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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND
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OCTOBER 8, 2017

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please **REMAIN** in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour". **We should leave the Church in silence.**

Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends up with the receiving of Holy Communion. If you are on medication or a young child, you can have a light breakfast before coming to church. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Leonard.

*Thank you,
+ Father Leonard*

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Tuesday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at fatherfaris@comcast.net or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone is in the hospital it is the duty of the family to inform the priest so that he can visit the patient. Also, if anyone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, he/she or a family member should contact Fr. Leonard to make arrangements to bring the Sacrament to the shut-in. Fr. Leonard is always happy to bring the Sacraments to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes or at home. Thank you and God bless!



Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world; for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of Life: Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy Kingdom; glory to Thy Providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind!

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu lu li-nas-jud, wa-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man
ga-ma min bal-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1 (repeated)

Troparion of St. Pelagia the Righteous, Tone 8

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Pelagia; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

Troparion of St. George, Tone 4

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2

O undisputed intercessor of Christians. The mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us, in time, with aid as we cry –unto thee in faith for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.



THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

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!"



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the Health and Safety of:

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

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 Ed & Lillian Betor
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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!



ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being given in loving memory of Mary and Charles Azar. May their memories be eternal.



MEMORIALS - Today, October 8th

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, His Graced, Bishop ANTOUN who reposed in the Lord on Monday morning, October 2, 2017. May his memory be eternal! We all remember Sayidna Antoun from His visit in 2007 when He came to elevate me to Archmandrite. He was the Auxiliary to Metropolitan PHILIP of Blessed Memory for over 40 years and served as Priest and Bishop for over 60 years. He was a much loved Bishop and how He intercedes for us in Heaven! May his memory be eternal!

Special Olympics AWARENESS DAY



As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to run and sponsor the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Three hundred and Forty-Five (345) athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40)

Did you know?

Special Olympics Sports Camp is a premier SOYO outreach program and is now in its 37th year of service to the Special Olympic Athletes. In addition to the funds raised on Special Olympics Awareness Day, the teens provide at least half the coaching staff and many former teen volunteers, now adults, serve as adult leaders in the ministry.

Next Sunday, October 15, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2018. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$74,000 to run this worthwhile program.

As an expression of our teens' gratitude for your support of this important ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint Thekla the Protomartyr. Because of Saint Thekla's many sufferings for the Faith the Church counts her as a "Protomartyr". And because she converted so many people to Christianity she is also known as an "Equal-to-the-Apostles". Her Feast Day is September 24th.

Thank you for your financial support. Please make checks payable to your local teen SOYO group.

For More information: <https://teensoyo.org/special-olympics>
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THEKLA
THE PROTOMARTYR



TEEN MONTH

Epistle: Gaby Sabbouh
Usher/Collector: Katrina Awad
Usher/Collector: Chantal Oujaimi
2nd Collector:
2nd Collector:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

What an amazing weekend we had last week celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our Beloved Parish. From start to finish it was a magnificent display of love, capturing the beginnings of our Forefathers establishing the Blessed Community.

I wish to sincerely thank Chairwoman of this Great Event, Laurie Andersson and her parish Council Chairman, Joseph Awad, for the many hours they spent meeting with the various committees to ensure such a wonderful weekend. I would also like to thank all the Committees who worked so hard during the last eighteen months to capture the essence of our parish. Without their efforts we could not have had such an inspiring weekend.

I would like to thank Peter Arsenault and Ron Tayebi for making the beautiful Crosses that were handed out following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. They were made with a lot of Love.

I would like to thank the choir who sang so beautifully at the Hierarchical Liturgy. Your voices reached the Heavens and Sayidna and I were very proud of how beautiful the Liturgy was.

I would like to thank all our parishioners and friends who attended this very special weekend and pray that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, blesses the with good health, happiness and long life. Your presence was an affirmation of your Faith and Love for St. George. For those who came and haven't been in church for some time, WE WELCOME YOU BACK WITH OPEN ARMS AND WE LOVE AND NEED YOU TO BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

And finally to anyone who was forgotten, we thank you and may God bless you!

Inadvertently, we missed the following names in the bulletin, who donated toward our 100th Anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. George Kontos and Mrs. Bessie Kourkoulakos. Thank you and God bless you with good health and happiness!



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