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TONE 8

DECEMBER 8, 2019

EOTHINON 3

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

*FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS • VENERABLE PATAPIOS OF THEBES
APOSTLES SOSTHENES, APOLLOS, CRISPOS, CAESAR & EPAPHRODITOS OF THE SEVENTY
SOPHRONIOS, BISHOP OF CYPRUS*

Patapios abhorred the vanity of this world and withdrew into the wilderness of Egypt. There he devoted himself to a life of asceticism, cleansing his heart of all earthly desires and thoughts for the sake of God's love. When his virtues became known among the people, however, they came to him for solace in their sufferings. Fearing the praise of men, which darkens the minds and separates them from God, Patapios fled this wilderness to Constantinople, thinking he could hide himself more easily in a big city, but a light cannot be hidden. A child, blind from birth, was led by God's providence to Patapios. He besought the saint to pray to God that he be given his sight to look upon God's creation and praise Him all the more. Patapios, having compassion on the suffering child, prayed to God, and the child's sight was restored. This miracle revealed God's chosen one, and people rushed to him for healing, comfort and instruction. Patapios performed many other miracles, all through prayer in the name of Christ and by the sign of the Cross. In great old age, he peacefully entered the Heavenly Kingdom in the seventh century.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O
compassionate One, and Thou didst submit
to the three-day burial that Thou mightest

deliver us from passion; Thou art our Life
and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8) • طروبارية القيامة

أَنحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُنَحَّنِينَ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ الْأَيَّامِ، لِكَيْ نُعَيِّنَا مِنَ الْإِلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتِنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ
لك.

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays:	Matins, 8:50 AM	Confession:	After Saturday Vespers
	Divine Liturgy, 10 AM		During Sunday Matins
Wednesdays:	Vespers, 6:30 PM		Or by Appointment
Saturdays:	Great Vespers, 5 PM		

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.



*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.

Troparion for St. George (Tone 4, Russian)

As Deliverer 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.

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 eternal. 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 (Tone 8; Psalm 75.11, 1 LXX)

Make your vows to the Lord, our God, and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his Name is great in Israel.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4.1-7; 25th Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called

to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

From the Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17; 10th Sunday of Luke)

AT THAT TIME, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue,

indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years,

be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people

rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him."

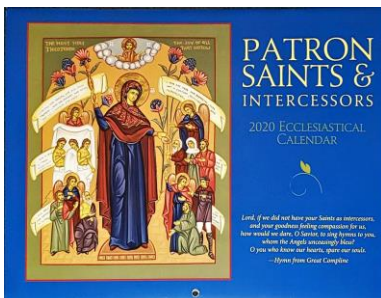
HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By George and Sohir McKary, for the health of Mira, Magy, Michael and Monica, and in memory of Shehata, Reda, Emily, Narges, Samir, Fawzy and Samia.
- By Victoria and Suzanne Mesalam, for the health of Michael and Christopher Beauchamp, Frances Khoury, Elaine Khoury, Denise Panella and their families, for the repose of Kh. Ann Patricia Beauchamp (3-day memorial) and of Fr. Antony Beauchamp.
- By Dn. James and Sarah Childs, for the repose of Kh. Ann Patricia Beauchamp (3-day memorial).
- By James George, for the health of Christina Nash and of Nicholas, Adam, Marie and Kristi George.
- By Riyadh and Hala Bannourah, for the health of Marjorie Mesalam and Fred Musleh, and for all the suffering people of Gaza and Palestine.
- By Patrick and Diane Koers, for the health of Marjorie Mesalam and Beth Flaris.
- By David George, for the health of sons David, Randy and Jeff and their families, of mother Ruth, and of Marjorie Mesalam.

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.

TESTIMONIAL TODAY

Today's homily on the gospel will be very brief, as today's main message will be given in the form of a personal testimonial by Paul Adamson, delivered at the conclusion of the Liturgy. He will share his inspiring story of faith.



PICK UP 2020 CALENDARS IN NARTHEX

Our new church icon calendars are now available. Please take one. The calendar grid includes each day's scripture readings and indicates fasting days and commemorations, and it includes space for your own notes and appointments.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

December 8, 2019

Choir and Chanter Appreciation Sunday

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-loving Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray you and your families are well as we progress in the Nativity Fast with anticipation of the birth of our Savior in the flesh.

Just four days ago we celebrated the feast of St. John of Damascus, one of the great musical composers of our Orthodox faith. In his troparion, we refer to him as “the nightingale” because of his beautiful compositions. His hymns, along with countless others going back to the earliest days of the Church, continue to be sung in our churches. As such, the role of music and choirs in our divine services is of the utmost importance. With that in mind, it is with great joy that we honor today in our parishes throughout the archdiocese our choirs and chanters who sing praises to the Lord and beautify our divine services with their angelic voices.

While we set aside this day in December each year to give them special recognition, we strive throughout the year as an archdiocese to give them the resources and support they need by providing the proper liturgical texts with links to correct musical settings and sponsoring sacred music institutes at both the Antiochian Village in the summer and a location in another part of the archdiocese each February, and making available an ever growing library of sacred music in both four part and Byzantine settings on our archdiocese website. It is our prayer that our parishes will partner with us in giving the same encouragement to our choir directors and members by supporting them locally and helping them to gain new and young members to continue this important and sacred ministry of the Church.

Recently, we welcomed our new archdiocesan chair of the Department of Sacred Music, Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball, whom you will get to know more and more in the coming months. Like so many of our leaders in this archdiocese, she has dedicated over 40 years of her life to directing her local parish choir and over 30 years as the diocesan coordinator for the Diocese of the West. Now she will chair the Department of Sacred Music, bringing her talents and experience to a wider audience. We look forward to her leadership as she begins her work.

Finally, we thank all of our choir directors, chanters and choir members throughout our archdiocese for their dedication and ministry. Most of you serve on a volunteer basis or for very little compensation for your work and we are grateful for your time and talents you give each and every week. May God bless you all and grant you strength to continue giving praise to God.

Wishing you and your families a blessed remainder of the Nativity Fast and a joyous feast, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE LITURGY TODAY

Coffee hour is hosted today by the Teen SOYO as a “Christmas Café.” In addition to a chili and salad lunch, the teens are offering a cookie buffet bake sale in anticipation of Christmas.

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

November 15 marked the first day of the **NATIVITY FAST**, which runs for forty days, until Christmas. 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. Everyone should also plan to make their confession sometime during the fast.

FOR THE FIRST ORTHODOX SAINT OF AMERICA

Known as the “Wonderworker of All America,” we celebrate the Divine Liturgy on the eve of the Feast of St. Herman Alaska at **6:30 pm Thursday, December 12.**

*“From this day, from this hour, from this minute,
let us strive to love God above all and to fulfill His holy will.”*

~ St. Herman of Alaska





Antiochian Village

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

Camp fills up fast. Sign up for Session 2 at www.avcamp.org

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.



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)

Our drive will conclude on Sunday, December 15, our "Pledge Sunday," when 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. Then, after the Church School Christmas Pageant, our stewardship committee will serve brunch in thanksgiving for our stewards.

All parishioners will receive a pledge card in the mail this week. Please fill it out prayerfully and bring it with you, 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.

We hope everyone is striving to reach a goal of at least 10% of 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

If you would like to know where you stand on fulfilling this year's pledge, please contact our church office, and we'll be happy to mail or email you your donation record.

FROM YOUR CHARITY MINISTRY TEAM:

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, and we ask God to bless you and your families always!

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.

GROUP PHOTOS Next Sunday, December 15

After the Christmas Pageant and lunch next Sunday, we will take photos of our various organization and ministry groups, including:

- **Parish Council**
- **Clergy and Altar Servers**
- **Choir and Chanters**
- **Church School Teachers and Students**
- **Ladies of St. George**
- **Knights of St. George**
- **Charity Ministry Team, etc.**

Make sure our information is correct

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

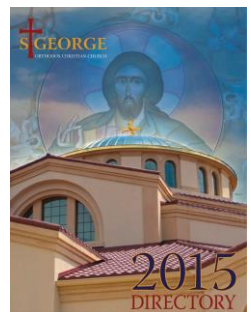
1. If you've moved recently, are moving soon or have any other updates to your contact information, please make sure to update our records in the church office at church@stgindy.org
2. We will print the name of each family member, the address and telephone numbers and emails of adults. **Please let us know if you don't want some of your contact information printed** by informing the church office at church@stgindy.org



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).





CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEXT SUNDAY

We look forward to our beautiful children sharing their talents and what they are learning about the meaning of Christmas. Please plan a little extra time after Liturgy next Sunday to support our precious youth.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22: CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Our choir and Teen SOYO invite everyone to join in Christmas Caroling. We will be visiting some of our older parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. It's only a couple of hours after Liturgy, but it means so much to our shut-ins.



Please let Fr. Nabil know of any parishioner who is unable to get out right now and who might appreciate a stop by the carolers or some other type of assistance for Christmas.

Christmas Eve Schedule: Tuesday, December 24

With the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and all the saints, then, let us come to adore Him Christmas Eve.

8:30 a.m. **Royal Hours of Christmas**

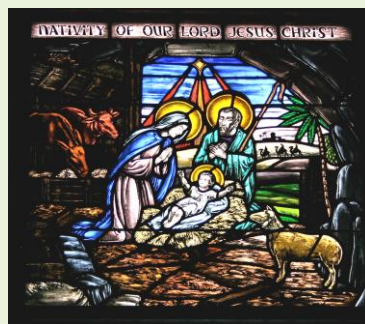
10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** (Paramon of Christmas)

While we encourage all to come to both the morning and night services (which are not the same), this may be an excellent opportunity for young children and entire families to celebrate the birth of Christ together, especially if attendance at the late service be impossible.

8:30 p.m. **Christmas Matins**

10:00 p.m. **CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

In celebration of the Feast and as a token of our love and appreciation of you, Fr. Nabil and Khouriyah Elaine will host dinner in the church hall immediately following Liturgy, assisted by our parish council.



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!

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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

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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, 1/13
 Fr. Isaac Farha and his children, Peter, Melania, Barbara and Biana, 12/9
 Fouad Musleh, Copper Trace, 1/13
 Wayne Metzger, 1/5
 Elias Al-Tawil, 1/3
 James Barnes II, 12/26
 Marjorie Mesalam, Manor Care, 12/22
 Christina Nash, daughter of Jamise Kafoure, 1/16
 Hayfa Assalley, Thomas' mother, 1/14
 Onda and Everett Gregory, Matthew Lyon's grandparents, 12/24
 Kathleen Carr, Elise Sumner's sister-in-law, 12/17
 Bernette Girardot, friend of Riyad 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, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria
All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Kh. Ann Patricia Beauchamp, 1/13
 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. 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 meeting
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
Tue. 17	Parish Council , 7 pm
Wed. 18	Vespers , 6:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Adult Study class
Fri. 20	<i>Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch</i> Divine Liturgy , 10 am
Sat. 21	Charity Gift Delivery , 10 am Great Vespers , 5 pm

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