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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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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، الإِلَهُ، الأبُّ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِبْنُ الوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ القُدُّوسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِلَهُ، 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

أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارِكُكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إلهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجِّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.

مُبَارِكُكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأٌ كُنْتَ 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 الدَاهِرِينَ، 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 وَالْإِبْنِ 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، لِئُرْتَبَلَ 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، لِئُرْتَبَلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

الرَّبُّ رَحِيمٌ وَصَدِيقٌ، إِلَهُنَا رَوْوْفٌ.

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

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ 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 رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلَّ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلَّ بَيْتُ هَارُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلَّ خَائِفُو الرَّبِّ جَمِيعاً إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ.

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.

بَاعْتِمَادِكَ يَا رَبُّ فِي نَهْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، ظَهَرَ السُّجُودُ لِلثَّلَاوِثِ، فَإِنَّ صَوْتَ الْأَبِ أَتَاكَ بِالشَّهَادَةِ، مُسَمِّياً إِيَّاكَ ابْناً مَحْبُوباً، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُوَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرَ وَأَنَارَ الْعَالَمَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE LEAVE-TAKING OF EPIPHANY

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

مُبَارَكٌ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. اللَّهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوبِيا.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (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 the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلَابِيكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُومْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY (TONE 1)

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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.

بما أنك للمأسورين مُحَرَّرٌ ومُعْتَقٌ، وللفُقراءِ والمَساكينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وللمَرَضَى طَبيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِوَسِ اللَّابِسِ الطَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

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 وَبِئْتَ يَا نُورًا لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

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.

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله * اكتبُ لكِ رايَاتِ الغلبةِ يا جَندِيَّةَ مُحامِيَّةَ * وأقدمُ لكِ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْفَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ * لكن بما أن لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حتى أصرِّخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

THE SYNAXARION

On January 14th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the Feast of Theophany, and we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain on Mount Sinai in the reign of Diocletian, and those slain in the days of Neilos the Wise.

*It was swords that have wrought here the many murders,
And the men which suffered were lovers of virtue.
On the fourteenth, bronze killed the Fathers.*

In the fourth century, Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the first martyrdom. He tells of how the Saracens attacked his monastery and would have killed all the monks, if God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. The second massacre occurred nearly one hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness, St. Neilos the Wise, who miraculously escaped. The attackers permitted some of the monks run for their lives. They also thanked God for sparing them and glorified God for glorifying their departed brethren.

*As Rachel once anciently wept for her children,
Now Raithu weepeth for her sword-sundered Fathers.*

On the same day of the first attack at Sinai, the Blemmyes martyred forty Fathers at Raithu on the shores of the Red Sea. Igumen Paul exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and pure hearts.

On this day, we also commemorate Virgin-martyr Agnes. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Karen Nawas

Today

Sandy Eseed

EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Ephesians (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

تَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا.

ابْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ أِفْسُسَ (4:7-13)

يَا إِخْوَةٌ، لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتْ النِّعْمَةُ عَلَى مِقْدَارِ مَوْهَبَةِ الْمَسِيحِ. فَذَلِكَ يَقُولُ "لَمَّا صَعِدَ إِلَى الْعُلَى سَبَى سَبْيًا وَأَعْطَى النَّاسَ عَطَايَا." فَكُونُهُ صَعِدَ، هَلْ هُوَ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ نَزَلَ أَوَّلًا إِلَى أَسْفَلِ الْأَرْضِ؟ فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي نَزَلَ، هُوَ الَّذِي صَعِدَ أَيْضًا فَوْقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ كُلِّهَا لِيَمْلَأَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. وَهُوَ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الْبَعْضُ رُسُلًا، وَبَعْضُ أَنْبِيَاءَ، وَبَعْضُ مُبَشِّرِينَ، وَبَعْضُ رُعَاةَ، وَمُعَلِّمِينَ، لِأَجْلِ تَكْمِيلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَلِعَمَلِ الْخِدْمَةِ، وَبُنْيَانِ جَسَدِ الْمَسِيحِ إِلَى أَنْ نَنْتَهِيَ جَمِيعُنَا إِلَى وَحْدَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَعْرِفَةِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى إِنْسَانٍ كَامِلٍ، إِلَى مِقْدَارِ قَامَةِ مِلءِ الْمَسِيحِ.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of

Heaven is at hand.”

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متى

الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ (4:12-17)

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، لمَّا سمِعَ يسوعُ أنَّ يوحَنَّا قد أُسْلِمَ، انصَرَفَ إلى الجليلِ وتَرَكَ الناصِرَةَ، وجاءَ فسَكَنَ في كفرناحومَ التي على شاطئِ البَحْرِ في تُخومِ زبولونَ ونفثاليمَ. ليَتِمَّ ما قيلَ بأشعياَ النَّبِيِّ القائلِ: أَرْضُ زُبُولُونَ وَأَرْضُ نَفْثَالِيمَ، طَرِيقُ البَحْرِ، عَبْرَ الأَرْدُنِّ، جَلِيلُ الأُمَمِ. الشَّعْبُ الجالِسُ في الظُّلْمَةِ أَبْصَرَ نوراً عَظِيماً، والجالِسُونَ في بُعْعَةِ المَوْتِ وظِلالِهِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيهِمُ نُورٌ. ومُنذُئذِ ابْتَدَأَ يسوعُ يَكْرِزُ ويقولُ: توبُّوا، فَقدِ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ.

MEGALYNARION OF THE LEAVE-TAKING (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 الْمُنْقِذَةَ إِيَّانَا مِنَ اللَّعْنَةِ.

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

COMMUNION HYMN OF EPIPHANY (TONE 8)

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Alleluia.

لَقَدْ ظَهَرَتْ نِعْمَةُ اللَّهِ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. هَلْلُويَا.

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، مُسَمِّياً إِيَّاكَ ابناً مَحْبُوباً، وَالرُّوحَ بِهَيْئَةِ حَمَامَةٍ يُؤَيِّدُ حَقِيقَةَ الْكَلِمَةِ، فَيَا مَنْ ظَهَرَ وَأَنَارَ الْعَالَمَ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.



Holy Bread Offered By:



Today – Adel and Sheilia
Alfakhori and Family

Jan 21 – Fayrouz Rayan and Family

Jan 28 – *OPEN*

Fri, Feb 2 – *OPEN*

Feb 4 – *OPEN*

Feb 11 – *OPEN*

Feb 18 – *OPEN*

Feb 25 – *OPEN*



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Coffee Hour Sponsors:



Today – Dr. Carlos and Marwa
Bechara

Jan 21 – Fayrouz Rayan and Family
Lunch provided by the
Antiochian Women

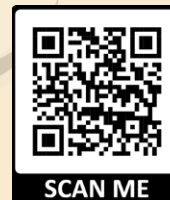
Jan 28 – Sami and Amanda Imseih and
Family

Feb 4 – *OPEN*

Feb 11 – *OPEN*

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BAPTISMS

Yesterday **CRISANTOS**, son of Fadi and Diana
Rihani.

Donate to Your Church Today



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BLESSING OF RINGS

Last **ANDREW**, son of Raed and Reem
Friday **Sweiss**, and **SALMA**, daughter of
William and Dena Barhoumeh.

MEMORIALS

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



Are you offering **CHURCH BREAD** and
need **NAMES REMEMBERED** in the Liturgy?
Sign-Up online with the names by **TUESDAY** of that week
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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
	• Antiochian Family Ministry Meeting	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
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 Dinner and Movie Night (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	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
Fri, Jan 26	Choir Meeting	7:00 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 (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	After Liturgy
Wed, Jan 31	• Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 22</i>)	6:00 pm
	• Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Thu, Feb 1	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 23</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Feb 2	Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Feb 3	Great Vespers	5:00 pm
Sun, Feb 4	• 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	After Liturgy
	• Antiochian Women (AW) General Meeting (<i>see pg. 19</i>)	After Liturgy



*Thank
You!*

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE, THE SPONSORS OF ALL THE EVENTS, AND THE PARISH COUNCIL AND CLERGY FOR ALL THEIR LABORS OF LOVE OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS TO MAKE THIS DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR A MEMORABLE AND HISTORICAL CELEBRATION YEAR.

Thank You!

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEE AND OFFICE STAFF FOR PREPARING, ORGANIZING, AND ARCHIVING ALL THE TIME CAPSULE ITEMS FOR POSTERITY,

SUHAIL AND JOMANA FAKHOURI FOR SPONSORING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CLOSING CEREMONY WITH THE SEALING OF THE TIME CAPSULE,

JEANETTE HABASH, ARTIST OF "THE FOUNDERS" TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY,

DR. AND MRS. SAMMY AND KAREN NAWAS FOR SPONSORING "THE FOUNDERS".





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.





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church كنيسة القديس جارجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية

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

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Rammy Zanayed

Rammy Zanayed
Chairman, Parish Council

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



Nominating Committee



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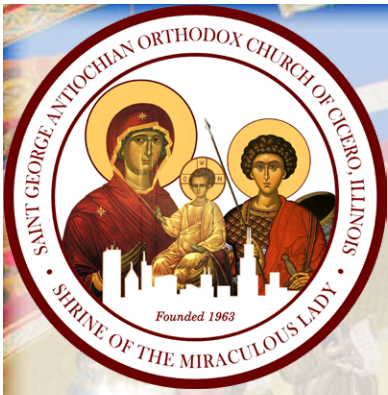
The following is the report of the Nominating Committee of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church regarding the upcoming General Assembly and Parish Council Elections on January 21, 2024. The members of the Church listed below are qualified, nominated, and have accepted the nomination to run for election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



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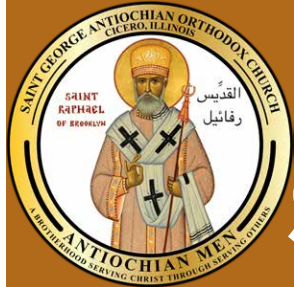
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THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
COMING SOON!



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

– Joshua 4:15

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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



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ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited

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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

Teen SOYO

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Complimentary Event

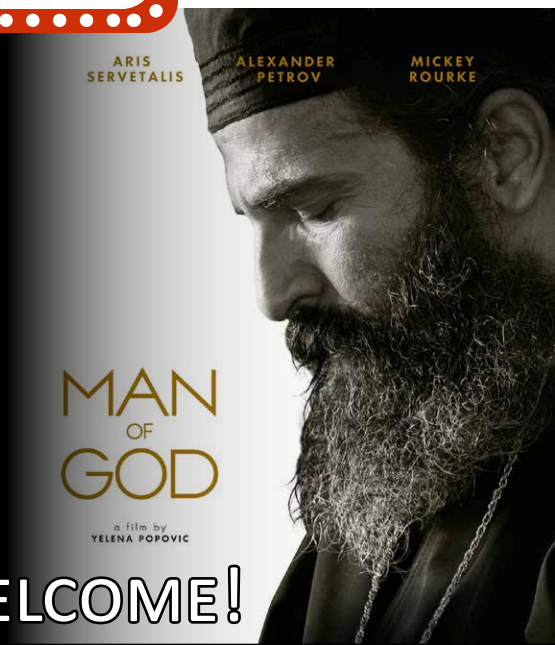
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5:30 PM VESPERS SERVICE

RSVP by
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 17TH

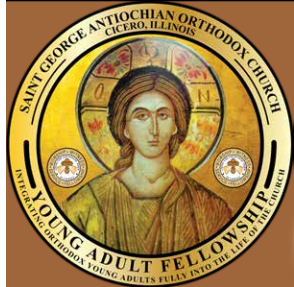


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ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!

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Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

After Liturgy in Orthodox Club (NADI)

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

To Sponsor YAF Coffee Hour, Please Contact:

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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!



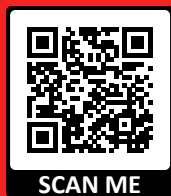
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Career Night

SPEED MENTORING – DINNER – SPEAKER

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SCAN ME

– SAT, FEB 10 –

| 5:00 PM |

– VESPERS –

FOR ALL

– Teens | Young Adults | Adults –



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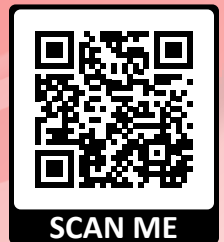


The Order of Saint Ignatius Annual General Assembly Meeting

CALLING ALL
ORDER MEMBERS
AND ALL INTERESTED IN
THE ORDER!

No
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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
Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba, Pastor



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



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 (6:00-6:40 PM) **
- 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:

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- Fr. Gabriel Coronel (773) 746-1893
- Dn. George Nassief (925) 699-3893
- Karen Nawas (630) 536-7429
- Alexandra Zanayed (630) 442-2473
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** Due to a generous anonymous donor, dinner will be offered complimentary at every session.



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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 (6:00-6:40 PM) **
- 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
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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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