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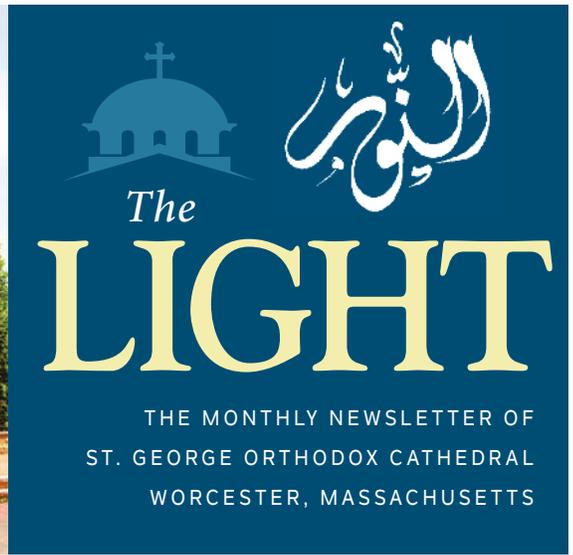
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Reflection

Ministry of the Apostles—A Higher Calling



Fr. Milad Selim

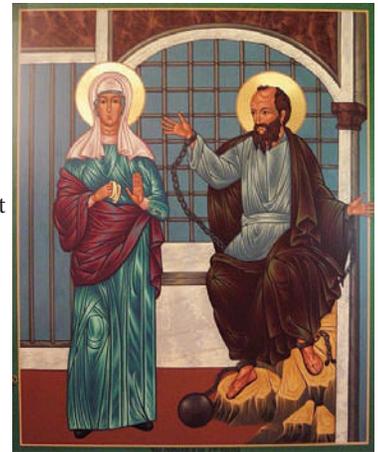
The early church of Antioch flourished through the work of the Apostles. The needs of the faithful were met by the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to those Apostles. Their ministry went beyond preaching. They ministered to the poor, widows, sick and imprisoned. When the

Church grew, more people, both men and women, were chosen and appointed to spread the faith and meet the needs of the people.

As our Cathedral community continues to grow and our work spreads beyond our four walls, a need for a new ministry has risen. Thankfully, we don't need to reinvent the wheel and think of new and creative ways to make such a ministry successful; we have the example of the Church of Antioch to guide us. Therefore, we have embraced a new ministry here at the Cathedral that will focus on service and support for "ALL" of the needs of our parishioners, organizations and outreach projects. We will call it, *The Ministry of the Apostles*. The ministry's main goal is to serve wherever and whenever a need arises, both within and outside of our Cathedral community. It will provide support to our Men's and Women's Clubs, Choir, Church School, Teen SOYO, Young Adult Ministry and Parish Council. We will visit the sick in their homes, hospitals and nursing facilities. We will plan fellowship family nights and events for the entire community to participate in. We will provide Christian education opportunities in both English and Arabic based on the needs of our parishioners. This ministry is open to the entire community, men, women and children.

This new ministry will have two patron Saints, Paul and Thekla, who were fellow-servants in the Lord and whose ministry and preaching established the foundation of our faith. You may remember that St. Thekla, who is called, Equal to the Apostles,

listened to the preaching of St. Paul through her window and was intrigued by what St. Paul was saying about Jesus. Her faith and courage led her away from her betrothed and her family as she began preaching the Gospel of Christ and healing the sick through prayer. Together, their Apostolic work helped spread the Gospel according to the Great Commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will use their faithfulness, zeal, love and courage as a guide and measure for this new ministry. We will look to emulate their selfless service to Christ and His Church through our service to others.



The rich history of our Orthodox Church is full of examples of faithful servants who put aside their own needs for the sake of the other, thus emulating Christ's own selfless sacrifice for us. It is worth noting that we are truly blessed here at our Cathedral to have many parishioners whose only desire is to selflessly serve. It is precisely this kind of attitude that leads to the growth of a church community. Let us then, my beloved servants in the Lord, continue to look outside of ourselves and attend to the needs of our beloved Cathedral and those who are within and outside of her. I look forward to serving alongside each and every one of you on this blessed ministry, growing in our faith and becoming one with our Lord and one another. +

To read the full life of St. Thekla, you may visit:
Antiochian.org/life_of_thekla



By the grace of God

and with the blessing of Fr. Milad, our Cathedral will host a three-day Middle Eastern Festival from June 7th–9th in 2019. It has been 25 years since the Cathedral hosted a festival of this size. Christine ElHousson has been appointed as the chairperson of the festival. Mark your calendar and be ready to serve.



FR. SERAPHIM'S
fun facts

You are not alone in that! As I mentioned in February, “I really don’t have anything to confess” is probably the most common confession of all—and just another way of saying “I don’t know what to say.” So here are a few tips—a few things to keep in mind.

First, remember that going to confession is much more like going for a checkup with your family doctor than a hearing before a stern judge. You probably think of yourself as a pretty good person—your priest likely does too, but that’s not the point! We can *all* use a tune-up in our relationship with God and our relationships with each other, and that’s really what confession is for—it’s a unique opportunity for a fresh start.

Second, remember your Little Red Prayer Book? There’s a ton of good stuff in there. Before you meet with your father confessor, take time to read through the “Preparation for Confession” on page 38 and do what it suggests. If you need more

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help, a thorough “Self-Examination” based on the Ten Commandments begins on page 39. Other prayer books have similar aids; it doesn’t much matter which one you use, so long as you find it helpful.

Third, remember that you are confessing to *God*, and your father confessor is there to bear witness to God of all that you say. But he can also help you and guide you both before and after you make your confession. If you don’t know what to say, ask him! You can ask him to ask you questions, if that would help – though, of course, if you can point him in the right direction by telling him what’s on your mind or your heart, it will definitely speed things along. (Playing “20 Questions” in confession is no fun for him or for you!)

Fourth, remember that it’s *your* confession, not anybody else’s. If you find yourself making excuses, blaming circumstances, faulting other people or

your own bad luck ... you’ve missed the point and—sorry!— it’s not a confession, but a gripe session. Stop yourself when you find you’re heading down that path and go back to what *you*

need to confess, to *your* part in whatever happened. You don’t have to go into all the gory details, and in fact, your priest will probably appreciate it if you don’t. You *do* have to make clear enough what happened and own your responsibility in it.

Finally, remember that the whole point of confession is to put our relationship with God and with other people back in order whenever something we’ve done has damaged it. Like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God is waiting for us with open arms—and not just waiting, but running towards us even as we make the first steps back towards Him. If you keep this image in mind, you might find it easier to take those first steps. +

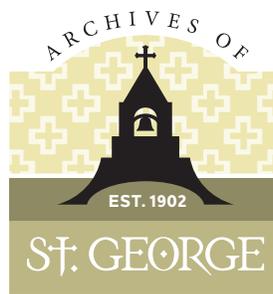


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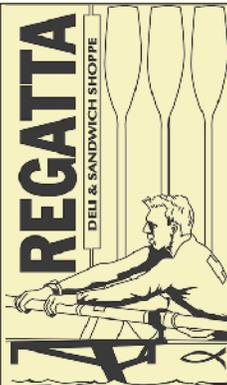
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From our Church School Teachers to our Church School Parents

Dear Parents:

We are blessed to have your children start this school year and look forward to watching them learn and grow closer to God throughout the rest of the year. We as Church School staff, would love to extend our lessons about our faith outside of our classrooms and the church and right home with you.

Once a week and 7 days apart is a long time to retain knowledge when it isn't heard regularly. We would like to ask your help as parents; extend our lessons into your home through the week. Your children are eager, and excited during class, excited to learn about the Orthodox Faith handed down from the Apostles. We ask that you encourage that within your children. Some great ways to do that are:

1. Attend church services regularly with your children. The world is constantly

challenging our beliefs and pulling us and our children away from God. The Church is a beautiful haven from the distractions of the world. When your children witness your seriousness about the faith, they will follow your example.

2. Read and talk to your children about the weekly emails you receive from your child's teacher. Reinforcing one or two times during the week the overview of what they learned the week previous will show them the importance of what they are learning.
3. Lastly, please talk to our teachers about how you can get involved. Our amazing staff genuinely care about the spiritual well-being of our students and would love to have more parental involvement.

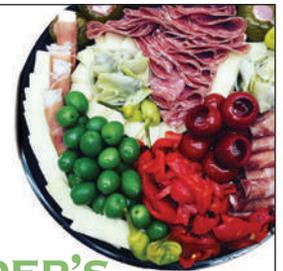
If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Fr. Milad, Robert Wehbe, or any of our teachers! +



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Interactive Presentation on CPR and a Defibrillator

On October 2nd, 2018, the Women's Club invited Collette Houssan to be our guest speaker on an interactive presentation on CPR. Collette Houssan, a clinical research coordinator in the Emergency Department at UMass Med, along with two student



volunteers did the presentation. Collette walked us through the hands-only CPR steps, as well as, how to use a defibrillator. Collette's presentation was very informative and it was a pleasure having her as our guest speaker. +

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact the Cathedral office or organization members for more details.

NOV 4	Spiritual Brew during coffee hour	NOV 29	Men's Club meeting, new officers will be elected
NOV 7	CEOC General Assembly meeting at Holy Trinity	DEC 4	Women's Club meeting, new officers will be elected
NOV 18	Antiochian Village Bake Sale at St. George	JAN 18-21	Winter Family Camp at Antiochian Village



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During the coffee hour in Fr. Ghannam Hall, Fr. Milad Selim will do a presentation on Icons. Everyone is invited. Hosted by the Women of Saint George.



Recent Holy Sacraments Celebrated at St. George Cathedral



WEDDINGS

Christopher Shohan & Joanna Christakis

October 13

Justin Alvarez & Michelle Nasrah

October 20



CHRISMATIONS

Justin Alvarez—September 16



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Mabel R. Assad

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Vespers 5 pm
4 Spiritual Brew - After Coffee Hr. Church School: 9 am Orthros: 9 am Liturgy: 10 am	5	6	7 Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches General Assembly 6:30 pm at Holy Trinity	8	9	10 Diocesan Christmas Concert at St. George - West Roxbury 9:30 AM
11 Church School: 9 am Orthros: 9 am Liturgy: 10 am	12 Parish Council Meeting 7pm	13	14	15 Nativity Fast Begins 11/15-12/24	16	17 Vespers 5 pm
18 Camp Bake Sale Presentation on Icons Church School: 9 am Orthros: 9 am Liturgy: 10 am	19	20 Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos 6 PM	21 Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos	22 Thanksgiving Day 	23	24 Vespers 5 pm
25 Church School: 9 am Orthros: 9 am Liturgy: 10 am	26	27	28	29 Men's Club Meeting 6pm— <i>Election of</i> <i>Officers</i>	30	1 Marriage Seminar at the Chancery with Bishop JOHN 10 AM - 3 PM Vespers 5 pm