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10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy

Confession by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic (Universal), and Apostolic Church. The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition, which express the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in **The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!** Receiving Holy Communion in this Church is to adhere and commit to the One True Church, the Orthodox Church.

Visitor(s), please feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your name(s) to the Ushers and introduce yourself to Father Saba at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who has shown us the Light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

We praise thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, thou that takest away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes. (thrice)

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (thrice)

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, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

المَجْدُ لَكَ يَا مُظْهِرَ النُّورِ، المَجْدُ لِلَّهِ فِي العَلَاءِ،
وعلى الأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسْرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيُّ، الإلهُ، الأبُّ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِبْنُ الوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ القُدُّوسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يَا حَمَلَ اللهِ يَا ابْنَ الأبِّ، يَا رَافِعَ
خَطِيئَةِ العَالَمِ ارْحَمْنَا، يَا رَافِعَ خَطَايَا العَالَمِ
تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنَا أَيُّهَا الجَالِسُ عَنِ يَمِينِ الأبِّ
وَارْحَمْنَا

لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ
يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ، فِي مَجْدِ اللهِ الأبِّ، آمِينَ.
فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأَسْبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ،
وَالى أَبَدِ الأَبَدِ

أهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إلهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.

مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأٌ كُنْتُ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّي قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمَنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إلهي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلأَبِّ وَالإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُّوسِ.
الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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

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عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ مِصْرَ وَبَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ مِنْ شَعْبِ
أَعْجَمِيٍّ، صَارَ يَهُودًا مَقْدِسًا لَهُ وَإِسْرَائِيلُ سُلْطَنَتَهُ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
أَبْصَرَ الْبَحْرُ هَذَا فَهَرَبَ وَالْأُرْدُنُّ رَجَعَ إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ.
مَاذَا دَهَاكَ يَا بَحْرُ حَتَّى هَرَبْتَ؟ وَيَا أُرْدُنُّ حَتَّى رَجَعْتَ
إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ؟

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَالِي دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

فَرِحْتُ جِدًّا لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ يَسْمَعُ صَوْتِ تَضَرُّعِي. إِنَّهُ
أَمَالَ أُذُنَهُ إِلَيَّ فَأَنَادِيهِ مَا حَيَّبْتُ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ مِنْ يُوْحَنَّا
فِي الْأُرْدُنِّ، لِئُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

غَمَرَاتُ الْمَوْتِ اكْتَنَفْتَنِي وَأَهْوَالُ الْجَحِيمِ أَدْرَكْتَنِي.
لَقِيتُ الضِّيقَ وَالْأَسَى، فَدَعَوْتُ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ مِنْ يُوْحَنَّا
فِي الْأُرْدُنِّ، لِئُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

الرَّبُّ رَحِيمٌ وَصَدِيقٌ، إِلَهُنَا رَوْوْفٌ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ مِنْ يُوْحَنَّا
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الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَالِي دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

إِحْمَدُوا الرَّبَّ لِأَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، لِأَنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ هَارُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ. لِيَقُلْ خَائِفُو الرَّبِّ جَمِيعاً إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.

TROPARION OF THE GREAT FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TONE 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

بِاعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبُّ فِي نَهْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرَ السُّجُودُ لِلثَّلَاوِثِ، فَإِنَّ صَوْتَ الْأَبِ أَتَاكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّياً إِيَّاكَ ابْنًا مَحْبُوبًا، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرَ وَأَنَارَ الْعَالَمَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (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.

إِنَّ الْقُوَّاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةِ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرْيَمَ وَقَفْتَ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَّيْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجْرَبْ مِنْهَا، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TONE 1)

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TROPARION OF THE SYNAXIS (TONE 2)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom they had proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us Great Mercy.

تَذْكَارُ الصِّدِّيقِ بِالْمَدِيحِ، أَمَا أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا السَّابِقُ
فَتَكْفِيكَ شَهَادَةُ الرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّكَ ظَهَرْتَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ
أَشْرَفَ مِنْ كُلِّ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ، إِذْ قَدْ اسْتَأْهَلْتَ أَنْ تُعَمِّدَ
فِي الْمَجَارِي مَنْ كَرَزُوا هُمْ بِهِ. وَمِنْ ثَمَّ إِذْ جَاهَدْتَ
عَنِ الْحَقِّ مَسْرُوراً، بَشَّرْتَ الَّذِينَ فِي الْجَحِيمِ بِالْإِلَهِ
الظَّاهِرِ بِالْجَسَدِ، الرَّافِعِ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَمِ، وَالْمَانِحِ
إِيَّانَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support 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.

بِمَا أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF THE GREAT FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TONE 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

قَدْ ظَهَرْتَ لِلدُّنْيَا، ذَا الْيَوْمِ يَا رَبُّ، وَضِيَاؤُكَ
ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ لَكَ التَّسْبِيحَ عَنْ
مَعْرِفَةٍ قَائِلِينَ: جِئْتَ وَبِنْتَ يَا نُوراً لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

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To thee the champion leader, * I thy city offer thanks of victory. * O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. * But as thou hast that power which is invincible, * From all dangers set me free and deliver me. That I may cry unto thee: * Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إِنِّي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ * اكْتُبْ لِكَ رَايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا
جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ * وَأَقْدِمْ لِكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمَا نَفَذْتَ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ *
لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لِكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ * اعْتَقِينِي مِنْ
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ إِفْرَحِي يَا عَرُوساً
لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

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ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

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

Have put on Christ.

With strength! (Dynamis!)

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ، الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلْلُويَا.
(ثلاثا)

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ،
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلْلُويَا.

قُوَّةٌ!

أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ، الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلْلُويَا

THE SYNAXARION

On January 7th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Synaxis (Gathering) of the holy and glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. On the same day is also commemorated the translation of his most precious and holy right hand unto the city of Constantinople.

*How shall this tongue of mine now praise thee, O Preacher,
Whom Christ's tongue calleth greater than all the earthborn?
The famous Forerunner's memorial is the lot of the seventh.*

Because John's main role in his life was played out on the day of Theophany (Epiphany), the Church from earliest times dedicated the "day after" to his memory. Among the Gospel personalities who surround the Savior, John the Baptist occupies a totally unique place by his roles in baptizing the Messiah and in baptizing people for repentance. John prepared himself in the wilderness of the desert for 30 years for his great service by a strict life, by fasting, prayer and sympathy for the fate of God's people. John was of such moral purity that, in truth, he could be called an angel (messenger) as Holy Scripture calls him rather than a mortal man. He appeared on the banks of the Jordan, to prepare the people by his preaching to accept the Savior of the world. In church hymnology, the Baptist is called a "bright morning star," whose gleaming outshone the brilliance of all the other stars, announcing the coming dawn of the day of grace, illumined with the light of the spiritual Sun, our Lord Jesus Christ. John differs from all other prophets especially in that he had that privilege of being able, with his hand, to show the world Him about Whom he prophesied. As the holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord—whom the Lord called the greatest of the prophets—John concludes the history of the Old Testament and opens the era of the New Testament. He bore witness to the Only-Begotten Son of God, incarnate in the flesh. John was accounted worthy to baptize Him in the waters of the Jordan, and he was a witness of the Theophany of the Most Holy Trinity at the Savior's Baptism.

On this day, we commemorate the New-martyr Athanasios of Attalia; and Venerable Brannock of Braunton. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Matthew Ablan

Today

Francis Imseih

EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (19:1-8)

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

يَفْرَحُ الصِّدِّيقُ بِالرَّبِّ. اسْتَمِعْ يَا اللَّهُ لِصَوْتِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ

القديسين الأظهر (19:1-8)

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ حَدَثَ إِذْ كَانَ أَبُلُّوسُ فِي كُورِنْثُوسَ، أَنْ بُولُسَ اجْتَازَ فِي النَّوَاجِي الْعَالِيَةِ وَجَاءَ إِلَى أَفَسُسَ، فَوَجَدَ بَعْضًا مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ نَلْتُمُ الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ لَمَّا آمَنْتُمْ؟» قَالُوا لَهُ: «لَا، حَتَّى إِنَّا لَمْ نَسْمَعْ بِوُجُودِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ». قَالَ: «فَبِأَيَّةِ مَعْمُودِيَّةٍ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ؟» فَقَالُوا: «بِمَعْمُودِيَّةِ يُوْحَنَّا». فَقَالَ بُولُسُ: «إِنَّ يُوْحَنَّا عَمَدَ بِمَعْمُودِيَّةِ التَّوْبَةِ قَائِلًا لِلشَّعْبِ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِالَّذِي يَأْتِي بَعْدَهُ أَيُّ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ». فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا اعْتَمَدُوا بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، وَوَضَعَ بُولُسُ يَدَيْهِ عَلَيْهِمْ فَحَلَّ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ عَلَيْهِمْ، فَطَفِقُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَاتٍ وَيَتَنَبَّأُونَ. وَكَانُوا كُلُّهُمْ نَحْوَ اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ رَجُلًا. ثُمَّ دَخَلَ الْمَجْمَعُ، وَكَانَ يُجَاهِرُ مُدَّةَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَشْهُرٍ يُفَاوِضُهُمْ وَيُقْنِعُهُمْ بِمَا يَخْتَصُّ بِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ

The reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint John (1:29-34)

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ

يُوحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ (1:29-34)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ رَأَى يُوحَنَّا يَسُوعَ مُقْبِلًا
إِلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ: «هُوَذَا حَمَلُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ
الْعَالَمِ! هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي قُلْتُ عَنْهُ: إِنَّهُ يَأْتِي
بَعْدِي رَجُلٌ قَدْ صَارَ قَبْلِي، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُتَقَدِّمِي.
وَأَنَا لَمْ أَكُنْ أَعْرِفُهُ. لَكِنْ لِكَيْ يُظَهَرَ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ،
جِئْتُ أَنَا أَعْمِدُ بِالْمَاءِ». وَشَهِدَ يُوحَنَّا قَائِلًا:
«إِنِّي رَأَيْتُ الرُّوحَ مِثْلَ حَمَامَةٍ قَدْ نَزَلَ مِنْ
السَّمَاءِ وَاسْتَقَرَّ عَلَيْهِ. وَأَنَا لَمْ أَكُنْ أَعْرِفُهُ،
لَكِنَّ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي لِأَعْمِدَ بِالْمَاءِ، هُوَ قَالَ لِي:
إِنَّ الَّذِي تَرَى الرُّوحَ يَنْزِلُ وَيَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، هُوَ
الَّذِي يُعَمِّدُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَأَنَا قَدْ عَانَيْتُ
وَشَهِدْتُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ»

MEGALYNARION OF THE SYNAXIS (TONE 2)

Magnify, O my soul, the Maiden who delivered us from the curse.

O the wonder of thy super-intelligent birth-giving, thou all-pure bride, the blessed Mother through whom we have received perfect salvation, we indite a fitting song, offering as a gift the song of gratitude.

عَظِّمِي يَا نَفْسِي الْمُنْقِدَةَ إِيَّانَا مِنَ اللَّعْنَةِ.

يَا لَعَجَائِبِ مِيلادِكَ الْفَائِقِ الْعَقْلِ، أَيَّتُهَا الْعَرُوسُ الْكَلِيَّةُ النَّقَاوَةِ، الْأُمُّ الْمُبَارَكَةُ، الَّتِي إِذْ قَدْ نَلْنَا بِهَا خِلاصاً كامِلاً، فَنَحْنُ نَنْظُمُ لَهَا نَشِيداً لِإِيقَا، مُقَدِّمِينَ تَسْبِيحَةَ الشُّكْرِ هَدِيَّةً.

COMMUNION HYMN OF THE SYNAXIS (TONE 8)

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia.

الصِّدِّيقُ يَكُونُ ذِكْرُهُ أَبَدِيًّا، لَا يَخْشَى أَخْبَارَ السُّوءِ.

الْحَمْدُ

INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT,” SING TROPARION OF THE GREAT FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TONE 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

بِاعْتِمادِكَ يَا رَبُّ فِي نَهْرِ الْأَرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرَ السُّجُودُ لِلثَّلَاوِثِ، فَإِنَّ صَوْتَ الْأَبِ أَتَاكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّيًّا إِيَّاكَ ابْنًا مَحْبُوبًا، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُوَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرَ وَأَنَارَ الْعَالَمَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.



Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri and Robby Fakhouri



Jan 14 – **OPEN**

Jan 21 – Fayrouz Rayan and Family

Jan 28 – **OPEN**

Fri, Feb 2 – **OPEN**

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CONDOLENCES

The clergy and parishioners of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Cicero offer their sincerest condolences to:

Atef and Maysoun Fakhoury and family on the falling asleep of their son, †ODEY, at the age of 29 in California this past week.

Memory Eternal!

BAPTISMS

Jan 13 CRISANTOS, son of Fadi and Diana Rihani.

BLESSING OF RINGS

Jan 12 ANDREW, son of Raed and Reem Sweiss, and SALMA, daughter of William and Dena Barhoumeh.

MEMORIALS

Today 2-Year Memorial Service for †JALILEH FAKHOURI, offered by her Children.

Jan 21 1-Year Memorial Service for †RAYAN OUDEH RAYAN, offered by Fayrouz Rayan and family.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Diamond Jubilee Closing Ceremony and Time Capsule Ceremony (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	12:30 pm
Mon, Jan 8	Teen SOYO Officers' Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm
Tue, Jan 9	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Jan 10	Antiochian men (A-MEN) Officers' Virtual Meeting	8:30 pm
Sat, Jan 13	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Spiritual Talk and Dinner (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Jan 14	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
Tue, Jan 16	Sunday School Officers' Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Jan 17	• Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 22</i>)	6:00 pm
	• Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Thu, Jan 18	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 23</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Jan 20	• Great Vespers Service	5:30 pm
	• Teen SOYO Social Event	After Vespers
	• The Order of Saint Ignatius, Cicero Chapter Annual General Assembly meeting and Elections (<i>see pgs. 20-21</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Jan 21	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (<i>see pgs. 14-15</i>)	12:30 pm
Tue, Jan 23	Parish Council Election of Officers Zoom Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Jan 24	Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 22</i>)	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 25	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 23</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Jan 27	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Showerma and Tarneeb Night (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Jan 28	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
	• Induction of 2024 Parish Council	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship	After Liturgy
	• Sanctity of Life Prayer Service	6:00 pm

What Time Do I Arrive to Church on Sunday?

What Am I Missing?

What time do I arrive?	What part did I miss?	I have deprived myself of the opportunity to...
10:15	Orthros (Matins)	Attend an entire service (beginning at 9:15 AM). Hear the hymns of the week and prepare for the Liturgy.
10:25	Great Doxology	Begin the week properly by giving Glory to God and concluding the final preparation for the Divine Liturgy.
10:30	Blessed is the Kingdom	Proclaim that God's Kingdom is blessed and to respond, "Amen."
10:45	Litanies and Prayers	Pray for peace, the Church, the sick. Participate in the Entrance of the Holy Gospel.
10:55	Epistle, Gospel, Sermon	Hear the Word of God, and think of how it applies to my daily life.
11:10	Cherubic Hymn	Participate in the procession of the Holy Gifts among the people.
11:20	The Creed and Offering	Proclaim what "I believe" and acknowledge the One Who is being offered.
11:30	The Lord's Prayer	Prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
11:40	The Eucharist	Receive the Body and Blood of Christ from His table from which we hear His Gospel in the reading earlier in the service.
11:45	Thanksgiving Prayers	Give praise and thanks to God for the Gift we have received from Him.
11:50	The Dismissal	Commemorate Christ's saving work, and the prayers and intercession of all the saints.



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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba, Pastor

December 17, 2023

Dear Members of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church,

Christ in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

A blessed Nativity Season to you and your families! This is to inform you the 2024 Annual General Assembly Meeting for the voting membership of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda is enclosed with this letter.

To be recognized as a voting member of Saint George Church, a parishioner must be at least eighteen years of age and have met both the necessary spiritual obligations (as determined by the Pastor) and financial obligations (as determined by the Financial Secretary – \$600 per married couple or \$300 per individual received from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023). If you have not already done so, please complete your financial obligation before December 31, 2023. If you have any financial circumstances, please see the Pastor. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

The goal of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church is to have all eligible members vote.

At this General Assembly, elections will be held for four (4) seats for a three-year term on the Parish Council. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to compile a list of qualified candidates. The members of the committee are Fr. Fouad Saba, Mr. Suhail Qumri, and Mr. Rammy Zanayed (Chairman of the Nominating Committee). If you or someone you know is interested in running for the Parish Council and is willing to make the commitment required to fulfill this important obligation, please contact the Nominating Committee.

It is important to note that pursuant to the Saint George Church Constitution, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual General Assembly Meeting. All candidates' names must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by Sunday, January 14, 2024, in order for the candidate's name to be included on the Ballot. There can be no exception to this rule.

During this General Assembly Meeting, all members will also receive a full 2023 Financial Report, the proposed 2024 Annual Budget, and reports from the various organizations and hear about all current plans for the coming year. 2023 was an extremely active year in the life of Saint George Church and your attendance will add greatly to the discussion.

The Church is our spiritual home. Your involvement in the affairs of your Church is very important. May God bless you all as we prepare for the birth of the Savior!

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

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Pastor

Rammy Zanayed

Rammy Zanayed
Chairman, Parish Council

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)



Nominating Committee



R•E•P•O•R•T



The following is the report of the Nominating Committee of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church regarding the upcoming General Assembly and Parish Council Elections on January 21, 2024. The members of the Church listed below are qualified, nominated, and have accepted the nomination to run for election to the Parish Council and all have received the blessing of Fr. Fouad Saba as well:

- Fares Bannourah
- Victor Imreibe
- Amir Rihani
- George Conopeotis
- Dr. Johnny Kuttab
- Fadi Rihani
- Maher Eseed
- Mina Rantisi
- Steve Saba



MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY
ORTHODOX ROOTS

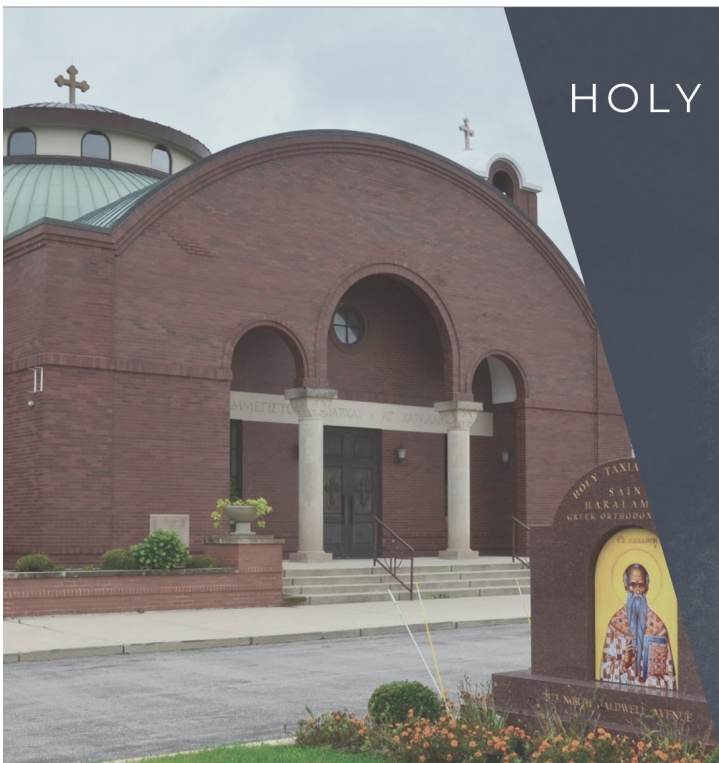


evening
Retreat

JANUARY 13
4:30PM -8:00PM

“COMMUNICATION IN MARRIAGE”

Featuring The Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba
of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

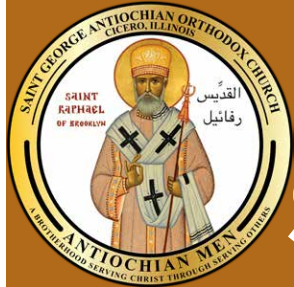


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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
7373 N CALDWELL AVE
NILES, IL 60714



\$50/COUPLE
SCAN FOR TICKETS

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

Shawerma and Tarneeb Night



Saturday
January 27, 2024
5:00 PM

VESPERS



DINNER



SOCIAL NIGHT



IN THE
ORTHODOX
CLUB
(NADI)



\$20/
GENTLEMEN

RSVP by
Wednesday
January 24



SCAN ME

ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

Save-the-Date



SAT, JAN 27

**ANTIOCHIAN MEN (A-MEN) SHAWERMA AND
TARNEEB NIGHT (A-MEN only – all Gentlemen 18+)**

SAT, FEB 24

**Pre-Lenten Hafli hosted by the Antiochian Men (A-MEN)
(All are welcome)**

ALL GENTLEMEN 18+ WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) SPIRITUAL TALK AND DINNER

“RENEWING YOURSELF IN CHRIST”

Saturday
January 13, 2024
5:00 PM Vespers

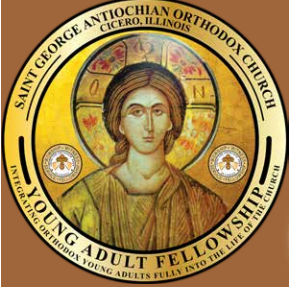
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The
Orthodox
Club
(NADI)

RSVP by
Thursday
January 11th



*INVITING ALL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, YOUNG MARRIED
COUPLES, AND COLLEGE STUDENTS (AGES 18+)*



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
After Liturgy in Orthodox Club (NADI)

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

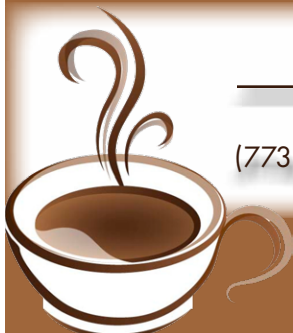
To Sponsor YAF Coffee Hour, Please Contact:

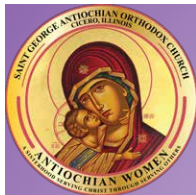
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Church Office:
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women (AW) GENERAL MEETING

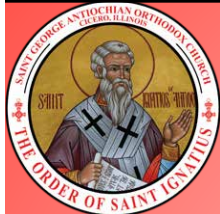
Sunday, February 4, 2024

After Liturgy

in the

Church Library

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Order of Saint Ignatius, Cicero Chapter

SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY,
JAN 20, 2024**

**The Order GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING and
ELECTIONS**

**SATURDAY,
FEB 10, 2024**

**The Order SPEED MENTORING DINNER AND SPEAKER
(all Teens, Young Adults, and Adults welcome)**

**FRIDAY,
MAR 8, 2024**

**The Order ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL
WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION**

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



The Order of Saint Ignatius Annual General Assembly Meeting

CALLING ALL
ORDER MEMBERS
AND ALL INTERESTED IN
THE ORDER!

No
Cost

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH
Cicero, IL



Saturday, January 20, 2024 • 5:00 PM

⌘ GREAT VESPERS ⌘

⌘ ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AND ELECTIONS ⌘

⌘ DINNER ⌘

⌘ SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ⌘

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

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The Order of Saint Ignatius Cicero Chapter

December 20, 2023

Dear Members of The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Cicero Chapter,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the **Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections for The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch (The Order), Cicero Chapter** to be held on **Saturday January 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Church. Dinner will be served.

At this The Order of Saint Ignatius, Cicero Chapter General Assembly Meeting, the last meeting of the term, all members in good standing will be able to hear reports on the progress of the organization and participate in discussion on how to enhance the work which The Order does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2024 term. The positions include Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any Order member (ages 18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba or Deacon George Nassief by Saturday January 13, 2024.

Per the Constitution, only members in good standing, both spiritually and financially, will be eligible to be nominated or vote on all decisions including Elections in the General Assembly Meeting. However, all are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Nominating Committee will receive nominations until Saturday, January 13, 2024. A member of the Committee will then speak with the person nominated to get their acceptance (you can nominate yourself). ***Per the Constitution, there will be NO nominations accepted from the floor of the meeting on January 20, 2024.***

We look forward to a great meeting! See you all there! Until then, we remain

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Dena Fasheh

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Dena Fasheh
Chair
The Order – Cicero Chapter

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Pastoral Outreach Program

The *FUTURE* is Now...

...The *CHURCH* is Coming to You!

SAINT GEORGE WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Kingswood Academy | 133 Plainfield Road | Darien, IL 60561

Wednesdays

- January 17, 2024
- January 24, 2024
- January 31, 2024
- February 7, 2024
- February 14, 2024
- February 21, 2024

Program *

6:00-7:00 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner**
- Evening Prayers

7:00-8:00 PM

- Introduction to the Holy Bible (ages 18+)
 - Creation
 - Exodus from Egypt
 - The Kings of Israel
 - The Prophets
 - Psalms and Proverbs
 - The Coming of Christ
- Kids' Club (ages 3-8)
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)

8:00-9:00 PM

- Adult Social Hour (ages 18+)
- Sports Activities
- Chess and Checkers Club
- Backgammon Club
- Cards (Uno, Hand Rummy)
- Board Games



For Questions or More Information, please contact:

- Fr. Fouad Saba (312) 877-4770
- Fr. Gabriel Coronel (773) 746-1893
- Dn. George Nassief (925) 699-3893
- Karen Nawas (630) 536-7429
- Alexandra Zanayed (630) 442-2473
- Nathaniel Humphrey (630) 442-9803

* Program subject to change.

** Due to a generous anonymous donor, dinner will be offered complimentary at every session.



Pastoral Outreach Program

The *FUTURE* is Now...

...The *CHURCH* is Coming to You!

SAINT GEORGE NORTH CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Saint Luke's Lutheran Church | 205 N. Prospect Avenue | Park Ridge, IL 60068

Thursdays

- January 18, 2024
- January 25, 2024
- February 1, 2024
- February 8, 2024
- February 15, 2024
- February 22, 2024

Program *

6:00-7:00 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner**
- Evening Prayers

7:00-8:00 PM

- Introduction to the Holy Bible (ages 18+)
 - Creation
 - Exodus from Egypt
 - The Kings of Israel
 - The Prophets
 - Psalms and Proverbs
 - The Coming of Christ
- Kids' Club (ages 3-4)
- Kids' Club (ages 5-8)

8:00-9:00 PM

- Adult Social Hour (ages 18+)
- Sports Activities
- Chess and Checkers Club



- The Parables of Christ
- Crucifixion and Resurrection
- The Mission of the Apostles
- Jews and Gentiles
- The Bible and Daily Life
- Judgment Day
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)

- Backgammon Club
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SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Traditionally, at the feast of the Lord's Epiphany (Baptism) on January 6th, the Great Blessing of the waters takes place and then is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to the homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way.

As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.

HOME BLESSINGS

Please contact the Church Office at (708) 656-2927 or Office@StGeorgeChi.org to schedule your Home Blessing:

The following should be prepared for the Home Blessing:

- All members of family must be present
- Bible
- Icon
- Lit Candle
- Burning Incense (Optional)
- Small Table (or dining room table)



The visit by Father Saba or Father Gabriel should be approximately **45 minutes**. Several visits will be scheduled on a given day in order to reach and bless all families and homes this season.

Once the Home Blessing Season is mostly over, Father Saba and Father Gabriel will continue regular Pastoral Visits, during which Father Saba or Father Gabriel will spend ample time with each family.



SCAN ME



The Diamond Jubilee Closing Ceremony...

CELEBRATING

60 YEARS!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
AFTER LITURGY

SEALING OF TIME CAPSULE

AND
REFRESHMENTS





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Cicero, IL



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Evening Divine Liturgy for The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple



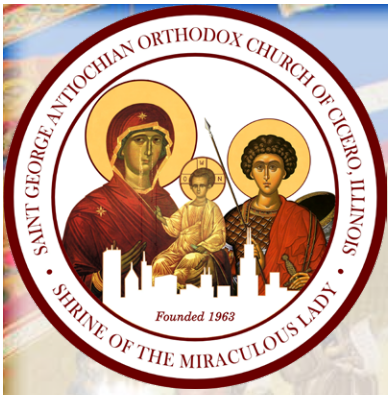
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Friday, February 2, 2024 ☞ 7:00 PM

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Become a Saint George Church Member
THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
COMING SOON!



“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

– Joshua 4:15