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TONE 2

OCTOBER 7, 2018

EOTHINON 8

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 3RD SUNDAY OF LUKE

***OBSERVANCE OF THE FEAST OF ST. THEKLA,
THE PROTOMARTYR AMONG WOMEN AND EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES***

SERGIUS & BACCHUS THE GREAT MARTYRS OF SYRIA

HIEROMARTYR POLYCHRONIOS OF NICAEA

PRIEST JULIAN AND DEACON CAESARIUS OF CAMPANIA

*VENERABLE JOHN THE HERMIT OF CRETE AND THOSE MARTYRED WITH HIM
VENERABLE SERGIUS OF NURMA*

Today, the Holy Orthodox Church remembers Saints Sergius and Bacchus, the Great Martyrs of Syria.

These holy Martyrs were Romans of high rank in the service of the Emperor Maximian, to whom it was reported that they did not take part in the festivals of the idols. When he summoned them, they confessed their Faith in the one God. He had them arrayed in women's clothes and paraded through the streets of Rome. They were next sent to Syria and tortured further. Saint Bacchus died in the town of Barbalissos about the year 296. Saint Sergius was then taken to Resapha, where he was tortured and beheaded around 303. His tomb in Resapha became a very famous shrine, to which pilgrims came from as far away as Western Europe; Resapha was renamed Sergiopolis in his honour.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, from beneath the earth, all the powers of
O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ,
Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee
power. And when Thou didst raise the dead

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself....

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: **Matins, 8:50 AM**
 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: **Vespers, 6:30 PM**

Saturdays: **Great Vespers, 5 PM**

Confession: **After Saturday Vespers**
 During Sunday Matins
 Or by Appointment



*Remember to turn
cell phones off!*

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

Troparion St. Thekla (Tone 3)

O glorious Thekla, Companion of Paul the divine, you were enflamed with the love of your Creator, by the teaching of the divine Preacher. You despised the passing earthly pleasures and offered yourself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ, your Groom, to grant us His great mercy.



Troparion for Ss. Sergius and Bacchus (Tone 4)

Your holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their

adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls.

Troparion for St. George (Tone 4, Byzantine)

Liberator of captives, Defender of the poor, the Physician of the sick and the Champion of kings, O Trophy-bearer, Great-martyr

George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with

aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 117.14, 18 LXX; Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me severely.

Reading from the 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9; 19th Sunday)

BRETHREN, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I

do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in

order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my

own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel According to St. Luke (7.11-16; 3rd Sunday of Luke)

AT THAT TIME: Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And

He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!”

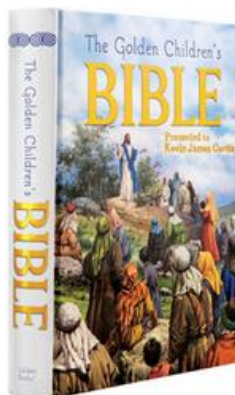
HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By the parish of St. George, for the repose of Kh. Ann Charlotte Smith (40-day memorial).
- By the parish of St. George, for the good health of Fr. Dragan Petrovic on his 20th Anniversary in the priesthood, pastoring St. Nicholas Church in Indianapolis, as they also celebrate the burning of their mortgage today.
- By Imad, Haya, Sam and Samantha Bannourah, for the health of the Baboul, Bannourah, Shomali Abu Saada, Musleh and Khoury families, for the repose of Haya’s mother, Leila Baboul (40-day memorial), and in memory of Saliba, Suad, Iyad, Ziyad, Nichola, Olga, Rimon, Farha, Issa, Lourees, and the departed of the Bannourah, Shomali, Baboul Abu Saada, Khoury and Musleh families.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

In October we introduce teens to the many opportunities to minister in the Church, including such activities as reading the Epistle, taking the collections, chanting, singing in the Choir, helping in the Church School, etc. While we want teens always to be active in the services of the Church, October has been set aside in particular to recognize our teens and to give them more opportunities to serve.



TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: LESSON III.13A THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

All church school classes from age 5 up will learn today about:

- **The Palm Sunday Entry into Jerusalem and Jesus Weeping over Jerusalem** (Luke 19.28-44; Matt. 21.1-11; Mark 11.1-11; John 12.12-19; p. 428-29 in *The Golden Children's Bible*)
- **Jesus Drives out Moneychangers** (Luke 19.45-48; Matt. 21.12-13; Mark 11.15-19; John 2.13-22; p. 430 in *The Golden Children's Bible*)
- **The Fig Tree Withers Away and Confidence in Prayer** (Matt. 21.18-22; Mark 11.12-14; *The Golden Children's Bible* p. 430)

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

**OCF - Great Lakes Region Retreat
HERE at St. George, October 26-28**

We will be the host venue, and this retreat is free. Please see Fr. Nabil for questions, and sign up at www.ocf.net/events

Midwest College Conference at the Iakovos Retreat Center December 27-30

It is a fantastic opportunity for Orthodox College students (age 18-25) from all different backgrounds to gather to learn about their faith, take a break, meet new people, and worship together in a beautiful new Orthodox retreat center, nestled in the beautiful woods of



Wisconsin. To encourage Antiochian College students to attend, Bishop Anthony's Diocesan Council has offered a \$75 scholarship to the first 20 Antiochian students that sign up. Spots are filling fast. This conference is a BLAST and simply put can be **LIFE-CHANGING**. We all know that Antiochians are the most fun, SO GO!! For more information and to register check out the website at <http://www.ocf.net/events/college-conference-midwest-2018/> Or contact Peter Karos with ANY QUESTIONS @ ccmidweststudent@ocf.net.

HOW TO PRAY?

*By Fr. Michael Sakran, St. John Chrysostom
Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

I am often asked, "How do I pray, father? What do I say? What can I do about distractions in church?"

First, Christians must be people of prayer. A life without prayer is no life at all; we were created for communion with God, we were created to be people of prayer; this is when we are most fully alive. A life without prayer is the same as suicide; it just prolongs it. On the other side, a life with prayer is not just mere existence; it is full life in Christ, alive, vibrant, and overflowing with the love of God!

I'll first address the liturgical prayer in church, because that is the place from where all of our personal prayers flow from. In church, we often find that we get distracted, or our minds wander. A couple of things to help with this:

1. Try to stay with the general direction of where the service is going. If the priest is praying the litany ("In peace let us pray to the Lord...for the peace from above and the salvation of our souls....for the sick and suffering, etc...), try to stay with the flow. If the petition is for the sick, remember the sick people you are concerned about out. If the petition is for peace in the world, ask God for it.
2. Our minds will wander. It takes work to notice it and bring it back. If your mind wanders "in the church" (looking at the icons, thinking about the different parts of the service, if a particular verse of a Scripture reading touches you, or something in the sermon strikes you), that's ok. But try not to let the mind wander "outside" of the church in other things. A good reminder is whenever the priest says, "Wisdom! Let us attend!", something important is coming up, and we should re-focus ourselves.
3. If you get distracted and miss a prayer, don't try to go back and say it again; just keep going. It will get easier the more we are there.



With personal prayer at home:

1. A prayer rule should be brief (short), not changed often, and unique to your circumstances. Not every person will say the same sorts of prayers at home. It should be regular (as in every day), and brief enough to be manageable. It should be regular to the point that if we happen to "fall off the wagon" and miss a day with prayer, we immediately know it, and work to start again the next day.
2. We should know what we are going to do before we do it in regards to our prayer rule.
3. It is good to keep your personal prayers connected with the liturgical prayer of the Church. For example, you could start out with the Trisagion Prayers found at the beginning of the morning and evening prayers in our prayerbooks: ("O Heavenly King...Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal...All Holy Trinity...Our Father..."). From there, read a psalm from the Bible, and then the daily Gospel reading. You can also say the hymn of the saint or feast that is being commemorated on that day. Then you can add any personal prayer requests. This is a short, manageable prayer rule that most people with work and families can handle.
4. The priest should know (at least in general terms) our personal prayer rule. You can also make sure you have at least one trusted person in your life who knows your struggles with prayer. Again, this is usually the parish priest, but it can also be a spouse, a parent, a friend, an older parishioner who is experienced with prayer. It shouldn't be just anyone; it should be someone you love and trust, and who loves and trusts you. The bottom line - Don't engage in spiritual struggle alone and isolated, and with prayer, don't try to make it up as you go along. Even the wisest of us need a guide. The Church Fathers had a saying: "The person who has chosen themselves as a spiritual guide has chosen a fool."
5. Everything is about following God's will. Too many people think that prayer is telling God what He already knows, and then telling Him what He should do about it. Simply saying, "Not my will, but Thy will, be done," is an effective prayer.
6. Be familiar with the Creed (I believe in One God, the Father Almighty...etc...) There is no better "exorcism" when we are tempted by the devil in any way. When the evil one tries to attack, repeat the creed, and it will silence him.

In conclusion, it just takes effort to maintain attention and prayer in the liturgy. Just keep working at it. Prayer at home should be brief, consistent, and unique to your circumstances. Keep in contact with a trusted person as a guide in your spiritual struggles. Focus on following and doing God's will. Recite the Nicene Creed in times of temptation. Prayer takes effort, but it is a blessed communion with God that can make us truly alive.

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

TO BE READ FROM THE PULPIT

October, 2018

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We pray that you have enjoyed a peaceful and productive beginning of the new ecclesiastical year.

Once again we bring to your attention that October in our Antiochian Archdiocese is "Youth Month and Seminary Month." This year we have 24 students studying in three seminaries. Most, if not all of these students will someday serve this Archdiocese as priests. It is vital that we not only support and subsidize their education, but that we also support the institutions that provide this vital education. While we do not have our own seminary in this Archdiocese at this time, we are fortunate to have three different schools in America in which to educate our future priests, each with its own emphasis and strengths. These same schools also train choir directors, youth ministers and Christian education leaders. Likewise, several of our clergy either teach or are affiliated with these seminaries. As such, it is our duty to help them as much as we are able so we can continue to strengthen their mission and goals.

To that end, we ask for your generous donations today in order to support the institutions that educate our seminarians, youth workers, choir directors and Christian education leaders.

May the Lord continue to bless all your efforts in His name as well as those theological schools that train our men preparing for the holy priesthood and our future musicians, youth and lay leaders for their vital ministry to the Church.

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

We will NOT be taking up a special collection in this parish, but please offer your generous tithes to St. George Church, as usual, and we will send a \$500 "offering of love" from our parish to help educate our seminarians.



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2018 College Student Sunday Encyclical
October 7, 2018

“Who do you say that I am?”

Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

We greet you with joy as we announce the date for **College Student Sunday**, benefiting **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**. To support the incredible efforts of our students, College Student Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, running in conjunction with OCF's Orthodox Awareness Month. This year the date falls on **OCTOBER 7**.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship continues to provide students with opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in their Orthodox faith through a growing network of on campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as Regional Retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

OCF continues to make every effort to connect new freshmen to campus chapters and local parishes through the **First Forty Days Initiative**, which involves extensive effort from our student leaders and spiritual advisors who contact every incoming freshman within the first forty days on campus. We wholeheartedly pray for and strongly encourage your support of these noble efforts by ensuring that the contact information for your parish's graduating high school seniors is sent each and every year to the OCF National Office for dissemination to our dedicated local chapters.

Additionally, with the greatest sincerity and earnestness, we encourage your committed financial support of this fundamental ministry which **functions completely on the contributions of caring Orthodox faithful like yourselves**.

We are asking that a special collection be taken on College Student Sunday in support of the good work of OCF, and we encourage the entire faithful family – clergy, parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of our treasured college students – to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry on their behalf. If for some reason October 7 is not a good date for your parish, please make the collection on another Sunday in October. Donations may be sent to the OCF National Office at 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445 or online at www.ocf.net/donate.

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ who calls all of us to contribute to the ministry of His Church guide and strengthen all of our cherished and blessed Orthodox college students.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

Liaison to OCF for the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America

Fall 2018 Adult Education

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm

October 3 – December 12:

Skipping Halloween and the Eve of Thanksgiving

- We start with Vespers • Dinner Follows
- During the adult study courses, youth may do homework or to play.

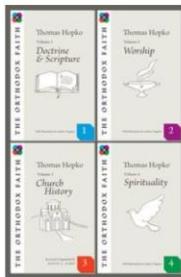
Please choose one track or the other; bring the family, and come!

*Let my prayer arise
in Thy sight as
incense and let
the lifting up of
my hands be an
evening sacrifice.*



The Orthodox Faith

- **Oct. 3** – Sources of Christian Doctrine
- **Oct. 10** – Overview of the Bible and Salvation History
- **Oct. 17** – The Symbol of Faith
- **Oct. 24** – How are we saved?
- **Nov. 7** – The Church and Eternal Life
- **Nov. 14** – Church Building, Iconography and Sacraments
- **Nov. 28** – Divine Liturgy and the Church Year
- **Dec. 5** – Love, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
- **Dec. 12** – Marriage, Suffering, Death



Instructor: Fr. Nabil Hanna

Text: Hopko, Thomas. *The Orthodox Faith*. Four volumes. Revised and expanded by David C. Ford. Available in print or online at oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith

Locations of the Bible and Christianity

- **Oct. 3** – Before Christ: Israel, Judah, Egypt, Babylon, Nineveh, Greeks & The Romans
- **Oct. 10** – Bethlehem & Galilee
- **Oct. 17** – Jerusalem
- **Oct. 24** – Antioch, Damascus, Corinth, Ephesus, Colossae & Philippi
- **Nov. 7** – Alexandria, Thessalonica & Athens
- **Nov. 14** – Constantinople & Cappadocia
- **Nov. 28** – The Slavic Lands
- **Dec. 5** – Mount Athos
- **Dec. 12** – Europe & The Americas



Instructor: Deacon Joseph Olas

Knowing God through the Church

With Dr. Bradley Nassif

Saturday • October 20 • 2018



10:00 Continental Breakfast

10:15 Morning Prayer

10:30 Introduction

10:45 Religious, But Lost: How 'Orthodoxy' Can Keep You (or your children) Out of Heaven

Spiritually speaking, the Church can be a golden ghetto. It surrounds us with spiritual treasures even as we live in spiritual poverty! This session explores how it is possible to be a life-long member of the Church, but still not know God. More importantly, this session will show us the way to an intimate, life-changing experience of knowing Christ.

11:45 Break

12:00 Help! I Can't Find Jesus Through All This Liturgy!

The Eastern Orthodox Church is a gospel-centered Church. Yet, for some of us, all the pomp and ceremony just seem like excess baggage! Some say, "I'm spiritual, but not religious," because they do not find spiritual life in the Church. This session focuses on finding spiritual life through the Church. It introduces the prophetic message of Orthodox mystics such as St. Simeon the New Theologian and their emphasis on keeping the gospel clear, central and compelling in every life-giving action of the Church.

Bradley Nassif is Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at North Park University (Chicago). He has been a contributor to *The New York Times* and *Christianity Today* and is a pioneer of Orthodox-Evangelical dialogue in America. *The New Republic* described him as "the leading academic expert on Eastern Orthodox and Evangelical dialogue." His books include *New Perspectives on Historical Theology: Essays in Memory of John Meyendorff*, *The Philokalia: A Classic Text of Orthodox Spirituality* (Oxford University Press) and *Bringing Jesus to the Desert* (an introduction to monasticism).

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John

Bishop Alexander of Ottawa

Fr. Stephen Rhudy, 10/4

Christa Fadel Dooley, 11/15

Aristotle and **Martha** Nicolaides, 11/14

Riyad Bannourah, 11/6

Fouad Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 11/6

Infant **Sebastian** Albany, 10/24

Mark Poulos, 10/11

C. **Edward** Edge, 10/7

The **Marlowe family**, friends of Leandra Gann, 11/13

Alexandru, friend of Jeff Beck, 11/12

Mark Hanna, Fr. Nabil's cousin, 11/9

Shiffa Khoury, sister of Abba Khoury and Marwan Sahoury, 11/9

George Sankey, Jeff's father, 10/30

Will Chance, friend of Tommy Kiritsis, 10/28

Neil and **Themia** Sandven, cousins of Kh. Elaine Hanna, 10/28

Liana Fedor and **Christine** Cataldo, Liza Nahas' sister and aunt, 10/7

Trenton Wesley, deployed in Afghanistan

Those displaced by Hurricanes, fires and tsunamis

All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Kh. Ann Charlotte Smith, 10/9

Nick Marlowe, friend of Leandra Gann, 11/13

William Bischoff, cousin of George Freije and Elaine Eckhart, 10/24

The victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

October 2018

Sun. 7	Observance of St. Thekla Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • St. Thekla Lunch, by Ladies of St. George
Wed. 10	Vespers , 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Basics of Orthodox Christianity • "Where in the World?" class
Sat. 13	Great Vespers , 5 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard afterwards
Sun. 14	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes
Tue. 16	Parish Council , 7 pm
Wed. 17	Vespers , 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Basics of Orthodox Christianity • "Where in the World?" class
Fri. 19 – Sun. 21	Midwest Diocese Fall Meeting , Toledo, Ohio
Sat. 20	Retreat: "Knowing God Through the Church," Brad Nassif, guest speaker, 10 am Great Vespers , 5 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard afterwards

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar