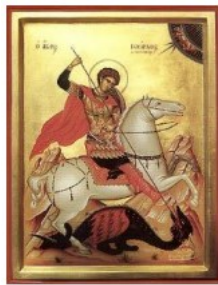


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**October 6, 2024**

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Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

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### Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu lu-li-nas-judu, wal-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, malikana wa eelaheena, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man qa-ma min by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

### Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6 (repeated)

### Troparion of St. Thomas, Tone 3

O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our merciful god to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

### 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

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.*

#### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)**

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of 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!"

#### **Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safety of:**

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## COMING UP

Sun	10/6	Immediately following the Divine Liturgy we will have the “IN GATHERING” to welcome everyone back from summer vacation.	
Tue	10/8	6:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	10/13	9:30 am	Sunday School

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Beginning in October, we will, again, have Services on Wednesday evenings in the Church at 7:00 pm. The schedule is as follows:

Wed	10/9	7:00 pm	Paraclesis Services
Wed	10/16	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy
Wed	10/23	7:00 pm	Paraclesis Services
Wed	10/30	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy

I encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend these evening Services for the health and safety and their deepening of their Faith in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**TEEN SOYO MONTH - SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
**October 27th is Special Olympics Awareness Day**

On October 27th, 2024, teens across our Archdiocese will collect funds to support the 44th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp at Antiochian Village. Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 9,000 athletes and coaches. Around 1,500 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp. We are grateful for the support we receive from each parish in our Archdiocese and thank you for your help in continuing this wonderful ministry!

A second collection will be taken on Sunday, October 27th for this special event. Each year, in October, the Teen SOYO help in the Church by reading the epistle, taking the collections and ushering during Holy Communion.

As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to sponsor the Camp, we ask for your generosity and help in making this ministry possible. Approximately 300 athletes and coaches participate in our camp each year. Teen SOYO members travel from across our Archdiocese to volunteer their time to live in service to others and to fulfill the call to do all things "as working for the Lord, not for men."

**October 6th**

Collectors/Ushers:      Emma and Alexander Steele

## Worship in the Orthodox Church

Many folk leave their first Orthodox service, not sure what it is they have experienced. That's okay. The music, the painted icons, the incense, the vestments of the priest all seem a bit foreign at first. They often leave one with a sense of mystery. That is okay too. In the Orthodox Church, the transcendence of God and the beauty of worship give us a tiny glimpse of His Heavenly Kingdom. The Divine Liturgy is a reminder that our true homes are not in this world.

Orthodox services are rich in tradition and steeped in a sense of holiness. Whether it is the Sunday Divine Liturgy (the Eucharistic service), a weekday Matins or Vesper service, or one of the special services on a feast day or during Lent, the words and hymns proclaim what the church believes.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are essential to Orthodox worship. In the **Orthodox Study Bible** we read, *the message comes from God... that is why the Bible and the Church cannot be separated.* ~ Father Jack Sparks. Proclaiming God's word and interpreting the Scriptures in the task of the Church; to read, study and make the Word part of us is the task of all Christians.

The Holy Bible is in the pew rack for those who wish to follow along with the Scripture readings. The readings change from week to week and are printed in the bulletin each Sunday.

In the pew rack, you will find several different books, all of which can be helpful for following the service. The red **Service Book** is the official text of the Archdiocese; many of the regular services are printed inside. You will see another booklet, called **The Divine Liturgy for Children**. Don't let the title scare you away—it is an excellent way to follow the service, just open it to the beginning and go.

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine,  
for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.  
2 Timothy 3:16*

## Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius. The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry, because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time”.

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.



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