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A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America • Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace Bishop ANTHONY, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo

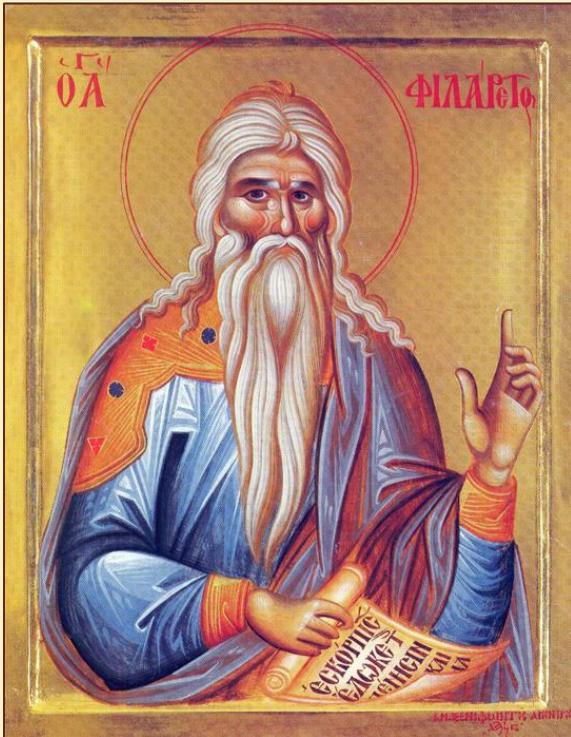
TONE 7

DECEMBER 1, 2019

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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

*THE HOLY PROPHET NAHUM • VENERABLE PHILARET THE ALMSGIVER OF AMNIA
MARTYR ANANIAS THE PERSIAN • THEOKLITOS, ARCHBISHOP OF LAKEDAEMONIA*



Righteous Philaret the Merciful, son of George and Anna, was raised in piety and the fear of God. He lived during the eighth century in the village of Amnia in the Paphlagonian area of Asia Minor. He married Theoseba, and they had three children: a son John, and daughters Hypatia and Evanthia.

Philaret was a rich and illustrious dignitary, but he did not hoard his wealth. Knowing that many people suffered from poverty, he remembered the words of the Savior about the dread Last Judgment and about “these least ones” (Mt. 25:40), the Apostle Paul’s reminder that we will take nothing with us from this world (1 Tim 6:7), and the assertion of King David that the righteous would not be forsaken (Ps 36/37:25). Philaret, whose name means “lover of virtue,” was famed for his love for the poor.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

AV CAMP-STYLE LITURGY TODAY

Our youth will lead us in the Liturgy responses and hymns today, using the standard Archdiocese music, which they all sing together at the Antiochian Village Camp. The youth will lead from the choir area, but **everyone is encouraged to join and sing, all together.**

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 7)

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.

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

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.

As there are NO CHURCH SCHOOL classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss 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.



Remember to turn cell phones off!

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.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

طروبارية القيامة • Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلَابِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّالِحِينَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ
نُوحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ إِلَى فَرْحٍ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا،
بَأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ
الْعَظْمَى.

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 in Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Tone 3)

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give
birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eter-
nal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message.
With the angels and shepherds give glory to
Him who shall appear by His own will as a
young child, He Who is from eternity God.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 27.9,1 LXX; Tone 6)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Prokeimenon (Tone 7; Psalm 28.11, 1 LXX)

The Lord will give strength to His people.
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2.14-22; 24th Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, Christ is our Peace, Who has
made us both one, and has broken down the
dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his
flesh the law of commandments and ordi-
nances, that He might create in Himself one
new man in place of the two, so making
peace, and might reconcile us both to God in
one Body through the Cross, thereby bring-
ing the hostility to an end. And He came and
preached peace to you who were far off and
peace to those who were near; for through
Him we both have access in one Spirit to the
Father. So then you are no longer strangers
and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens

with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole

structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18.35-43; 14th Sunday of Luke)

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded

him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By Amira Saba, for the health of husband Khalil and son Christopher.
- By Samir Kanazeh, for the repose of Peter Yff.
- By Salim and Paula Najjar in memory of Karen Koroneos (10 years) and Edward Gordon

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.

WELCOME FATHER GABRIEL

Father Gabriel Monforte is presiding and preaching today, while Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine are visiting their children and Father's parents in California. He will be back Tuesday night.



IN CASE OF SNOW

When it's cold or wet/snowy, kindly enter via the glass lobby doors instead of the big church doors (so we don't let in a big blast of cold air or track in water). It's also much safer and more convenient to use our nice, covered drop-off.

If we ever have to cancel a service or event on account of weather, we will send out a parish-wide email, and we'll post a notice on our website (www.stgindy.org) and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stgindy).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE LITURGY TODAY

Coffee hour is hosted today by Riyadh and Hala Bannourah



Sign up for hosting coffee hour on the bulletin board next to the elevator. (Something simple is all that's expected, though you may do more, if you want, for a special occasion.)

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: PRE-CHRISTMAS FAST

We started the **NATIVITY FAST** on November 15, which runs for forty days, until Christmas. (*We do make a general dispensation, however, for Thanksgiving Day.*) During this time, we abstain from meat and dairy products. Then the last few days of the fast—Dec. 20-24—become stricter, when fish, wine and oil are also excluded.

Note that fasting is spiritual exercise. As with any kind of exercise, we have to temper it or increase it from the norm according to our age, health and ability. Individual direction on fasting can be discussed during confession during this Advent season.

Whenever we fast, we increase our prayer discipline, and we always remember the poor. As we reduce the quality of and quantity of what we eat—eating like the poor—we must simultaneously show mercy on them in almsgiving.

ST. NICHOLAS WILL VISIT

Liturgy on the Eve of the Feast: 6:30 pm Thursday, December 5

Children of *all* ages are invited to leave their shoes in the coat rooms (you can just come into church in your socks). After Liturgy, you may find that St. Nicholas has put something in them!



TO SEND OUR YOUTH TO CAMP

Our Campers have coupons for Crew Car Wash, just in time for Christmas gifting.



Coupons don't expire, and Crew will give 50% back for our youth to go to camp.

See any member of our Teen SOYO during coffee hour for Car Wash coupons.



Antiochian Village

Here's a heads up that

**Summer Camp Registration
is scheduled to open on
Tuesday, December 10, mid-morning.**

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RE-COMMITMENT

This is the time of year when we reflect upon our many blessings and give thanks to our almighty God. It is also the time to re-evaluate our stewardship commitment for the coming year. This commitment is in the form of our annual stewardship pledge. This is the pledge we make to continue the operational support of our church for the coming year and is separate from the building fund/mortgage pledge.



*With every
gift show a
cheerful face,
and dedicate
your tithe
with gladness.
(Sirach 35.9)*

All parishioners will receive a pledge card in the mail. We will also have pledge cards available at the candle stand. Please fill out your pledge card for the coming year, and deposit it into the locked wooden box located at the candle stand or mail it directly to the church office. Please know that your pledge is confidential, and only the office staff will open the pledge box or your pledge envelope.

Our drive will culminate on Sunday, December 15, our "Pledge Sunday." That will be the day we step forward at the end of Liturgy and renew our commitments to sharing in the Lord's work by making our pledges for 2020. Afterwards, our stewardship committee will serve brunch in thanksgiving for you and all our stewards.

We hope everyone is striving to reach a goal of at least 10% of their total income as a pledge. If you can't reach 10%, please consider increasing your pledge from last year and continue to work toward 10% in the future.

Father Nabil, the parish council and stewardship committee are asking for 100% participation from all members of St. George Parish. Please help us reach our goal!

The Stewardship Committee,
Duke Haddad and Patrick Koers

FROM YOUR CHARITY MINISTRY TEAM:

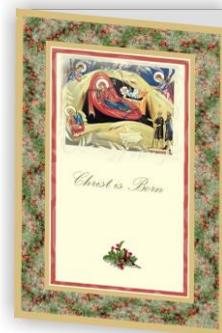
Christmas Card

Our Christmas card serves two purposes:

First, this is our greeting to each other as part of our Christmas Celebration and to convey to others that they are close to our hearts and in our thoughts and prayers. When you contribute to the Christmas card, your name will appear on it, and it is mailed to all our parishioners.

Second, it generates funds for our Charity Ministry and gives us our annual support to do many charities here (including helping our own parishioners) and abroad throughout the year.

We respectfully ask you to donate to the Christmas card. There is no set amount, but please be generous. Please complete the Christmas card form, place it in the return envelope with your donation, and return it to the church in the collection basket or by mail by December 1. You may also submit your Christmas card donation online at www.stgindy.org/donate



Our Christmas Giving Tree for Local Families

We are sponsoring children for Christmas from families needing extra cheer! This year we are sponsoring families from Anna's House, IPS school #48, Brightwood Community Center (which is located in our old Church's neighborhood) and of course some of our own parishioners.

- **Choose as many tags as you wish** from the Christmas Giving Tree in the church hall. Tags will include the size, gender etc., of an item.
- **Return your gift, wrapped, by December 15.** (Please do not put your own name on the tag, as the gift is from the entire parish, but please keep the original tag with the gift, so we can identify who should receive it!)
- We will also use funds from your generosity in the Christmas card for food for the sponsored families!
- We will be delivering the presents to the families on December 21. If you would like to be one of Santa's helpers, please contact Hala Bannourah at halasb58@aol.com



Stocking the Pantry for the Needy

As part of our participation in **World Food Day** and our Archdiocese's commitment to helping those who suffer from poverty and hunger, to ensure food security and nutritious diet for all, we are collecting **CANNED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD** and other needed items for our **FOOD PANTRY**.

Please only bring items whose expiration date is in late 2020 or after.

October 20: Canned Soups (you may include a can opener if you'd like)

October 27: Pasta meals, Canned Sauce, Bread, Salt, Pepper, Broth, Mrs. Dash, Oil

November 3: Mac and Cheese, instant mashed potatoes

November 10: Canned Fruits and Vegetables

November 17: Allergy Friendly Foods, i.e.: Gluten Free, Dairy Free, or low sodium canned goods

November 24: Flour, sugar, Cornmeal, Rice, Noodles, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly and Cracker

December 1: Powdered Milk, Cereals, Breakfast Bars, Pancake and Muffin Mixes, Juice Boxes

December 8: Baby Diapers and Wipes

December 15: Household Cleaning supplies and Paper products

December 22: Toiletries and gently used coats for men and women

Please place items on the table in the lobby, next to the elevator.

Last year we collected 547 lbs. through your generous donations. Let us all work together to surpass that number this year. We thank you in advance for your participation in this worthy cause, and we ask God to bless you and your families always!

"The merciful person is he who gives to others what he himself received from God, whether it be money, or food, or strength, a helpful word, a prayer, or anything else he has through which he can express his compassion for those in need." St. Peter of Damascus



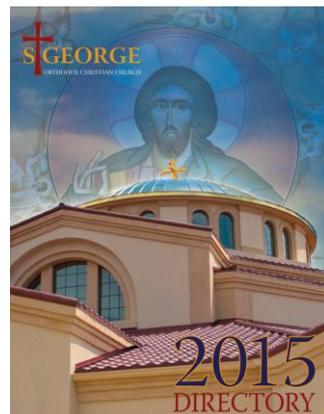
FOR OUR NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

We do a new pictorial directory every five years. Our new ones should be ready soon after the new year.

Make sure our information is correct. All our parishioners will be listed in the directory, including those who didn't take or submit pictures.

1. If you've moved recently, are moving soon or have any other updates to your contact information, please make sure to update our records in the church office at church@stgindy.org
2. We will print the name of each family member, the address and telephone numbers and emails of adults.

Please let us know if you don't want some of your contact information printed by informing the church office at church@stgindy.org



COLLEGE CONTACT

Our Ladies of St. George are looking for updated college addresses. We know that college students move a lot, to different dorms and apartments. To stay in touch with our students away from home (including snail-mailing care packages), please provide Winter 2020 semester mailing addresses and email to Maria Nimri (m.nimri@comcast.net).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, AFTER LITURGY

SOYO'S CHRISTMAS EATE

ENJOY LUNCH FOR \$5
VEGETARIAN CHILI & A SIDE SALAD

PLUS, SHOP THE CHRISTMAS
COOKIE BUFFET!
GET YOUR DELECTABLE
CHRISTMAS COOKIES TO GIVE
AS GIFTS OR ENJOY FOR THE
HOLIDAYS! 3 PRICE OPTIONS

PRESENTED WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM
THE LADIES OF ST. GEORGE



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Fall 2019 Adult Education

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:45 pm

October 2 – December 11

Skipping the Eve of Thanksgiving

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

Choose one of three courses:



Early Christians Beliefs & Worship

Instructor: Fr. Nabil Hanna



The Book of Genesis

Instructor: Kh. Elaine Hanna



Saints in Our Time

Instructor: Dn. Joseph Olas

Oct. 2 **Introduction:**
How Christians saw themselves

Oct. 9 **The Scriptures:**
The Tradition of traditions

Oct. 16 **A Sweep of History:**
Creation, Fall and Salvation

Oct. 23 **Christology:**
Who is Jesus Christ?

Oct. 30 **Soteriology:**
How are we saved?

Nov. 6 **Eschatology:**
Living in this world and the Second Coming

Nov. 13 **The Church:**
The Community and Authority

Nov. 20 **Worship (Part I):**
Baptism, Eucharist

Dec. 4 **Worship (Part II):**
Prayer, Feasts and Fasts

Dec. 11 **Spirituality:**
Holiness, saints and Mariology

Introduction

Chapters 1-5:
Creation and Fall

Chapters 6-10:
Noah and God's first Covenant

Chapters 11-15:
God's Covenant with Abraham

Chapters 16-20:
The Visitation of Abraham

Chapters 21-25:
Isaac and Rebecca

Chapters 26-30:
God's Covenant with Jacob

Chapters 31-36:
Jacob wrestles with God

Chapters 37-45:
Joseph and his brothers

Chapters 46-50:
God's plan for Joseph in Egypt

Introduction: process of canonization,
those in process of canonization

Ss. Porfyrios Kavsoalyvitis, Elder
Sophrony Sakharov and Paisios the Athonite

Ss. John of Kronstadt, Nicholas
(Velimirović) of Žiča and Silouan the Athonite

The New Martyrs

Ss. Tikhon of Moscow, Raphael of Brooklyn,
Alexis of Minneapolis and John of Shanghai

Ss. Varnava of Gary, Sebastian of
Jackson and Mardarije of Libertyville

Ss. Nektarios of Aegnia and Nicholas
(Planas) of Athens

Ss. Sophia of Kleisoura, Nikephoros
the Leper and John of Santa Cruz

Ss. Mother Maria of Paris and
Elizabeth the Grand Duchess

St. Herman and the Saints of Alaska

It's not too late to jump in. Everyone is welcome. Choose a class, and join us.

CENTRAL INDIANA ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NIGHT

WITH THE INDIANA PACERS



PACERS VS. BUCKS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2020 | TIPOFF 7:30PM | DOORS OPEN 6:30PM*
* SUBJECT TO CHANGE



As part of Central Indiana Orthodox Christian Churches, you are invited to participate in a special group night with the Indiana Pacers. Invite your friends and family as we sit together as a group and receive a special discounted ticket price!

Central Indiana
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Join us for a special VIP Pre Game Viewing and watch as the players warm up for the game!

TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS, VISIT:
[HTTPS://PACERS.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/CIOCCC20](https://pacers.formstack.com/forms/cioccc20)
ORDER DEADLINE: JANUARY 10



YOUR PRICE	LOCATION
\$80.30	Lower Level Baseline
\$75.90	Mid Level Baseline
\$41.80	Lower Balcony
\$22.00	Upper Balcony

TICKETS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A 10% MARION CO. ADMISSIONS TAX. NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES.

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QUESTIONS?
CONTACT CLAYTON HAMILTON AT
CHAMILTON@PACERS.COM

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

Fr. Patrick Kinder, 12/4
Fr. Isaac Farha and his children, **Peter, Melania, Barbara** and **Biana**, 12/9
Wayne Metzger, St. Vincent, 1/5
Elias Al-Tawil, 1/3
James Barnes II, Riley Hosp., 12/26
Marjorie Mesalam, St. Vincent, 12/22
Beth Flaris, 12/10
Onda and **Everett** Gregory, Matthew Lyon's grandparents, 12/24
Kathleen Carr, Elise Sumner's sister-in-law, 12/17
Bernette Girardot, friend of Riyadh and Hala Bannourah, 12/11
Judy Chalhoub, Christy Roberts' mother, 12/10
Alice Capshaw, Chris' mother, 12/9
Tom Fuller, friend of Al and Martha Sleder, 12/8
The suffering people in Hong Kong, Lebanon and Syria
All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Peter Yff, friend of Samir Kanazeh, 12/23
Christine Cataldo, aunt/godmother of Liza Nahas, 12/22
Michael, uncle of Andre Smith, 12/10
Kh. Anastasia Farha, friend of Dn. Joseph, 12/9
Raja Bannourah, cousin of the Bannourahs, 12/9
The victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

December 2019

Sun. 1	Matins , 8:50 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am (Camp-style)
Wed. 4	Vespers , 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Adult Study classes
Thu. 5	<i>Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas</i> Divine Liturgy , 6:30 pm
Sat. 7	Great Vespers , 5 pm
Sun. 8	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • Teen SOYO bake sale Young Adult Fellowship Lunch , 1 pm (location TBA)
Mon. 9	PLC Executive Committee , 7 pm
Wed. 11	Vespers , 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Adult Study classes • Teen SOYO gathering
Thu. 12	<i>Eve of the Feast of St. Herman of Alaska</i> Divine Liturgy , 6:30 pm
Sat. 14	Great Vespers , 5 pm
Sun. 15	Stewardship Recommitment Sunday Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School Christmas Pageant • Appreciation Lunch • Directory Photos of organizations

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR and latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar