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St. George Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 7, 2024 - The Great-Martyr Kyriaki and the Second Sunday of Matthew

Coming Up at St. George:

Sunday, July 7 at 8:45 am - Matins, 10:00am - Divine Liturgy for the Great-Martyr
Kyriaki & the Second Sunday of Matthew followed by Fellowship
and Adult Education

Tuesday, July 9 from 2-4:00pm - Senior Share

No Office Hours, Daily Vespers or Great Vespers July 10 through July 13!

Sunday, July 14 at 8:45am - Matins, 10:00am - Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the
Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council followed by Fellowship

No Office Hours or Daily Vespers Wednesday, July 17!

No Office Hours July 19!

Saturday, July 20 at 5:30pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, July 21 at 8:45am - Matins, 10:00am - The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
followed by Fellowship and Adult Education

Services available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@St.GeorgeSpringValleyOrthodox>

Please follow along in the booklet for Divine Liturgy

- *The Glory hymns at the end of Matins:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

They who were with Mary came and brought with them ointments; and as they were at a loss how to achieve their desire, they saw that the stone had been rolled, and a divine young man removed all anxiety and trouble from their souls by saying: The Lord Jesus hath risen.

Wherefore, they proclaimed to His Disciples, that they should hasten to Galilee and behold Him, risen from the dead; for He is the Lord, the Giver of life.

Both Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thou hast transcended all blessings, O Virgin Theotokos! For Hades hath been spoiled by Him who was incarnate of thee. Yea, Adam was recalled, the curse was abolished. Eve was delivered and death was caused to die, and we were made to live again. Wherefore, with praise we cry: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast thus shown Thy pleasure. Glory to Thee!

- *The Resurrectional Troparion, following the Great Doxology:*

Today hath salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises unto Him who rose again from the grave, the Author of our life. For in that by death He hath destroyed death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

- *The Little Litany and the First Antiphon:*

Through the prayers of the Birth-Giver of God, O Savior, save us.

- *The Little Litany and the Second Antiphon:*

Save us, O Son of God, who didst rise again from the dead, we who sing unto Thee: Alleluia!

- *The Third Antiphon and the Little Entrance:*

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 1): The stone being sealed by the Jews, and thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, O Savior, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed thee, O Giver of life, crying: Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy gracious providence, O thou only Lover of mankind.

- *Hymns of the day, following the Little Entrance:*

Repeat the Troparion for the Resurrection (from above)

Apolytikion for St. Kyriaki (Tone 5): Thou didst prove an auspicious and pleasing sacrifice, a holy offering O valiant prizewinner Kyriaki, when thou broughtest thy Creator thine own spotless soul; which Christ in turn hath glorified, for through thee, He poureth forth divine gifts and endless graces upon the faithful who praise thee, since He is the Friend of man.

Troparion for St. George the Great-Martyr (Tone 4): Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George:

Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Ordinary Kontakion (Tone 2): O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

The Trisagion Hymn:

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal One: Have mercy on us! (Three times)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal One: Have mercy upon us!

Louder! Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal One: Have mercy upon us!

The Epistle for St. Kyriaki

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (3:23-4:5).

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Clergy: Peace be to thee who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Chanter: O God who givest avengement unto me and hast subdued peoples under me. It is He that magnifieth the salvation of His king and worketh mercy for His anointed, for David, and his seed unto eternity.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23).

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Communion Hymn: Praise ye the Lord from Heaven; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Information & Announcements

Fellowship, Holy Bread and Epistle Readers: We need volunteers! Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs or let Ruth Baum know when you can help. For fellowship during the summer, we'll be keeping things easy, with the church providing beverages and those interested, bringing something to share. Please contact Mike Baum or Dn. Jeremy if you'd like to volunteer to read the epistle.

Adult Education: Dn. Jeremy will continue with instruction each Sunday in July except for the 14th, when he will be out of town. Please join us after fellowship for a Catechesis for All!

Next Sunday, July 14, we say goodbye to our good friend, Fr. Jon Fate. Please join us in thanking him for spending time with us and leading us in services during his summer vacation.

OCWA Fall Retreat 2024: "On the Theotokos" September 27-28, 2024 at St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, Wisconsin. The Very Reverend Fr. Methodios of Mount Athos is the guest speaker on Friday evening and will be presenting a talk dedicated to the Most Holy Theotokos. If interested, please see the available flyer or the bulletin board downstairs. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 14 - George and Mona Kaleel (anniv)

Church Finances

	May 2024	2024 YTD	2023 Comparison
Income:	\$6,353.28	\$40,304.34	\$49,695.80
Expense:	\$3,988.99	\$21,677.90	\$35,959.12
Net:	\$2,364.29	\$18,626.44	\$13,736.68

2024 figures do not include proceeds from the sale of the parsonage as they have been invested.

The Teacher Does Not Retire

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

Dedicated to Metropolitan George Khodr, March 12, 2018



His Eminence Metropolitan Saba is resharing this tribute to His Eminence Metropolitan George Khodr (upon his retirement from archpastoral ministry in 2018) on the occasion of his 101st birthday on July 6, 2024.

O Antiochian light, we thank God for sending you to His Church, so that its people may know its hidden splendor and its radiance that calls the people of God. Had you not been present in the past eight decades, the light of Christ would not have shone as brightly in it as it does today. You have spent your lifetime, since its blossoming, in the service of the Incarnate Word, bringing salvation, compassion, and love to humanity. You have passionately loved the Crucified One Who rose from the dead for your sake and ours. You sought after Him, driven by overwhelming love and unshakable certainty that He is the Savior, and that He alone is worthy of worship and of our whole hearts and beings.

In the blossoming of our youth, as my generation and I oscillated between culture and faith, you were the shining example of the possibility of combining both, and of how culture sparkles with life and beauty when illuminated by Christ's light. You rescued us at that time from the clutches of atheism and made us love the Church of Christ which we had perceived as no more than a dusty museum or, at best, a place suitable for the poor and elderly. Through you, we learned that it is the cradle of true life and the source of eternal youth, and that Christ alone is "the way, the truth, and the life" for all generations and all times.

You lived, as you said, captivated by divine love, and you stated: "The believer is either passionately in love or he is nothing." You restored many people's confidence in the Church and its pastors. Your passion for Christ enabled you to find contentment in Him alone, freeing yourself from all earthly bonds, even the good ones. How could you have stayed in the world with its problems and crises, without your eyes being never distracted from the Lord? You used to enchant us with Him when you cast His light upon every earthly thing, transforming it into something heavenly! You often used the expression "earthly dust kneaded with the light of Christ" because you experienced firsthand how your own earthly dust was transformed after being engulfed with His light again. The Lord chose to spread His radiance to us from your earthly dust. He entrusted you to convey His splendors to the ends of the earth, and you were a faithful apostle.

Would you have combined in your eyes the gentleness of a child and the sharpness of a falcon if God had not granted you abundant intelligence so that you, in turn, could give him the purity of your heart? And because you have unified in your person, by His divine grace, the earthly with the heavenly, you became able to reflect the abundance of His splendor and beauties, and to lead even those who reject your Lord to respect Him and those who scorn His Church to change their perspective.

I did not understand, nor did some of my friends, the secret of your passion for Christ until your eyes once gleamed with a joy that is not from this world, when one of our colleagues asked you, "I read you attentively and notice that you use the word Christ so often that I even tried to replace it with the word God in many places, and I saw that the meaning did not change." You exclaimed joyfully, as if he had discovered a secret, and said: "Precisely, because no one comes to the Father except through Him."

You enriched us beyond measure. How we awaited your articles and sermons and eagerly received them to rejoice in the sweetness of your Jesus that you conveyed to us. No one taught like you. No one dared like you to smash the idols that often obscured the face of the Lord, even in the heart of His Church.

Your desire to illuminate the world with the light of your Christ made you unafraid to wade through the mire because you had great faith that it would turn into light when it met the Lord. You would come to us, leaning on His chest like the beloved John, to infuse us with the warmth of His heart and refresh our souls with the nectar of His life-giving fragrance. I do not believe that your intelligence and your culture alone are what enriched us with all that came from you, in your verbal and written teachings. No, your constant prostration at the Lord's feet, your attachment to Him, and the outpouring of His grace in you made your human capabilities convey Him with the splendor that you personally experienced in Him.

You engaged in dialog with the young and old, those who shared your convictions, those who opposed them, and those who rejected them. Your equal respect for all did not wane. You bore all the flaws of humanity, being patient with your flock, with the sinner until he repents and with the wicked in the hope of awakening any good within them. Only stupidity you could not tolerate, for your voice would rise high against it. Was it because you understood its great danger, for it hides the light of Christ from the world? You showed kindness to the sinner and reprimanded him at times for the sake of his repentance, but how would the foolish know the gravity of their actions if not confronted?

Do you know, O great one, that your greatness lies in all of this? With all the gifts and talents God bestowed upon you, you did not confine His Church within yourself, but left much freedom to your disciples, so that the Spirit of the Lord would have ample space to transform them.

I once came to you, anxious about the situation of my small archdiocese and saddened by the stifling of my capabilities in it. You advised me to focus on the quality of my service, not its

quantity. You said, “We in the Church are shepherds of souls first and foremost.” No words have comforted me as much as yours; you have shown me the way with these words. Now, after years of service to the Church, I am sure that no one could say what you said unless he had internally struggled for the salvation of his flock, because he loved extremely.

How great you are, with a diamond eloquent tongue. Your greatness extends beyond knowledge and culture. It lies in your humility and love, and your unwavering heart turned forever toward your Lord. Because of this towering stature, you reached every corner, bowing only before your Lord.

Today, having passed the age of ninety-five, the frailty of human nature relieves you from pastoral burdens and the Church’s concerns. Yet, you remain a blessing to the Antiochian Church and in perpetual prayer for it. In its crises, it stands at crossroads, yearning for persons like you. Today, you dedicate your time to praying for it. Pray that it may not obscure the Lord’s face to His people with scandals, limitations, or stupidity. Pray, Your Eminence, so that many within it allow the Lord to illuminate the face of this world through them.

You remain, O teacher, as you have given, taught, and written.

His Eminence, the Most Reverend Saba Isper is the Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East and the Holy Synod of Antioch elected His Eminence to lead the Archdiocese during its extraordinary session on Feb. 23, 2023, in Balamand, Lebanon.

His Eminence will lead and oversee the Archdiocese's parishes, missions, departments, institutions and organizations in the United States and Canada from the headquarters in Englewood, New Jersey. The auxiliary bishops aid him in his administration across the continent.

For more information on His Eminence and his teachings, please visit

<https://www.antiochian.org/dashboard?name=MetSaba>

