

# St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church



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*MARCH 27, 2011*

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St. John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church strives to serve those in the greater Fort Wayne community who seek fullness of truth and life in Jesus Christ; through the meaningful worship, the unchanging doctrines and the joyful communion experience in Holy Apostolic Tradition.

## SCHEDULE OF REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturdays:	Vespers: 5 pm	Confession: Before and after Vespers on
Sundays:	Matins: 9 am	Saturday; may be available on Sunday
	Divine Liturgy: 10:15 am	morning if needed.

## SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The following organizations meet on a regular basis at 7 pm at the Church hall on the specified day. The **Parish Council** meets on the first Monday of the month. ▪ The **Antiochian Women** meet on the second Monday of the month. ▪ The **Fellowship of St. John the Divine** meet on the second Thursday of the month. ▪ The **Men's Club** meets on the third Monday of the month.

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that Holy Communion is limited to those members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession, but you are welcome to come forward, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal. Please sign our guest book located at the entrance.

## LITURGICAL TEXT

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**Saints of the Day:** Martyr Matrona of Thessalonika; Martyrs Philetos and Lydia; Paul, bishop of Corinth; Venerable Euthychios

### 1.) 1st Antiphon

- a. The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us. Thou hast given a sign unto them that fear Thee, that they may flee from before the face of the bow. **Through the intercessions...**
- b. Thou hast ascended on high, Thou leddest captivity captive. Thou has given an inheritance to them that fear Thy name. **Through the intercessions...**
- c. Glory ... Now... **Through the intercessions...**

### 2.) 2nd Antiphon

- a. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood. **O Son of God, who art risen...**
- b. God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. **O Son of God, who art risen...**
- c. High above all the nations is the Lord. Thou art Lord Most High over all the earth. **O Son of God, who art risen...**
- d. Glory ... Now... **O only-begotten Son and Word of God...**

3.) During the Little Entrance: 3rd Antiphon and the Troparion of the Holy Cross in Tone 1  
Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet. Save thy people and bless thy inheritance: Shepherd them and bear them up unto eternity.

### **Tone 1**

Holy Cross (Nassar, 298; Kazan Triod. Vol. 2, 81; Archdiocese Sacred Music)

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of thy Cross preserving thy commonwealth.

4.) The Entrance Hymn(Eisodikon):

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

5.) After the Entrance we chant:

### **Tone 3**

The Resurrection from the Octoechos (Nassar, 154; Kazan Vesp., 165)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death and become First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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### **Troparion of Saint John Chrysostom**

Grace has shone forth from the mouth like fire, illuminating the inhabited world. Thou have treasured for the world the treasures of silver-hating and revealed to us the sublimity of humility. Wherefore, O Educator, by thy words, O John the golden-mouthed, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

طروبارية القديس يوحنا الذهبي الفم (باللحن الثامن)

لقد بزغتِ النعمة من فمك مثل النار، فأنارتِ المسكونة ووضعت للعالم كنوزَ عَدَمِ حُبِّ الفِصَّةِ، وأوضحت لنا سُمُوَ الإِتضاع، يا أَيُّها الأبُّ المؤدَّبُ بأقوالِهِ يوحناَ الذهبيَّ الفم، فتشفع إلى الكلمةِ المسيحِ الإله، في خلاصِ نفوسِنَا.

### **Tone 8**

Kontakion of the Annunciation (Nassar, 524; or Liturgicon)

To thee the champion leader, I thy servant offer thanks for victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast power invincible, free me from every danger that I may cry unto thee: Rejoice, O bride without bridegroom.

6.) The Trisagion is replaced with "**Before thy Cross...**". (Kazan Triod. Vol. 2, 102)

## 7.) Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Third Sunday of Great Lent)

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance.

*Verse:* I will appeal to you, O Lord our God.

### Lesson from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews

Brethren, we have a great High Priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God. Therefore, let us cling to the religion we profess. For we have not a high priest, who is unable to sympathize with our sufferings, but one, who has been through every trial like ourselves, yet without sinning. Therefore, let us approach his gracious throne fearlessly to receive mercy, grace, and support in the hour of need.

Every high priest is chosen among men and is appointed by men for divine worship to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself is subject to weakness. For this reason, he is obliged to offer sacrifices for sins, not only for the people, but for himself as well.

No one takes this office upon himself unless he is called by God, as Aaron was. Thus, Christ also did not invest himself with the glory of the high priest. On the contrary, he was invested by God, who said to him: "You are my Son. Today I have begotten you." He also said in another passage: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

## 8.) Gospel

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Third Sunday of Great Lent)

### The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

The Lord saith: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

## The rest of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

9.) The Megalynarion: "All Creation rejoices in Thee ... " (Nassar, 130; Serv. Bk., 139)

10.) The Koinonikon: "The light of thy countenance hath been impressed on us, O Lord. Alleluia."

11.) Post-Communion: "We have seen the true Light ...", is replaced by: **Troparion of the Holy Cross**

### Tone 1

Holy Cross (Nassar, 298; Kazan Triod. Vol. 2, 81; Archdiocese Sacred Music)

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of thy Cross preserving thy commonwealth.

### 12.) Procession of the Cross

It is customary in our Archdiocese for the procession to take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy in this manner:

a. After the prayer behind the Ambon, the Priest, having placed the Holy Cross on a tray decorated with roses and flowers and three candles, takes the tray and puts it on the Holy Altar.

b. After censuring the Holy Cross nine times, the Priest starts the procession, preceded by the Altar boys, and other clergy (if serving) and the censer.

c. Then they exit through the North Door and go around the Church as in the Great Entrance, meanwhile the choir sings "**Holy God. . .**" many times, very slowly.

d. When they reach the Ambon, the celebrant and the one who is carrying the censer go around the table three times and after the third time, the celebrant, facing the east, says "Wisdom," "Let us attend," and places the tray and the Cross on the table.

e. The celebrant then takes the censer and censes the Holy Cross from the four sides around the table while singing "**O Lord save Thy people...**"

f. Then the choir sings it twice while the Priest censes the Iconostasis and the Faithful from the Ambon.

g. The celebrant gives the censer away and sings "**Before Thy Cross, O Master, we adore and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify,**" making a prostration each time this hymn is sung.

h. Then the choir sings it twice and the celebrant, standing in the Royal Doors, finishes the Divine Liturgy as usual.

13.) At the Great Dismissal we say, "May he who has risen from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, ... Through the prayers

### HOLY OBLATIONS

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***The Holy Bread is Offered by:*** Andre and Dima Mourad for the health of Aydre George on his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, for all our family members, for the health of all the children around the world and for Aydre's Godparents.

For the health of his Eminence Metropolitan Phillip, Right Reverend Father Anthony and Very Reverend Father George and Khorieh Charlotte.

For Ike and Marie Bojrab, Mary, Alex, Annie, Fouad, Rick, Regina, Betty, John, Don, Salte, Shamie, Emanuel, David, Mary, Tom, John, John, Richard, Liz, Chelsa, Anthony, Marwan, Joanne, Craig, Lidia, Mitch (Thomas), Anastasia, Harry and DG.

***The Holy Bread is Offered in Memory of:*** Mariam, Karla, Cheri, Hala, Maurice, Alees, Nadra, Fadwa, Elias, Mahjeh, Constantine, Gassan and for the repose of the souls of all the departed loved ones of the members and friends of St. John Chrysostom. *May Their Memories Be Eternal*

### UPCOMING BREAD OFFERING

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**March 27:** Andre & Dima Mourad. **April 3:** Laudia Estefan; **10:** Fouad & Annie Deeb; **17:** Dr. Isa & Elizabeth Canavati; **24:** George & Elaine Mourad

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE LITURGY

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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**March Birthdays – 2:** Kris Howard, **4:** Abbie Morrow, Aubrey Morrow, **10:** Sammy Corey, **16:** Sam Corey, **19:** Sandy J. Cockrell, Connie Schenkenberger, **21:** George Mourad, **23:** Elaine Mourad, Alex Tsiguloff, **25:** Anwar Estefan, **27:** Aydre G. Mourad, Richard P. Bojrab. *May God grant you many years!*

## SPRING BAKLAVA FUNDRAISER

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We can all help in many different ways:

- Sell, sell and sell!
- Purchase a box for yourself or as a gift.
- Take some brochures to your family, friends and co-workers.

## BAKLAVA FOR SALE

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The Antiochian Women's group is now taking orders for a spring baklava sale. You can pick up an order form from the table at the entrance. Please see Mona Smith for more information.

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## THANK YOU BREAKFAST

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On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the Fellowship of St. John the Divine will be hosting a thank you breakfast to show our appreciation for all the love and support you have provided the organization. Please join us in fellowship and enjoy this complimentary breakfast following the Divine Liturgy.

# **PASCHA**

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## **PASCHA FLOWERS**

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If you would like to contribute towards flowers for decorating the Church for Pascha, please complete the form located on the table at the entrance and place it in the collection plate with your contribution. Contributions may be made in memory of loved ones who have passed away or for the good health and spiritual joy of your family.

## **EGG DONATION**

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Each family is asked to provide 1 dozen of raw eggs for the Pascha service and celebration. Please place the eggs in the refrigerator by April 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be colored and distributed during Pascha service. If you have any questions contact Annie Deeb.

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## **GARAGE SALE**

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St. John's will be holding a garage sale in June and is asking for donated items. Please save your garage sale items and bring them to the Church hall sometime in May. If you have any questions contact Connie Schenkenberger.

## **BIBLE BOWL**

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If you are interested in competing in the Bible Bowl contest during the summer convention in Cleveland, Ohio, please see Andre Mourad. Our Parish's goal is to send one adult team and one teen team.

## **VINE AND BRANCHES BOOKSTORE**

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Please come and visit the bookstore located in the Church Hall. Beautiful icons, greeting cards, prayer ropes, night lights, newborn baby gifts and hand-made, cut and carved Amish candles are available. Please see Connie Schenkenberger for more information.