

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Fr. Gabriel Karam, Pastor

The Very Rev. Fr. John Morris, Pastor Emeritus

Saturday Great Vespers 5:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 4; HIEROMARTYR CHARALAMPOS, BISHOP OF
MAGNESIA & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

THE COMPANIONS OF CHARALAMPOS; VENERABLE ZENON THE ASCETIC OF ANTIOCH

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 ST. CHARALAMPOS IN TONE FOUR

An unshaken pillar of the Church of Christ God art thou, * an ever-resplendent lamp, O Charalampos most wise, which shineth throughout the earth; * in martyrlic contest thou hast shined on the whole world, * and thou hast dispelled the moonless night of the idols. * Now boldly intercede thou with Christ that we may all be saved.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

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.

We Celebrate Today

On February 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Charalampos, bishop of Magnesia.

Through the sword, O Charalampos, wast thou deemed worthy

Of the brightness and exceeding joy of the Martyrs.

On the tenth, O Charalampos, thou wast cut from thine own neck.

He suffered for Christ at the age of 113. When a terrible persecution began during the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus, the Elder Charalampos did not hide from the persecutors but freely and openly preached the Faith of Christ. When they skinned him alive, the forgiving elder said to the emperor's soldiers: "Thank you, my brethren, for in scraping my old body you renew my spirit for a new eternal life." He worked many miracles and converted many to the Faith. Even the emperor's daughter, Galina, abandoned the idolatry of her father and become a Christian. Condemned to death and brought to the place of execution, Charalampos raised his hands to heaven and prayed to God for all people that God grant them bodily health and spiritual salvation and that He multiply their fruits

of the earth. He was beheaded in 202. Galina took his body and honorably buried it.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Baptus and Porphyrius, the former torturers of Charalampos and the Three Holy Women Martyrs who believed through him; and Venerable Zenon the courtier from Caesarea in Cappadocia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+The Holy Bread & Coffee hour: are offered today by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Lori West and their family.

+Healing and Recovery: Father Leo, Kh. Cheryl, Frances, Billy Joe, J Frank, Jacob West, Judy Haun. Robert Davis. Rebecca(Beeky) Farris. Sherry Cannada. Lambryne Angelo. Hugh Cummings.

+Birthdays&Anniversaries: Suzanna Hull (1). George& Bobbie Nassif (7). Mredith Hull (9). Clyde Ellis (13). Albert &Claudia Dornbusch (14). Maha Habeeb,Tea Blackburn (15). Elena Kabanova (19). Frances Anne Dallaire (20).Gary Thomas,Jean Abraham,Taso Ioanidess (21).Buddy Strickland (22). Helen Abraham, Miriam Jabour, Ray Wright, Vera Ann Fedell (25). Richard Lutton (26). Bill &Pat Thomas (27).

+Congratulation: To Cole & Janet (Rantisi), for their new born Baby girl Ellison. May God Bless & grant her a long life.

+Membership forms :A list of names of those who signed a membership form is published and posted on the board.

+Sign-up sheet: Mrs. Sandra Evans is in charge of the sign-up sheet for the Holy bread offering &The Coffee hour. And will be contacting you.

+Home Blessing: Started on the feast day of Epiphany, Fr. Gabriel will call and tell you when he is coming to visit and bless your home. A list of the homes already blessed is published and posted on the board.

+Family Spiritual Night: The second night will be on Thursday February 28th. At Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Janice Strickland's house.

+ The Annual Lebanese Dinner will be on Feb. 25 -2019.

The Fathers Teach

As it is impossible to verbally describe the sweetness of honey to one who has never tasted honey, so the goodness of God cannot be clearly communicated by way of teaching if we ourselves are not able to penetrate into the goodness of the Lord by our own experience.

(St. Basil the Great, Conversations on the Psalms, 29)

Welcome our Visitors! We invite you to venerate the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. However, only Orthodox Christians who are in good standing and who have prepared by prayer, fasting, and Confession may receive Holy Communion.



A Gift of Blessing

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DIVINE LITURGY FEBRUARY 10, 2019

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Charalampos)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.