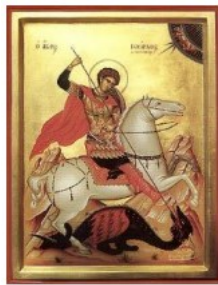
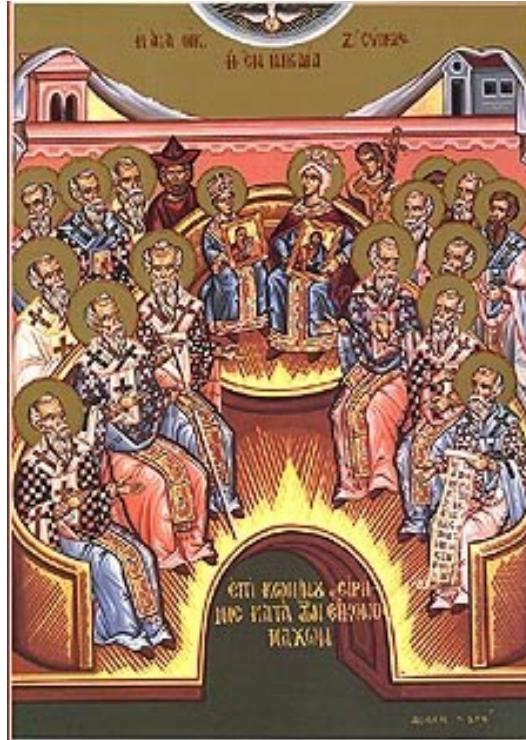


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October 13, 2024

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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 great mercy.

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 7 (repeated)

Troparion of the Holy Fathers, Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Jacob of Hamatoura, Tone 3

Thou didst flourish like Lebanon's cedar, with no fear thou didst suffer martyrdom, thou becamest, O saint Jacob, a true victor. For thou didst conquer death with thy mortal flesh, when thou didst tame all the passions by humility. And while burning like incense as a true sacrifice, thou intercedest with Christ to grant us all the Great Mercy.

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

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Brethren. Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

Let Us Attend. The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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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	10/16	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!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE 44TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS 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."

Colossians 3:23



Sunday, October 27th, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 44th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2025.

Your donations make it possible for every athlete to attend this event free of charge and also help Teen SOYO members travel to serve as Coaches at the camp.

As an expression of gratitude for your donation to this effort, teens will be handing our bookmarks with the icon of the Theotokos.

Thank you for considering the support of this wonderful ministry that allows our children to be a witness and blessing to others!

Please make checks payable to your local Teen SOYO with "SOAD 2024" in the memo.

Donations can also be made online at www.teensoyo.org/special-olympics

Each year the Teen SOYO help in the Church by reading the epistle, taking the collections and ushering during Holy Communion

DID YOU KNOW?

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 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.

October 13th

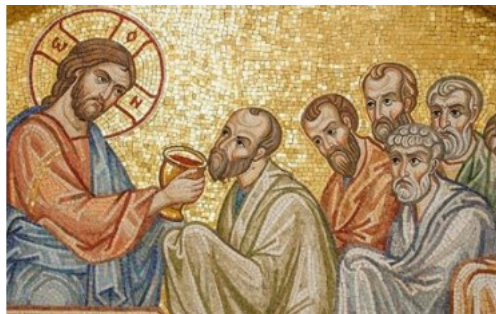
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The Fourth Commandment of the Church

“Make Penitential Confession to an Orthodox Priest in order to receive Absolution and Communion at least once a year”.

Holy Communion ought to be received often because it is food for the Soul. That soul will be starved which for a long period of time does not receive this nourishment. Our Lord says: “Except you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you”. The early Christians received Holy Communion every day; later on, only in the fourth Season of Fast. Still later when the fervor of many grew cold, the Church ordained that all Christians, seven years of age and older, were obligated to confess their sins at least once a year in the Season of the Great Fast. It is fitting that we should receive Holy Communion at Pascha, because it was just before the Resurrection of Our Lord, on Holy Thursday, that Our Lord instituted this Blessed Sacrament. At Pascha, Christ also rose from the dead. If we make a really good confession, we too, in a spiritual sense, rise from the dead. For the soul, which is in grievous sin, is spiritually dead; through the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) it receives the Holy Spirit again and spiritual life is again restored to it. “Just as Christ has risen from the dead, so we also may walk in newness of life”. The Church adds, “**At Least**” to this commandment because she wishes us to go to Confession frequently, and it need hardly be said that if anyone has the misfortune to fall into grievous (Mortal) sin, he/she should go to Confession without delay. For to die in the state of a grievous sin risks our salvation. It is the serious duty of parents to see that their children are properly instructed in the Faith and keep this Commandment of the Church.



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