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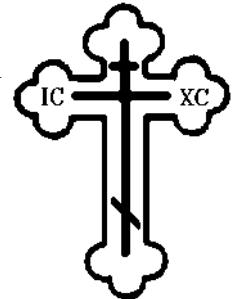


Saint George Orthodox Cathedral

Rev. Fr. Milad Selim, Dean

Rev. Archdn. Seraphim Solof

Rev. Dn. Anthony Payne



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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The Hall at St. George: 508-752-9150

TONE: 7

EOTHINON: 5

VESPERS: 5 PM

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9 AM

MATINS: 9 AM

CONFESSON: 9:15-9:45 AM

DIVINE LITURGY: 10 AM

Sunday September 24, 2017

ALTAR SERVERS:

All boys are eligible to serve.

Come to the Altar **NO LATER** than 10:00AM for the start of Liturgy and see Dr. Wood.

Please dress appropriately including dress shoes and tie.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all, who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 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 OF ST. THEKLA THE PROTO-MARTYR IN TONE THREE

(By Cyril, Patriarch of Constantinople, 1813) O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, thou wast enflamed with the love of thy Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. Thou didst despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered thyself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SILOUAN THE ATHONITE IN TONE FOUR

By prayer thou didst receive Christ as thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS 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.

Announcements

Women's Club: Women's Club Our next Dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3. Details soon. Meanwhile, we are honoring our Antiochian students at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Seminary, at a reception at St George, West Roxbury on Sunday September 24 at 4pm. On Saturday October 14, our Diocese meeting will be at St John, Dedham. We will be carpooling... if you'd like to join us either day, see Carol or Pam at Coffee Hours.

Men's Club: Our next meeting will be September 28, 2017 at 6 pm. Please make every effort to attend we have lots of upcoming projects that we need to discuss. We need your opinion and ideas. If you have any questions or for reservations please call George at 774-696-4174 or email georgeelhoussan@verizon.net or Bob Laham at 508-667-4248 or email mensclub@laham.us.

Holy Trinity: Annual Fundraiser 11th Annual Food and Wine Fest, Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:30-8:30pm at St. George Orthodox Cathedral. Watch for details to follow! Check out Holy Trinity's Spring Newsletter at htnr.net/blog

New to the Orthodox Church? Interested in learning more? Please join Archdeacon 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!

St. Nicholas Gift Shop
Be sure to visit our Gift Shop!
We are accepting Credit Cards and Debit Cards.
We have Gift Certificates Available.

A new book has arrived, "Building an Orthodox Marriage" By Bishop John Abdalah and Nicholas G. Mamey. \$16.00 EACH.

We have **over 60 new books** in stock for all ages. Also **new merchandise** great gifts for all occasions. Please stop by and see us.

We have Children's Games, Children's Books, Children's Coloring Books, Cook Books, Cards, Jewelry, Rings, Faberge Style Pendants, Crystal and Enamel Brooch, Sacramental Gifts, Icons, Gilded Icons, Sacramental Candles, Oil Lamps, Home Censers, Incense, Wicks, Night Lights, Sun Catcher, Icon Magnets, Music CD's, Ceramics, DVD'S, Wall Crosses, Books, Wind Chimes, Russian Wood Churches, Tapestries large and small, and **MUCH MORE AT REASONABLE PRICES!!!**

Antiochian Orthodox Rewards Program:

The Archdiocese Board of Trustees with the support of the Bishops are extremely excited to announce the Antiochian Orthodox Rewards Program. This is an online shopping rewards program connecting individuals and their businesses to their favorite retailers. It also provides the ability to order gift cards from a large selection through the Gift Card Mall including Visa, American Express, Target, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, iTunes, department stores and more.

The program creates an automatic monetary contribution that will go directly to each individual parish as well as a portion being contributed to the clergy retirement fund. We believe this is a great way for parishioners to earn money for their parish on everyday purchases while finding deals and exclusive discounts from thousands of retailers.

Parishioners will simply access the site via <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> and register with their email. There is no cost to join and the sign-up process is quick and easy. For additional ease, the shopper will not have to access the rewards site prior to making their purchases if they install the "Support Button" on their Chrome, Safari, or Firefox Browser. Once installed, every time they explore the web, approved sites will be indicated by an Orthodox cross icon. They will also see the contribution percentage donated on each site.

A link to a tutorial/overview video can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/193822498>.

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 (\$3000) 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 Elhoussan via email at Georgeelhoussan@verizon.net or by phone 774-696-3365 or any member of the Men's Club.

From Bishop JOHN:

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you and your families as we prepare for the beginning of a new Church year. Michelle Moujaes, the Executive Director of Faithtree Resources, will be our speaker for family camp and is willing to address our parish leaders and interested parishioners about the Faithtree resources while she is here in the East Coast. Our people have asked for materials and resources to help engage our parishioners and that support our clergy and lay leadership in teaching Christian living and knowledge of the Faith.

With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH, Faithtree Resources has begun to produce and make available multiple resources to support our churches with content and conversations that guide our people in the practical application of the Faith, and that drives them back to the local parish and pastor. Having participated in some of their work, I can assure you it is well done and extraordinarily engaging.

This Fall, on Thursday, October 12th, at 7:00 pm, I will be hosting an informal meeting at my home in a direct effort to share with you these materials, to support the work of Faithtree, to enable the Faithtree team to continue to develop and produce resources that directly benefit our parishes. Michelle Moujaes, the Executive Director of Faithtree Resources, will be with us to tell us about some of the exciting work their team is doing, and to share how in two years, thousands of people across the globe have been impacted.

She will also tell you how you can partner with their efforts.

I ask that you join me in this effort to support their important work. Together, we can make a difference with this critical, volunteer-driven ministry that can help our people bring their faith to life.

Please RSVP by October 7th, to frjpa@aol.com and tell us you'll be joining us!

In Christ,
Bishop JOHN

TRISAGION PRAYERS AND HOLY KURBAN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- My beloved mom, Freda Abysalh, on her passing in August 2005, and my dad, James C. Abysalh, Sr., on his passing in March 1971 from their daughter, Doris

PRAYERS OF OBLATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Nour Ghanem from Souhair McDonald
- Selma B. George from Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. George
- Lena Rizkalla (12 years) from Richard and Gloria Rizkalla
- Walter Haddad from Richard and Gloria Rizkalla
- Walter Haddad from Steve and Tara Husson
- Walter Haddad from Bill and Mary Ann Abodeely
- Michael Ansara from the family of Walter Haddad
- Evelyn Ghiz from Clifford and Nancy Walton
- Jean and Michael Troiano from Lisa and Paul Paldino and family

PRAYERS OF OBLATION FOR THE HEALTH OF:

- George Mahassel from the Men's Club
- George Mahassel from Ann and Andrew Ansara and family
- George Mahassel from Ron, Aileen, and Bob Abraham
- We are so proud of our granddaughter, Nicola A. George, who has been accepted into a doctoral program love, Sito and Jido
- Karen, feel better, from Alexa
- The Ghiz Family from Bob and Connie Abodeely

Thank you to Lisa and Paul Paldino and family for the basil for the Elevation of the Cross. May you be strengthened and blessed by the power of the Holy Cross.

Book Club: Good news! Our Book Club has chosen a book recommended by Father Milad: Doretheos of Gaza: Discourses and Sayings, which has been ordered by our Gift Shop. We will try a new plan, to spend six to eight weeks on each book and moving on to another. Please consider joining us and inviting someone else - we want to make the book club as engaging, interactive and interesting as possible, and that means that we need YOU!

Open House Shrewsbury Montessori:

Come join us to see the new preschool in our Cathedral on Sunday, September 24 after our liturgy. Come and meet faculty and staff from Shrewsbury Montessori School. The preschool offers small Montessori classes where hands-on, collaborative learning comes alive with a loving and nurturing staff and environment. There is an Extended Day program and much more. Call for more information: 508-842-2116.

THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST JOHN

Of the twelve Apostles who were closest to Our Lord in His life and death, St. John the Evangelist occupied a special place. He was "the Beloved Disciple." He was the one to lay his head on the Lord's breast at the Mystical Supper. It was to John that Christ committed that noblest of privileges, the care of His mother.

St. John was the youngest of the apostolic group. His father was Zebedee, his mother, Salome; and his brother, the Apostle James. The family lived on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and earned a livelihood by fishing. The two brothers were followers of St. John the Baptist, but when he exclaimed at the sight of Christ: "Behold, the Lamb of God," they became disciples of the Lord.

The traditional icon of the Evangelist shows him by a rocky cave. This desolate cavern is a reference to Patmos, a rocky island in the Mediterranean, to which the apostle was exiled. He is shown in deep thought as if listening to a heavenly voice. The Hand of God is directed at him from the celestial realm high in the corner. He is depicted as an old man (St. John is said to have lived to about 100), while his scribe is a young man. Church tradition names him Prochorus, one of the seven deacons listed in the Acts of the Apostles. He is transcribing the Book of Revelation concerning the final fate of the world.

John is often symbolized as an eagle in Church Iconography. His soaring message of salvation teaches us about our Lord's Divinity. It helps humanity share in the presence of Jesus, so we may rise to heaven.

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in honor of our Seminarians attending Holy Cross
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Barbara Houle, Telegram and Gazette Food Correspondent

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TICKETS: \$40.00pp; \$75.00 for 2; \$50.00 at door

For tickets call Heather @ 508-852-1000 ext. 206 or email hdubeau@htnr.net

For tickets, please complete the form below and return it with a check payable to Holy Trinity N & R Center and mail to: Holy Trinity Fundraiser, 300 Barber Ave., Worcester, MA 01606, attn: Heather.

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No. of tickets _____ @ \$40.00/pp _____ @ \$75.00 for 2 _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Payment Type: (circle one) MC/VISA _____ Check _____ AMEX _____ Cash _____

CC Information: Name on card: _____

CCt Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Unable to attend, but would like to make a donation