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### **St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral**



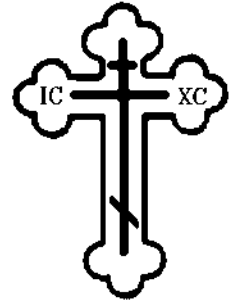
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of  
New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace, Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary Bishop of the  
Diocese of Worcester and New England

Rev. Fr. Milad Selim, Dean

Rev. Fr. Seraphim Solof, Assistant Pastor

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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	<p>TONE: -</p> <p>EOTHINON: -</p> <p>VESPERS: 5 PM</p> <p>CHURCH SCHOOL: 9 AM</p> <p>MATINS: 9 AM</p> <p>CONFESSION: 9:15-9:45 AM</p> <p>DIVINE LITURGY: 10 AM</p>

**Sunday January 14, 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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

### **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THEOPHANY**

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia .

### **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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

### **KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

## **Announcements**

**House Blessings:** Fr. Milad will be blessing homes once again this year following the Feast of Epiphany. It is encouraged that you have as many family members present for the blessing of your home and be sure to have a candle, an icon, a small bowl of water, a Bible and a list of living and departed family members. If you would like to have your home or business blessed, please contact Fr. Milad or the Cathedral Office (508) 752 9150.

### **Women's Club:**

We are hosting the Diocese Women's meeting on Saturday January 27.

### **Men's Club:**

Our next Men's Club meeting is January 25, 2018 at 6 PM. Elections will be held on that day and if you are interested in becoming an officer of the Men's Club, please contact Robert Wehbe at 1-508-688-0945. Let us begin this year together with more effort to attend the meetings and work together continuing whatever our ancestors started, hoping this year to succeed as we did in the past. For reservations please call George at (774) 696-4174 or e-mail [georgeelhousan@verizon.net](mailto:georgeelhousan@verizon.net) or Bob Laham at (508) 667-4248 or e-mail [mensclub@laham.us](mailto:mensclub@laham.us)

**Shrewsbury Montessori Open House:** Shrewsbury Montessori School cordially invites you to an Open House of the preschool located in our cathedral on Saturday, January 20 from 9-11am. 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.

Did you know that parishioners can rent the hall at a discount? Contact The Hall at St George for your next event. Call 508-752-9150 or email [thehallatstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:thehallatstgeorge@gmail.com)

	Parishioner Rates
Main Hall	\$500
Ghannam Hall	\$300
Conference Room	\$65
Classrooms	\$35

#### Non-Parishioner Rates

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\$650
\$150
\$100

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### **The Sunday After Epiphany**

This Sunday is like an echo of the Feast of Epiphany. When the Gospel speaks of the prophecy of Isaiah being fulfilled (*"the people who wait in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."*), it is a reminder that Epiphany is the 'feast of lights'. The light manifested on the banks of the Jordan now spreads into Galilee. Little by little, it will spread to the whole world. Jesus begins to preach and the theme of His preaching is exactly the same as John's. For John, however, the Kingdom of Heaven was 'coming', whereas for Jesus, the Kingdom is already 'at hand': The Kingdom is now identified with Him who announces it. Jesus is the essence and the power of the Kingdom. Nevertheless, this Kingdom is only at its beginning. We shall see it grow, and it will not cease growing until the end of time. This is exactly what St. Paul is declaring in this morning's Epistle when he announces that we shall *"attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."* ***The liturgical year, an abridgement of the history of salvation, represents this growth symbolically for us, from Christmas until the time after Pentecost. It thus outlines the development of our own inner life - the life of Christ in us.***





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-Nicole P. '15

**TAKE THE CHALLENGE – APPLY TODAY!**

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018 | [www.crossroadinstitute.org](http://www.crossroadinstitute.org)

Session One  
**JUNE 16-26**  
BOSTON

Session Two  
**JULY 2-12**  
BOSTON

Session Three  
**JULY 21-31**  
CHICAGO

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

- Kenneth Ezen, on his birthday, from Ed Hyder
- Walter Haddad from Lloyd George
- Eli Aramony from his family
- The Anber Family: Mary, Loutfy, Michael, Cecile and Andre from Beatrice Haddad and Family
- Ronald Samara from Ron and Aileen Abraham

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

- Fr. Milad, that you have an amazing birthday from Alexa Benson
- Happy birthday Fr. Milad from Jenna and Brooke
- Fr. Milad on his birthday from Michael, Ellen and Alex
- Kenneth Milhem, God bless you, with love your sister, Patricia
- Our newest member of our family, George Joseph, and his parents, Dena and William Laudon and his sister, Danica, from Uncle Steve, Auntie Tara, Jenna and Brooke
- Alex Samra from Auntie Ginnie and Uncle Ray

**From Fr. Milad:**

Kh. Nichole, Natalie, Noah, Julian and I would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards and generous gifts. May the Lord continue to bless you and our entire community as we celebrate His Nativity and the new year.



**Bad Weather:**

In the event of church or church event cancellation, please check TV Channels 4, 5, 7 and 56 for notification. Also, you can listen to Radio station WTAG (580AM & 94.9FM). We will make every effort to have cancellations posted by 7:30am on Sunday.

## A FATHER AND SON SERVE THE LORD

**S**T. SAVA OF SERBIA was a man whom we may best describe as someone who was more interested in SERVING a King (Christ) than BECOMING one himself! The youngest of three brothers, Sava, whose given name was Rastko, was the son of the famous Serbian King Stefan Nemanja. While succeeding his father one day was certainly not beyond the realm of possibility, Sava had little interest in his royal heritage. Instead, he was more interested in a contemplative life, content to spend his time in prayer and meditation.

The life of St. Sava took a dramatic turn when his father was visited by a group of monks from Mt. Athos, who were seeking financial aid for the monasteries there. Sava, now 17 years old, ran off from the court of his father, accompanying the monks back to the Holy Mountain. When Stefan realized that his son was missing, he launched an exhaustive search for him. After two years, his emissaries discovered the shocking truth: Sava was now living the ascetic life of an impoverished monk on Mt. Athos! Sava refused to return home, sending a letter instead, which extolled the virtues of monasticism and elaborated on the true meaning of Christian service. His father was so moved by Sava's writings that he relinquished his throne to another son - also named Stefan - and became a monk himself! Joining his son on Mt. Athos, the king took the new name SIMEON. Before dying in his humble surroundings, Simeon, with his beloved son, founded the famous Serbian monastery of Hilandar.

In later life, Sava was called to greater service of the Church. He was appointed the first Archbishop of Serbia, and was instrumental in bringing peace to his strife-torn homeland in the 13th century. St. Sava fell asleep in the Lord in 1236 A.D., and is still the most revered Saint of the Serbian people.