

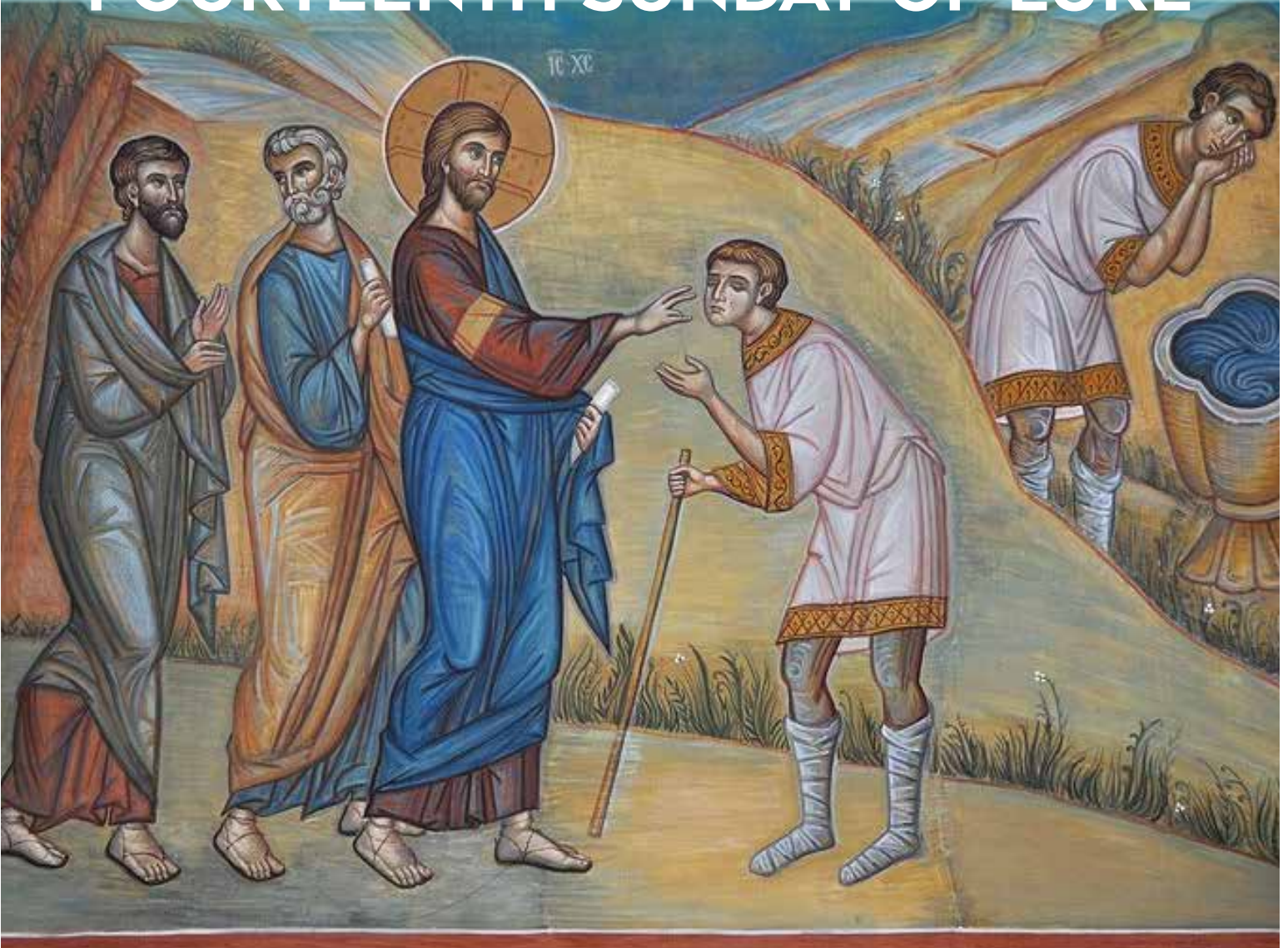


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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and

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، 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.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.

مُبَارَكَ 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 إِلَهِي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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

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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةَ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ
لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

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 وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا

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لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

TROPARION OF SAINT EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN (TONE 3)

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, * flooding all the earth with joy unending, * cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: * Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, * from all eternity chosen to light the Church * with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, * whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

نَهْرٌ يَنْبَعُ مِنَ الْفِرْدَوْسِ * يَرُوي الْأَرْضَ بِالْفَرَحِ
الدَّائِمِ * وَبِالتَّقْوَى وَالمَخَافَةِ يُحْيِي النُّفُوسَ * أَعْنِي
إِفْرَامَ الْمُخْتَارَ مُنْذُ الْأَزَلِ * لَكِي يُنِيرَ الْكَنِيسَةَ
بِالْإِلْهَامِ * وَليَمَلَأْ نُفُوسَنَا تَقْوَى بِالْعِظَاتِ * وَأَبْهَى
التَّسَابِيحِ وَالْأَنَاشِيدِ.

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 مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعِ
الْبَتُولِيَّ، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ
وَخَلَّصْنَا؛ إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ
الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنْكَ وَحَدَاكَ مُجِبُّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

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.

إِنِّي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ * اكَتُبْ لِكَ رَايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا
جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ * وَأَقْدِمْ لِكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ *
لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لِكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ * اعْتَقِنِي مِنْ
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ إِفْرَحِي يَا عَرُوسًا
لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

THE SYNAXARION

On January 28th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian.

*Ephraim, a Syrian by race and tongue, heard an unknown tongue,
As the psalm saith, calling him up to the heights.*

On the twenty-eighth, angels leddest up Ephraim to sing his praises before God.

Ephraim was born in Syria of poor parents in about 306. He spent his youth rather tempestuously, but suddenly a change took place in his soul, and he began to burn with love for the Lord Jesus. Ephraim was a disciple of St. James, bishop of Nisibis. Due to the great grace of God, wisdom flowed from Ephraim's tongue like a stream of honey, and ceaseless tears flowed from his eyes. Industrious as a bee, Ephraim continually wrote books, orally taught the monks in the monastery and the people of Edessa, and dedicated himself to prayer and contemplation. Numerous are his books and beautiful are his prayers, the most famous of which is his prayer recited during Great Lent: "O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, meddling, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to me, Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not to judge my brother; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen." When the people wanted to appoint him a bishop by force, he pretended to be insane, racing through the city, dragging his garment behind him. Seeing this, the people left him in peace. Ephraim was a contemporary and friend of St. Basil the Great. Ephraim is considered the apostle of repentance. Even today, his works soften many hearts hardened by sin, returning them to Christ. Ephraim reposed in 378.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Palladios of Antioch; and Venerable Theodosios of Totma. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Angie Imseeh

Today

Amanda Imseih

EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

إِبْتَهَجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

The Reading from the First Epistle of

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ

Saint Paul to Saint Timothy (1:15-17)

الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسَ (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy

يَا وَلَدِي تِيمُوثَاوَسَ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ

of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the

وَمُسْتَحَقَّةٌ كُلُّ قُبُولٍ: أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَسُوعَ جَاءَ إِلَى

world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of

الْعَالَمِ لِيُخَلِّصَ الْخَطَاةَ الَّذِينَ أَوْلَهُمْ أَنَا. لَكِنِّي

sinner; but I received mercy for this reason, that

لِهَذَا رُحِمْتُ: لِيُظْهَرَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ فِيَّ أَنَا أَوْلَى

in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display

كُلَّ أَنَاةٍ، مِثَالاً لِلْعَتِيدِينَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ لِلْحَيَاةِ

His perfect patience for an example to those who

الْأَبَدِيَّةِ. وَمَلِكُ الدُّهُورِ الَّذِي لَا يَفْنَى وَلَا يُرَى،

were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King

of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be

الْإِلَهُ الْحَكِيمُ وَخَدَهُ، لَهُ الْكَرَامَةُ وَالْمَجْدُ إِلَى دَهْرِ

honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

الدُّهُورِ. آمِينَ

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (18:35-43)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، كَانَ أَعْمَى جَالِسًا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ يَسْتَعْطِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعَ مُجْتَازًا، سَأَلَ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا، فَأَخْبَرُوهُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ مُجْتَازٌ. فَصَرَخَ قَائِلًا: "يَا يَسُوعُ بْنُ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَانْتَهَرَهُ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ، أَمَّا هُوَ فَصَرَخَ أَكْثَرَ كَثِيرًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ، ارْحَمْنِي!" فَوَقَّفَ يَسُوعُ وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُقَدَّمَ إِلَيْهِ. وَلَمَّا اقْتَرَبَ سَأَلَهُ قَائِلًا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ بِكَ؟" فَقَالَ: "يَا سَيِّدُ، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ." فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "أَبْصِرْ؛ إِيمَانُكَ قَدْ شَفَاكَ." وَفِي الْحَالِ أَبْصَرَ، وَتَبِعَهُ وَهُوَ يُمَجِّدُ اللَّهَ. وَجَمِيعُ الشَّعْبِ إِذْ رَأَوْا سَبَّحُوا اللَّهَ

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Naheel Rantisi and Family

– Nakhleh and Margarett Issa and Family

– Samir Bitar and Family

Fri, Feb 2 – Sdn. Youssef and Mary Selim

Feb 4 – **OPEN**

Feb 11 – Lily Saleh and Family

Feb 18 – **OPEN**

Feb 25 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Sami and Amanda

Imseih and Family

Feb 4 – **OPEN**

Feb 11 – **OPEN**

Feb 18 – **OPEN**

Feb 25 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

BAPTISMS

- Mar 9 . NADIA, daughter of Hussam and Dr. Rand Bachour.
- . THOMAS, son of Fahad and Jamie Haddad.

CHRISMATIONS

Feb 2 ALINE Abdo

BLESSING OF RINGS

Congratulations to RAJAEI, son of Rimon Qubrosi and Rula Fakes, and AMBER, daughter of †Isam and Fatin Zayed, on their engagement and blessing of rings.

WEDDINGS

Feb 4 ROGER, son of Joseph and Siham El Debs, and ALINE, daughter of †Pierre Abdo and Zeina Younan

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Feb 11 ROGER and ALINE (Abdo) El Debs.

CONDOLENCES

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

Samir Bitar and family on the falling asleep of his sister, †ENAAM JARJOURA BITAR, in Syria this past week.

Memory Eternal!

COMMEMORATIONS

Last Sunday Commemoration for †MUSA LUSSI, offered by Nuha Lussi and family.

Today Commemoration for †ENAAM JARJOURA BITAR, offered by Samir Bitar and family.

MEMORIALS

Feb 11 6-Month Memorial Service for †GEORGE SALEH, offered by Lily Saleh and family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 (<i>see pgs. 21-25</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	After Liturgy
Mon, Jan 29	• Technology Committee Zoom Meeting	7:00 pm
	• Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Wed, Jan 31	Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 1	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Feb 2	• Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (<i>see pg. 27</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Antiochian Family Ministry (AFM) Coordinators' Meeting and Dinner	8:30 pm
Sat, Feb 3	Great Vespers Service	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
	• Teen SOYO General Meeting (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Antiochian Women (AW) General Meeting (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 15</i>)	12:30 pm
Wed, Feb 7	Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 8	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 10	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• The Order of Saint Ignatius, Cicero Chapter Career Night: Speed Mentoring – Dinner – Speaker (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Feb 11	• 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
	• Creative Arts Festival (CAF) Committee Meeting	12:30 pm
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 15</i>)	12:30 pm
Mon, Feb 12	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Tue, Feb 13	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Feb 14	Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 15	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 17	Great Vespers Service	5:00 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.



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.





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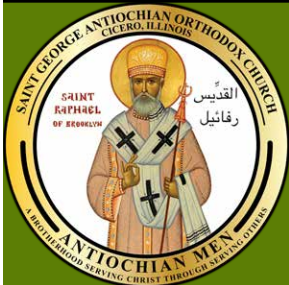
Teen SOYO

General Meeting

— Sunday, February 4, 2024 —

After Liturgy —

ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

Present a

PRE-LENTEN FAMILY NIGHT

DINNER

RAFFLE

Saturday

February 24, 2024

6:00 PM VESPERS

\$50/Adult (12+)

\$20/Child (6-11)

Complimentary 5 and Under

**DJ
MUSIC**

RSVP

(including complimentary)

BY WED, FEB 21ST



SCAN ME

ALL Ages and Families Invited

CHECK-IN

at door to pick-up MEAL TICKETS



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women (AW) GENERAL MEETING

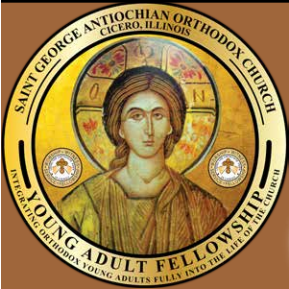
Sunday, February 4, 2024

After Liturgy

in the

Church Library

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

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:

Jeanette Habash:

(773) 709-5606 | JeanetteHabash@gmail.com

or

Church Office:

(708) 656-2927 | Office@StGeorgeChi.org



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

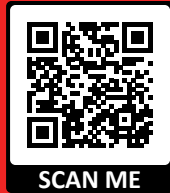


Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL
The Order of Saint Ignatius—Cicero Chapter

Career Night

SPEED MENTORING – DINNER – SPEAKER

**RSVP by
SUN, FEB 4TH**

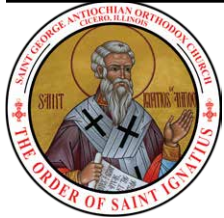


**– SAT, FEB 10 –
| 5:00 PM |
– VESPERS –**



FOR ALL

– Teens | Young Adults | Adults –



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Order of Saint Ignatius—Cicero Chapter

Orthodox Christian Professionals

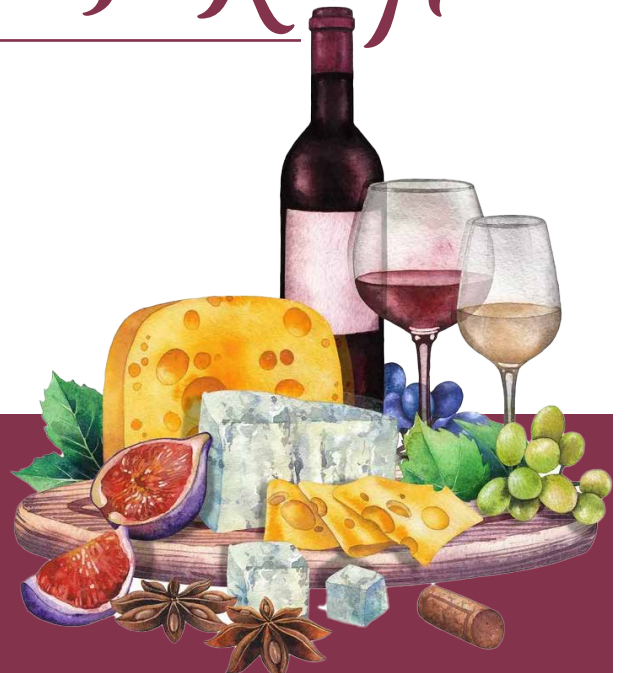
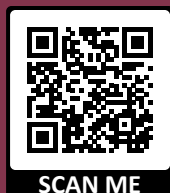
Wine & Cheese Reception



FRIDAY, MARCH 8 | 7:00 PM

\$50/PERSON

**RSVP by
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th**





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

Monday - Thursday
June 10-13, 2024

AGES 6-12 (*must be 6 before June 10*)

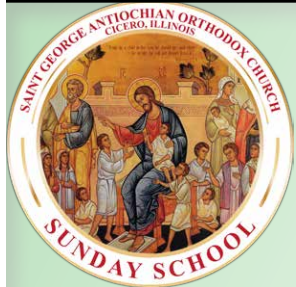
– Details to follow –

ONLINE
REGISTRATION

Coming Soon...

Staff, Volunteers, and Junior Counselors Training
Sunday, June 9 - After Liturgy

The Summer Bible School is a ministry of the Sunday School organization.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

SUNDAY SCHOOL

YOUTH CHOIR

FADWA RANTISI, COORDINATOR | OLGA KARAM, MUSIC DIRECTOR

*** Rehearsals begin ***

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM in Mrs. Olga's room

*** Special Performance ***

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

DURING MADEYEH SERVICE

Mrs. Olga will have rehearsals until April 21, to teach diverse hymns to the singers!

Singers are encouraged to participate in ALL rehearsals!



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:

- 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 (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
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)

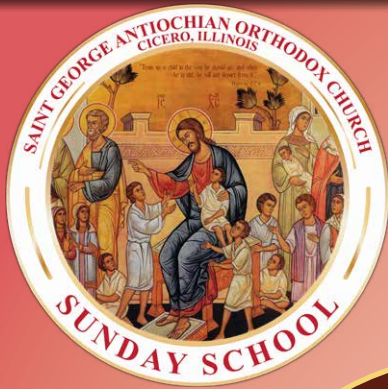
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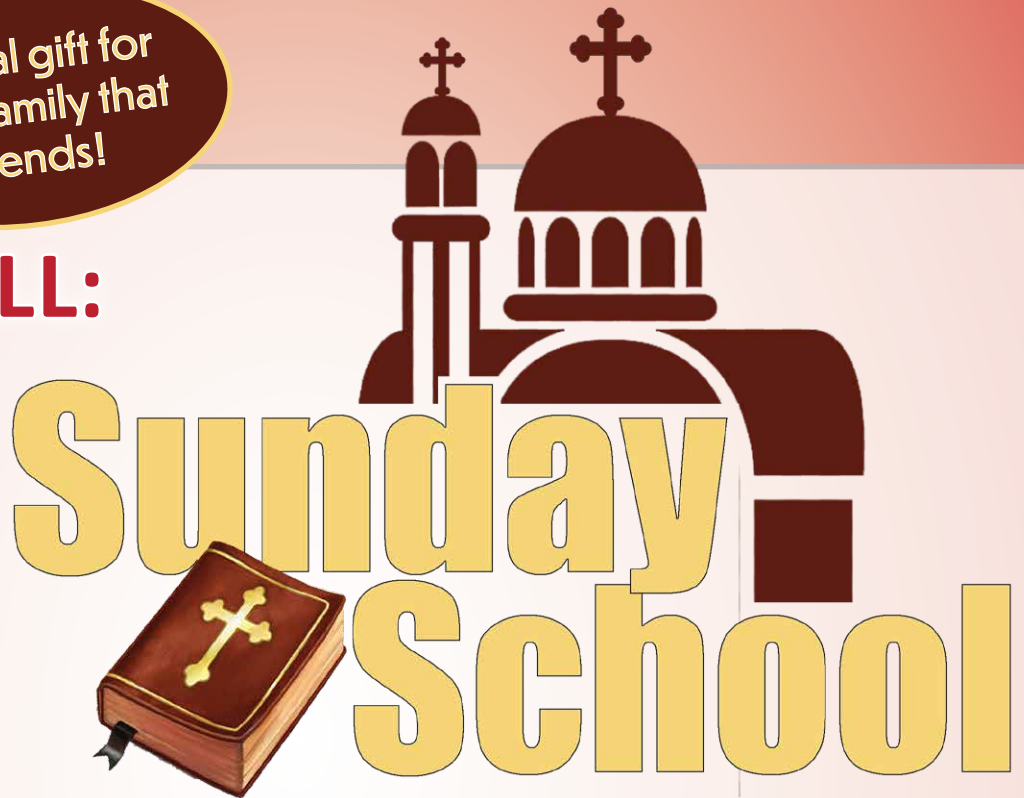
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Special gift for
each family that
attends!

CALLING ALL:

- *Staff*
- *Students*
- *Parents*

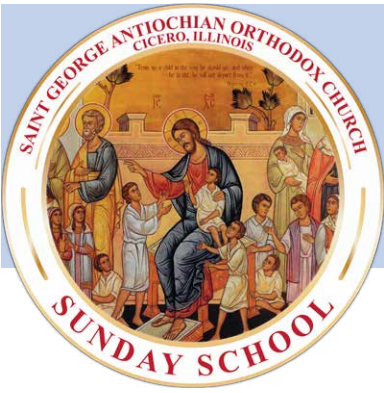


*Parents are requested to attend as part of the
Parent Partnership Program*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
12:00 PM - CHURCH HALL

Information about **Confession Program**,
Creative Arts Festival, Bible Bowl, Oratorical Festival

Registration and Information Folders
will be distributed at assembly.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confession Program

for 3rd – 12th Grades



“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.”
~ James 5:16



Sacrament of Confession Sermon

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Retreat Registration Deadline

→ SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 ←

Confession Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

3rd Grade and older are all welcome!

Parents attending please register yourself as well

Choose from two available sessions:

9:30 AM-12:00 PM; 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

First Confession

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Confession and Celebratory Dinner

Communion Recognition for

First Confessors

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

Questions? See Mrs. Marwa Bechara
(marwashammas@gmail.com),
Confession Coordinator



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

23rd Annual

GOLF OUTING

Sat | Jun 15 2024



SAVE THE DATE



Raffle



Silent Auction



Premier Golf Club



Brunch



On-Course Experiences



After-Golf Social



Support Charitable Causes

Cantigny Golf Club

27W270 Mack Rd | Wheaton, IL 60189



MEET THE 2024 Parish Council



VERY REVEREND FATHER FOUAD SABA, *Presiding Officer*

Profession: Pastor

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Favorite Church Hymn: Anything in Tone 3

Favorite City Never Visited: Damascus, Syria



ELIAS AKKARI, *Chairman*

Profession: President of Diamond Property Consulting, Construction

Favorite Feast Day: Pascha

Term on Council: Elected Jan 2023-Jan 2026

Favorite Church Hymn: Lazarus Saturday Troparion and Epiphany Troparion

Favorite City Never Visited: Rome, Italy



JOHNNY I. KUTTAB, DDS, *Vice-Chairman*

Profession: Pediatric Dentist

Favorite Feast Day: Nativity/Christmas

Term on Council: Appointed Jan 2024-Jan 2025

Favorite Church Hymn: Rejoice O Virgin Theotokos

Favorite City Never Visited: Tokyo, Japan



VICTOR IMREIBE, *Secretary*

Profession: Financial Advisor

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Term on Council: Appointed Jan 2024-Jan 2025

Favorite Church Hymn: Paschal Troparion

Favorite City Never Visited: Athens, Greece



AMIR RIHANI, *Treasurer*

Profession: Tax Associate

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Term on Council: Appointed Jan 2024-Jan 2025

Favorite Church Hymn: O Pure Virgin

Favorite City Never Visited: Tokyo, Japan



MINA MATUK RANTISI, *Financial Secretary*

Profession: Financial Reporting Manager

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Term on Council: Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027

Favorite Church Hymn: Today is Suspended Upon a Tree

Favorite City Never Visited: Tokyo, Japan



FARES BANNOURAH, *Member*

Profession: Construction Management

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Term on Council: Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027

Favorite Church Hymn: God Is with Us

Favorite City Never Visited: Tokyo, Japan



GEORGE CONOPEOTIS, *Member*

Profession: Global Account Director

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Term on Council: Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027

Favorite Church Hymn: To Thee the Champion Leader

Favorite City Never Visited: The 5 Blue Zone cities – Okinawa, Japan; Ikaria, Greece; Sardinia, Italy; Loma Linda, California; Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica



MAHER ESEED, *Member*

Profession: Engineering Manager

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Term on Council: Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027

Favorite Church Hymn: Today is Suspended Upon a Tree

Favorite City Never Visited: Sydney, Australia



TAMMI KARAM, *Member*

Profession: Director of Admissions, Enrollment, Marketing, Fundraising, and Building Maintenance at Kingswood Academy

Favorite Feast Day: Feast of Epiphany

Term on Council: Elected Jan 2023-Jan 2026

Favorite Church Hymn: To Thee the Champion Leader

Favorite City Never Visited: Bourbonnais, Illinois



MICHAEL MOUKHEIBER, *Member*

Profession: CPA, Corporate Control
Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha
Term on Council: Elected Jan 2022-Jan 2025
Favorite Church Hymn: Paschal Troparion
Favorite City Never Visited: Paris, France



KAREN ANNE NAWAS, *Member*

Profession: Educator
Favorite Feast Day: Annunciation
Term on Council: Elected Jan 2022-Jan 2025
Favorite Church Hymn: Arise, O God
Favorite City Never Visited: Madrid, Spain



SUHAIL S. QUMRI, *Member*

Profession: Senior Director, Enterprise Architecture & Solutions, Information Technology
Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Friday
Term on Council: Elected Jan 2022-Jan 2025
Favorite Church Hymn: Epiphany Troparion - طروبارية عيد الغطاس
Favorite City Never Visited: Florence, Italy



JOSEPH RIHANI, *Member*

Favorite Feast Day: Pascha
Term on Council: Elected Jan 2023-Jan 2026
Favorite Church Hymn: Epiphany Troparion
Favorite City Never Visited: Tokyo, Japan



EDDY SHAHEEN, *Member*

Profession: Car Rental Agency Operator
Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha
Term on Council: Elected Jan 2022-Jan 2025
Favorite Church Hymn: The Akathist Hymn
Favorite City Never Visited: Tokyo, Japan



RAMMY ISSA ZANAYED, *Member*

Profession: Sales
Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Friday
Term on Council: Elected Jan 2023-Jan 2026
Favorite Church Hymn: Communion Hymn
Favorite City Never Visited: Athens, Greece

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:



ABEER KARI, *President, Antiochian Women*

Profession: Senior Scientist, Quality and Food Safety

Favorite Feast Day: Nativity/Christmas

Favorite Church Hymn: To Thee the Champion Leader

Favorite City Never Visited: Paris, France



JEANETTE HABASH, *President, Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)*

Profession: Sales Operations Manager and Artist

Favorite Feast Day: Feast of Epiphany

Favorite Church Hymn: As Many as Have Been Baptized

Favorite City Never Visited: Sicily, Italy



ALEX NAWAS, *President, Teen SOYO*

Profession: High School Student

Favorite Feast Day: Transfiguration

Favorite Church Hymn: Great and Holy Friday Lamentations

Favorite City Never Visited: Toyko, Japan



DARLENE N. HADDAD, *CPA, Archdiocese Trustee*

Profession: Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Favorite Feast Day: Saint Nicholas Day

Favorite Church Hymn: To Thee the Champion Leader

Favorite City Never Visited: Anywhere in Ireland



ELI HAIG, *Archdiocese Trustee*

Profession: President, Industrial Plastic Recycling

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Favorite Church Hymn: Great and Holy Friday Lamentations

Favorite City Never Visited: Jerusalem, Palestine



MANSOUR RAYAN, *Archdiocese Trustee/Honorary Council Member*

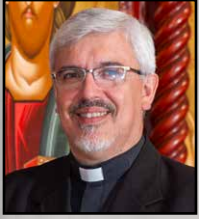
Profession: Real Estate Developer

Favorite Feast Day: Good Friday

Favorite Church Hymn: Cherubic Hymn

Favorite City Never Visited: Tulsa, Oklahoma

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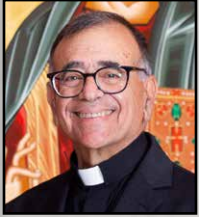
VERY REVEREND FATHER GABRIEL CORONEL, *Clergy*

Profession: Assistant Priest

Favorite Feast Day: Archangel Gabriel

Favorite Church Hymn: Open Unto Me the Door of Thy Compassion

Favorite City Never Visited: Cigliano, Italy



DEACON GEORGE NASSIEF, MS, *Clergy*

Profession: Health Care Administrator and Life Safety Code Surveyor

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Favorite Church Hymn: Cherubic Hymn

Favorite City Never Visited: Beirut, Lebanon



LILLIAN RIHANI, PRINCIPAL, *Sunday School*

Profession: Nurse

Favorite Feast Day: Bright Saturday

Favorite Church Hymn: Let My Prayer Arise from the Lenten Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Favorite City Never Visited: Anywhere in Greece



DENA H. FASHEH, *Chairlady, The Order of Saint Ignatius Cicero Chapter*

Profession: Clinical Research Manager, Healthcare Science

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Friday

Favorite Church Hymn: O Pure Virgin by Saint Nektarios

Favorite City Never Visited: Barcelona, Spain



JERIES KAHOUSH, *President, Antiochian Men (A-Men)*

Profession: Neuromuscular and Structural Integration Therapist

Favorite Feast Day: Great and Holy Pascha

Favorite Church Hymn: O Pure Virgin by Saint Nektarios

Favorite City Never Visited: Cape Town, South Africa

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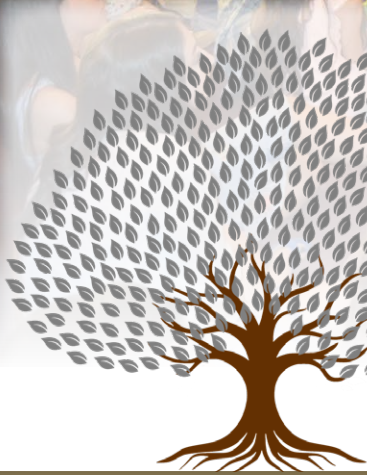
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