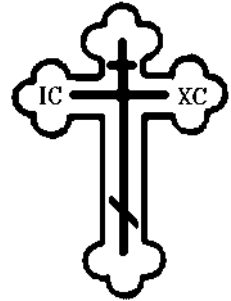


## Saint George Orthodox Cathedral

Rev. Fr. Milad Selim, Dean

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We are happy to welcome visitors to the Orthodox Church. We are blessed by your presence. Because the Orthodox Church understands communion to be the union of its membership, only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared properly should approach the chalice for communion. Those who belong to other “communions”, but would like to come into the Orthodox Church, should speak to one of our clergy to begin preparation. Thank you for your respect and understanding.

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| TONE:           | 6            |
| EOTHINON:       | 1            |
| VESPERS:        | 5 PM         |
| CHURCH SCHOOL:  | 9 AM         |
| MATINS:         | 9 AM         |
| CONFESSION:     | 9:15-9:45 AM |
| DIVINE LITURGY: | 10 AM        |

**Sunday November 12, 2017**

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

**St. John: Captain: Zachary El-Dahr**

Anthony Abusamra, Gregory Hurter, Ben Degon, Alexander Samra, Alex Houssan, Michael Houssan, Nathaniel Schmidt.

**Please dress appropriately including dress shoes and tie.**

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10:25-37)**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 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 OF ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER IN TONE EIGHT**

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

### **KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

**Supporting St. Elias Orthodox Church in Lebanon:** By the Grace of God, we were able to raise \$10,000 for the building project of St. Elias Church. On behalf of their faithful community, I thank everyone who participated and supported this important outreach event. For more information, please feel free to contact Fr. Milad.

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**, in Shrewsbury is holding a Thanksgiving Bake Sale, Luncheon & Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, November 18, 2017, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Featured are: Spinach, Leek, or Cheese Pita, Baklava, Ethnic Pastries, and traditional baked goods. Shop at the Holiday Marketplace where 20 Vendors will feature gifts, jewelry, crafts, and specialty apparel. There will also be a luncheon served! For more information you may call: 508-845-0088, or e-mail: [info@StNicholasChurch.org](mailto:info@StNicholasChurch.org).



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Featuring book of the month: ***The Orthodox Study Bible New Testament and Psalms.*** **Regular price \$32.99 On SALE for \$25.00 EACH.** *Discovering Orthodox Christianity in the pages of the New Testament.*

We have ***over 60 new books*** in stock for all ages. Also ***new merchandise*** great gifts for all occasions, and **MUCH MORE AT REASONABLE PRICES!!!** Please stop by and see.

## **Announcements**

**Men's Club:** Our next Men's Club meeting will be on December 7, 2017 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome, men, women and children for our annual Lobster dinner. Save the date. Reservations are a must, so we may plan accordingly. There will not be any tickets at the door. Don't miss out- bring your family and enjoy with the rest of us. For reservations please email George at [georgeelhousan@verizon.net](mailto:georgeelhousan@verizon.net) or call (774) 696-4174 or Bob Laham at (508) 366-3966 or e-mail mensclub@laham.us

**New to the Orthodox Church?** Interested in learning more? Please join Fr. Seraphim for our Inquirer's Class, Sunday mornings immediately following the church school opening prayers at 9:00 AM. No previous knowledge required - no question turned away!

**Wish list:** What is a wish list? A wish list is an itemized list of necessities for the Cathedral that we need to buy without affecting the operating budget. We are thankful to whomever is willing to donate these items. You can make your donation in memory of or for the health of your loved ones. We currently in need of a commercial barbecue grill with a cover (\$3,500) to use for our parish dinners. If you would like to contribute the whole amount or make a donation towards it, you may contact George Elhousan via phone at 774-696-4174 or email at: [Georgeelhousan@verizon.net](mailto:Georgeelhousan@verizon.net) or Fr. Milad at [fr.milad.selim@gmail.com](mailto:fr.milad.selim@gmail.com)

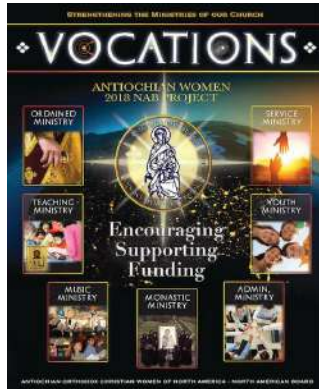
**Church School Announcement:** Beginning on November 12th, Church School students will no longer sit with their teachers during the Diving Liturgy. Instead, all students will enter the Cathedral at 10 AM and sit with their parents. Students whose parents are not present at the Divine Liturgy will not be supervised by anyone. The purpose for this change is to allow and encourage families to worship together, developing a strong faith-based family bond. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### **New Board Members Elected**

**The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Orthodox Management Corp.**, which operates Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, recently added four new board members: Father Gregory Christakos, Stephen Fotos, Jr., Thomas Fitzpatrick, and Kevin Mercadante. These four individuals will be filling the vacancies left from the previous board members who fulfilled their term limits. We thank them all for their selfless donations of time and talents!

**ST GEORGE WOMEN'S CLUB  
PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD**

*In keeping with the Yuletide spirit and with what has become a St. George tradition, we ask that you join us in support of our community's Christmas Card. All proceeds will be combined with parishes throughout North America to benefit this year's Archdiocese Antiochian Women's Project: 'VOCATIONS'*



*Please fill out the form below so that we may include you among the subscribers.*

*Please note: Your donation must be received no later than **November 26, 2017***

*Please include our name on the St George Christmas Card  
I have circled the donation amount*

\$100      \$75      \$50      \$25      \$10      Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name(s) to be printed (please print clearly)*

*Phone \_\_\_\_\_*

*Email \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please make checks payable to: St George Women's Club and send to:  
St George Women's Club, 30 Anna Street, Worcester, MA 01604  
Attention: Mary Ellen Swydan*

**TRISAGION PRAYERS AND HOLY KURBAN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- George A. Mahassel (40 days), may his memory be eternal, from his family
- Warren Jeannotte (3 years) from Barry, Janice, and Adora Jeannotte and family

**PRAYERS OF OBLATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- George Matook from Mike and Leilah Dowd and family
- Mary Rizkalla from Agnes Samara and her daughter, Janis
- George Mahassel, memory eternal, from Criss Haddad and family
- Alfred Haddad and Elizabeth Boosahda from Ron and Aileen Abraham
- Alfred Haddad from Roy and Maureen Samra
- Alfred Haddad, memory eternal, from Criss Haddad and family
- My brother, Edward Milhem, from Patricia Milhem
- Edward V. Milhem II (Giddo) from Alexander, Allister and Abigail
- The senior parishioners who have gone before us and who have left us a legacy of faith, family, love of Christ, and this special St. George community from Sheryl Bourisk and Paul Minda

**PRAYERS OF OBLATION FOR THE HEALTH OF:**

- Fr. Milad, thank you for your blessings on David and Sara's wedding day, may God grant your and your family many years from Barry and Janice Jeannotte
- Krista Canwell, Colleen Peterson, Sandie Burgoyne, Elaine Saliba, Roy and Maureen Samra, Nelson and Suzanne Ezen, Joe and Gayle MacKoul, Rick Aramony, Demetri Bayrouthy, and John Sedares, thank you for bringing your beautiful voices to David and Sara's wedding, may God grant you many years, from Janice and Barry Jeannotte
- David and Sara Jeannotte on the occasion of their wedding, may God grant you many years, love Mom and Dad
- The Milhem, Luperchio, Gardner, Finley and Salem families from Alexander, Allister and Abigail
- Barbara Bourisk and all the Cathedral seniors we celebrate today, thank you for instilling in us the importance of faith, family, love and devotion to our parish from Sheryl Bourisk and Paul Minda
- Barbara Bourisk, continued good health and God's blessings, love, George, Diane, Michael and Sarah Bourisk
- Barbara Bourisk, continued good health and God's blessings love, Bob Yola, Alex, Courtney and Dennis
- In honor of our mother and grandmother, Beatrice Haddad, on this special Sunday from Mark, Cindy, Anthony and Lydia Haddad
- May God bless our mother, Beatrice Haddad, with continued good health and happiness on this special day and always from Jessica and Edward Agazarian
- Love and best wishes to our mother and grandmother, Beatrice Haddad, on this special day and always from Claudia, David, Jonathan and Geoffrey Barratt



## A GREAT MARTYR OF THE CHURCH

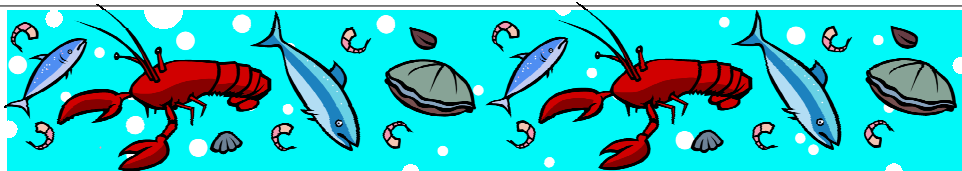
**H**istory testifies that from the third to the seventh centuries, North Africa was a land of thousands of Christian churches and of untold numbers of believers who died a martyr's death in testimony of their faith in Christ. Some of the greatest of hierarchs and theologians came from there. But in the seventh century, the forces of Islam overran the territory and began to gradually wipe out the Christian faith. A similar experience has happened in Turkey and in other lands.

**SAINT MENAS** was born in Egypt. He served as a Christian soldier in the army of the Roman Empire. He left the service at one point because of an edict against Christians, and retired to a desert wilderness to live out his life in peace. But when the terrible persecutions of Diocletian broke out in 303, he went back to testify with his life the Lord he professed.

At a pagan festival, he proclaimed his faith in Christ. He announced: **"My fatherland is Egypt; my name is Menas. I was an officer, but, seeing the worship of idols, I rejected your honors. I have come now to proclaim my Christ before you all as the Living God."**

Menas was immediately arrested and put into prison. The next day he was scourged. He was subjected to all kinds of torment. Finally, the judge ordered him to be beheaded and the body burned. Christians then recovered his bones from the pyre and he was buried in Alexandria. A great church was built over his relics when the Emperor Constantine gave freedom and peace to the Christian faith. St. Menas the Warrior is considered a Great Martyr of the Church.





## ***Men's Club Lobster Supper***

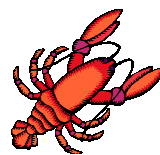
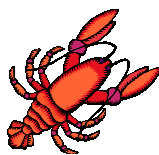
St. George Men's Club will be hosting our annual Lobster Supper on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

2 lb. **Boiled Lobster**—\$40

Baked Salmon—\$25

Clam chowder, salad, calamari and dessert are also included.

All are invited (women too).



A children's meal of **cheese pizza**, french fries, clam chowder, salad and dessert will be available for \$10.

**THIS IS A RESERVATION ONLY EVENT.**

**Walk-ins will not be accepted.**

Reservations can be made by check made payable to the Men's Club and mailed to St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Anna Street, Worcester, MA 01604. **Reservations must be received no later than Monday, December 4.** Please contact George El-Houssan at [georgeelhousan@verizon.net](mailto:georgeelhousan@verizon.net) or 774-696-4174 with any questions.

*"Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead"*  
*(St. John Chrysostom)*

## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Food Baskets**

**Unload the truck on December 21<sup>st</sup> - 6 PM**

**Pack on December 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1 PM**

**Deliver on December 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9 AM**

**Reaching our goal of \$10,000 will help feed 100 families in need!**



**Make a donation today in loving memory  
OR for the health of your loved ones**

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**In Memory of:**

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