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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
("ZACCHAEUS") AND THE AFTER-FEAST OF
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِلهُ، 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.
مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إلهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.
مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمْنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأُ كُنْتُ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّي قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمْنِي 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 وَكُلِّ 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

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

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

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever.

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.

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

فَاضَ قَلْبِي كَلِمَةً صَالِحَةً. أَقُولُ أَنَا أَعْمَالِي لِلْمَلِكِ.
لِسَانِي قَلَمٌ كَاتِبٍ سَرِيعِ الْكِتَابَةِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
انْسَكَبَتِ النِّعْمَةُ عَلَى شَفَتَيْكَ، لِذَلِكَ بَارَكَاكَ اللَّهُ إِلَى
الْأَبَدِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ. الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; 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...

تَقَلَّدَ سَيْفَكَ عَلَى فَخْذِكَ، أَيُّهَا الْقَدِيرُ، بِحُسْنِكَ وَجَمَالِكَ.
تَشَدَّدْ وَانْجَحْ وَامْلِكْ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ حُمِلَ عَلَى ذِرَاعِي
سَمْعَانَ الصِّدِّيقِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

نِبَالُكَ مَسْنُونَةٌ، أَيُّهَا الْقَدِيرُ، فِي قُلُوبِ أَعْدَاءِ الْمَلِكِ.
وَالشُّعُوبُ تَحْتَكَ يَسْقُطُونَ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ حُمِلَ عَلَى ذِرَاعِي
سَمْعَانَ الصِّدِّيقِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

عَصَا مُلْكِكَ عَصَا اسْتِقَامَةٍ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ حُمِلَ عَلَى ذِرَاعِي
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الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدَ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.

إِسْمَعِي يَا بِنْتُ وَأَنْظُرِي وَأَمِيلِي أُذُنَكَ، وَأَنْسِي شَعْبَكَ
وَبَيْتَ أَبِيكَ. لِيُجْهَكَ يُصَلِّي أَعْنِيَاءُ الشَّعْبِ. سَأَذْكُرُ
اسْمَكَ فِي كُلِّ جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ.

TROPARION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (TONE 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

إِفْرَحِي يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءَ، الْمُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً، لِأَنَّ
مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ الْعَدْلِ الْمَسِيحِ الْهَنَا، مُنِيرًا لِلَّذِينَ فِي
الظَّلَامِ. سُرِّ وَابْتَهَجْ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الشَّيْخُ الصِّدِّيقُ، حَامِلًا
عَلَى ذِرَاعَيْكَ الْمُعْتَقَ نَفُوسِنَا، وَالْمَانِحَ لَنَا الْقِيَامَةَ.

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 وَإِهْنَا. خَلَّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِّ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

عِنْدَمَا أَنْحَدَرْتَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الَّذِي لَا
يَمُوتُ، حِينَئِذٍ أَمَتَّ الْجَحِيمَ بِبِرْقِ لَاهُوتِكَ. وَعِنْدَمَا
أَقَمْتَ الْأَمْوَاتَ مِنْ تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوَكُ
جَمِيعُ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيِّينَ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مُعْطِي
الْحَيَاةَ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (TONE 1)

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إِفْرَحِي يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءَ، الْمُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً، لِأَنَّ
مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ الْعَدْلِ الْمَسِيحِ الْهَنَا، مُنِيرًا لِلَّذِينَ فِي
الظَّلَامِ. سُرِّ وَابْتَهَجْ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الشَّيْخُ الصِّدِّيقُ، حَامِلًا
عَلَى ذِرَاعَيْكَ الْمُعْتَقَ نَفُوسِنَا، وَالْمَانِحَ لَنَا الْقِيَامَةَ.

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 أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (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 * اكْتُبْ لِكَ رَايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا
جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ * وَأَقْدِمْ لِكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْفَعَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ *
لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لِكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ * اعْتَقِنِي مِنْ
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ إِفْرَحِي يَا عَرُوساً
لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

THE SYNAXARION

On February 4th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. On this day, we commemorate our righteous Father Isidore of Pelusium.

*Rejoice, O Pelusite, yea, rejoice very greatly;
Thou hast stripped off the clay and attained marvelous gladness.
On the fourth, they laid Isidore in the gloomy grave.*

Isidore was a kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glories and devoted himself completely to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. Isidore wrote more than ten-thousand letters to various individuals in which he reproached, counseled, comforted and instructed his spiritual children. In one letter Isidore writes: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he says: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for Isidore was this: "First do, then teach according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom when the entire population was divided into two camps; one for and one against, Isidore sided with Chrysostom. Isidore lived long, glorifying Christ the God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ in 436.

On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom). By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Subdeacon Steven Bynum

Today

Francis Imseih

Azzam Barhoumeh

Feb 11

Marwan Jamalieh

Anthony Massih

Feb 18

Adel Alfakhori

Subdeacon Nasser Zayed

Feb 25

Johnny Massih

EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my song.

With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of

Saint Paul to Saint Timothy (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

قَوَّتِي وَتَسْبِحَتِي الرَّبِّ. أَدَبًا أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبُّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسَ

الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى تِيموثَاوُسَ (4:9-15)

يَا وَلَدِي تِيموثَاوُسَ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ
وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ فَإِنَّا لِهَذَا نَتْعَبُ وَنُعَيِّرُ، لِأَنَّا
أَلْقَيْنَا رَجَاءَنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مُخْلِصُ
النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّما الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَوَصِّ بِهَذَا
وَعَلِّمْ بِهِ. لَا يَسْتَهِنُ أَحَدٌ بِفُتُوَّتِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا
لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي الْكَلَامِ وَالتَّصَرُّفِ وَالمَحَبَّةِ وَالإِيمَانِ
وَالعَفَافِ. وَاظْبُ عَلَى الْقِرَاءَةِ إِلَى حِينِ قُدُومِي،
وَعَلَى الوَعْظِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، وَلَا تُهْمَلِ المَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي
فِيكَ، الَّتِي أُوتِيَتْهَا بِبُيُوتَةٍ، بِوَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّيُوخِ.
تَأَمَّلْ فِي ذَلِكَ وَكُنْ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ
ظَاهِرًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

The reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Luke (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمِيدِ الطَّاهِرِ (19:1-10)

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مُجْتَازٌ في أريحا، إذا برَجُلٍ اسْمُهُ زَكَا كَانَ رَئِيساً عَلَى الْعَشَّارِينَ، وَكَانَ غَنِيّاً وَكَانَ يَلْتَمِسُ أَنْ يَرَى يَسُوعَ مِنْ هُوَ، فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعاً، وَصَعِدَ إِلَى جُمَيْرَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُزْمِعاً أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَوْضِعِ، رَفَعَ طَرْفَهُ فَرَأَاهُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا زَكَا أَسْرِعِ انْزِلْ، فَالْيَوْمَ يَنْبَغِي لِي أَنْ أَمْكُثَ فِي بَيْتِكَ فَأَسْرِعِ وَانْزِلْ وَقَبِّلْهُ فَرِحاً. فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ تَذَمَّرُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ دَخَلَ لِيَحُلَّ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ. ” فَوَقَّفَ زَكَا وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: هَاءَئِذَا، يَا رَبُّ، أُعْطِي الْمَسَاكِينَ نِصْفَ أَمْوَالِي. وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ غَبَنْتُ أَحَدًا فِي شَيْءٍ، أَرُدُّ أَرْبَعَةَ أضعافٍ فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: الْيَوْمَ قَدْ حَصَلَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَيْضاً ابْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ إِنَّمَا أَتَى لِيَطْلُبَ وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Majdi and Arwa
Rayahin and Family

– Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri
and Family

Feb 11 – Lily Saleh and Family

Feb 18 – Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri
and Family

Feb 25 – **OPEN**

Mar 3 – **OPEN**

Mar 10 – **OPEN**

Mar 17 – Samar Rihani and
Etihad Rihani and
Families



Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Ryan McMahan and
Family

Feb 11 – Raed and Reem Sweiss and
Family

Feb 18 – Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri
and Family

Feb 25 – **OPEN**

Mar 3 – **OPEN**

Mar 10 – Frank and Reem Gambino
and Family

Mar 17 – Samar Rihani and
Etihad Rihani and
Families



BAPTISMS

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

Donate to
Your Church
Today



CHRISMATIONS

Last Week **ALINE** Abdo

Feb 24 **SAED** Fakhouri

WEDDINGS

Today **ROGER**, son of Joseph and Siham El
Debs, and **ALINE**, daughter of †Pierre
Abdo and Zeina Younan.

MEMORIALS

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

Mar 31 1-Year Memorial Service for †**KHALIL**
ZAYED, offered by Sumayya Zayed and
family.

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Feb 11 **ROGER** and **ALINE** (Abdo) El Debs.

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
	• Teen SOYO General Meeting (<i>see pg. 11</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Antiochian Women (AW) General Meeting (<i>see pg. 11</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	12:30 pm
Tue, Feb 6	Parish Council Officers' Meeting	7:00 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
	• Induction of The Order – Cicero Chapter Officers	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Medical Ministry Health Screening sponsored by The Order – Cicero Chapter (<i>see pg. 15</i>)	12:15 pm
	• Creative Arts Festival (CAF) Committee Meeting	12:30 pm
• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 13</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	• Summer Bible School Coordinators' Meeting	10:00 am
	• 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
Sun, Feb 18	• 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. 12</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	12:30 pm
	• Teen SOYO Raffle Drawing	12:30 pm
• Sunday School Parent Partnership Program Assembly (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	12:45 pm	
Wed, Feb 21	Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 22	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 24	• Great Vespers Service	6:00 pm
	• Pre-Lenten Family Night hosted by the Antiochian Men (A-MEN) (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	After Vespers



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

General Meeting

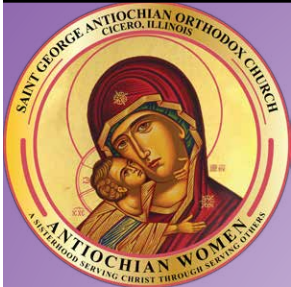
— **Sunday, February 4, 2024** —

Today!

After Liturgy —

ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Antiochian Women (AW)

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 4, 2024

After Liturgy

in the

Church Library

Today!

ALL WOMEN 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



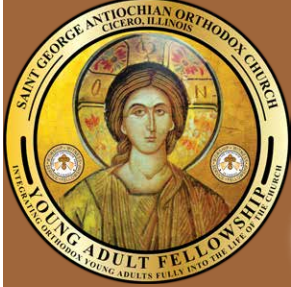
SCAN ME

ALL Ages and Families Invited

CHECK-IN

at door to pick-up MEAL TICKETS

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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

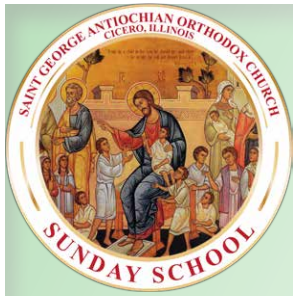
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**INVITING ALL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, YOUNG MARRIED
COUPLES, AND COLLEGE STUDENTS (AGES 18+)**



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

Pre-Registered Participants:

Annelise Kuttab
Caroline Nawas
Charlie Barbari
Elias Rihani
Gabiella Rihani
John Karam

Julianne Zayed
Katherine Conopeotis
Katherine Saba
Maria Eseed
Massa Moaqad

Melissa Kari
Michael El-Khoury
Mousa saba
Nabeel Eseed
Niveen Shaheen

Raneem Karam
Sam Shaheen
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Ana Ines
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Celine Mraibie
Sophia Perez
Natalya Aygul
Sophia Layous
George Layous

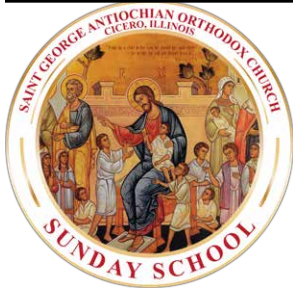
Liza Aygul
Rayan Bitar
Samuel Bitar
Samantha Bittar
Chloe Bittar

All Children 2ND GRADE and OLDER are Welcome!

*** To join Youth Choir, please send an email to the Youth Choir Coordinator, Fadwa Rantisi, at FadwaRantisi@gmail.com.

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

Singers are encouraged to participate in ALL rehearsals!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

**Monday - Thursday
June 17-20, 2024**

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

– Details to follow –

**Staff, Volunteers, and Junior Counselors Training
To Be Determined**

**ONLINE
REGISTRATION**

Coming Soon...

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

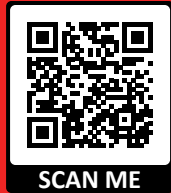


Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL
The Order of Saint Ignatius—Cicero Chapter

Career Night

SPEED MENTORING – DINNER – SPEAKER

**RSVP by
SUN, FEB 4TH**

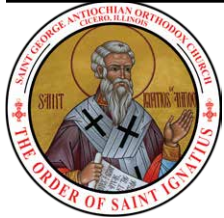


**– SAT, FEB 10 –
| 5:00 PM |
– VESPERS –**



FOR ALL

– Teens | Young Adults | Adults –



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Order of Saint Ignatius—Cicero Chapter

Orthodox Christian Professionals

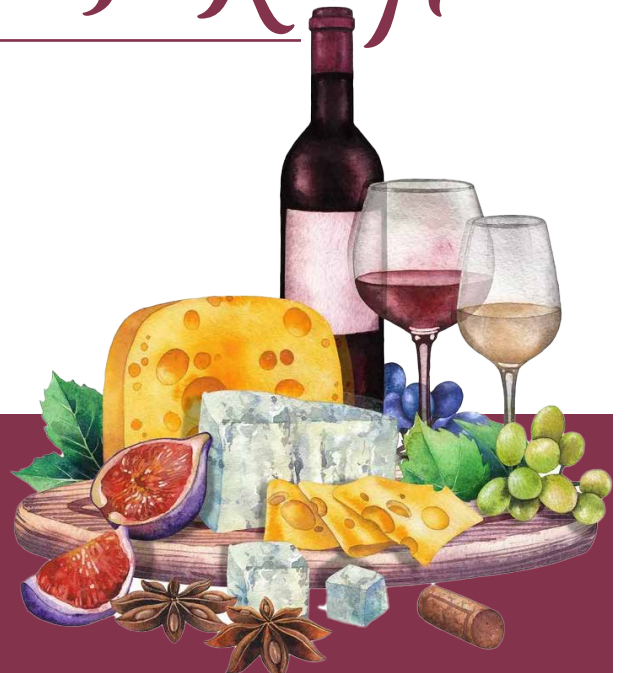
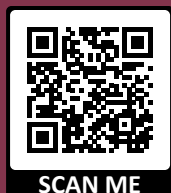
Wine & Cheese Reception



FRIDAY, MARCH 8 | 7:00 PM

\$50/PERSON

**RSVP by
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th**



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



***THE ORDER OF
SAINT IGNATIUS – CICERO CHAPTER***

MEDICAL MINISTRY



Welcomes

MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY



and

**MIDDLE EASTERN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION
(MEPA)**

to administer a

HEALTH SCREENING

*Complimentary Screening and Testing of
Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar*

Sunday, February 11, 2024

12:15 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

SIGNED LIABILITY FORM REQUIRED



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)



- The Parables of Christ
- Crucifixion and Resurrection
- The Mission of the Apostles
- Jews and Gentiles
- The Bible and Daily Life
- Judgment Day

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
- 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...

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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



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- Jews and Gentiles
- The Bible and Daily Life
- Judgment Day
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)

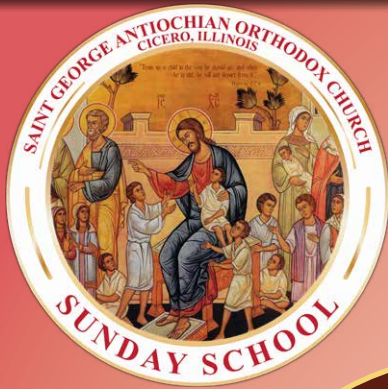
- Backgammon Club
- Cards (Uno, Hand Rummy)
- Board Games

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
- Faten Imseeh (224) 999-2070
- Elaine Makdah (847) 274-9610

* Program subject to change.

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



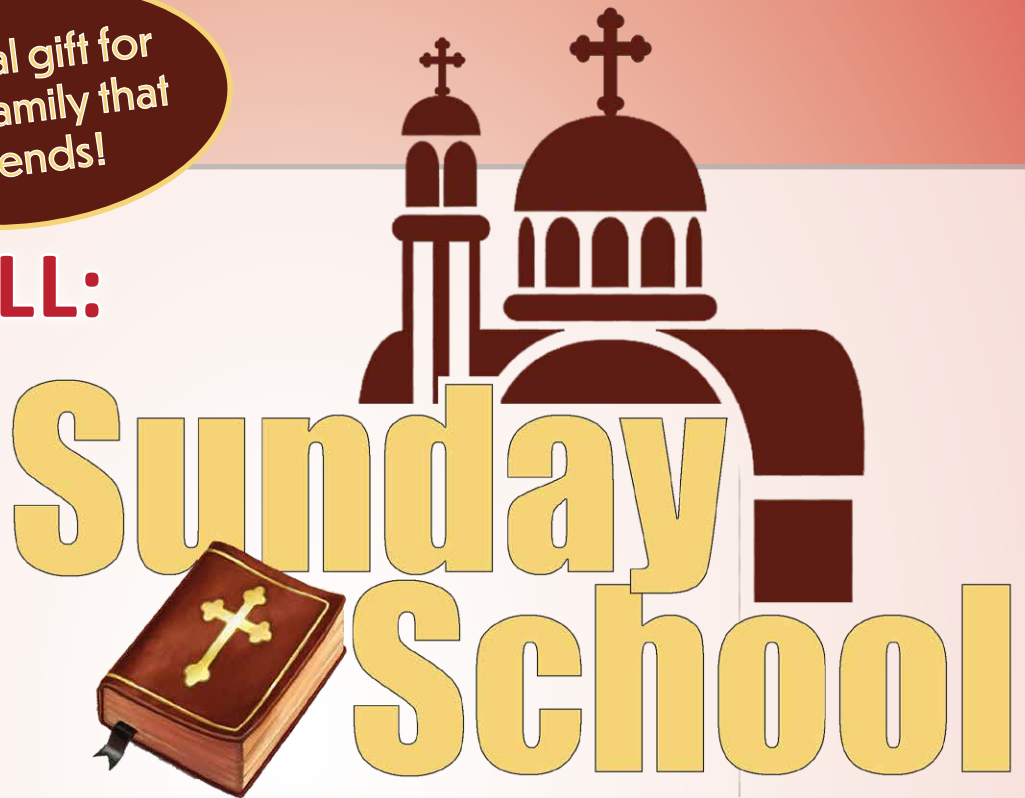
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Special gift for
each family that
attends!

CALLING ALL:

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

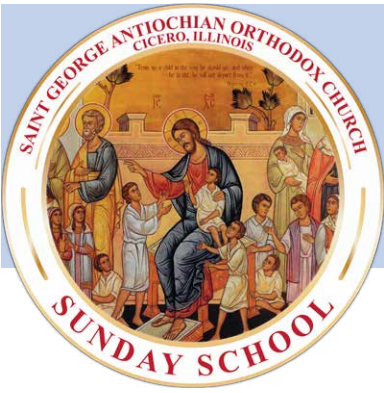


*Parents are requested to attend as part of the
Parent Partnership Program*

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

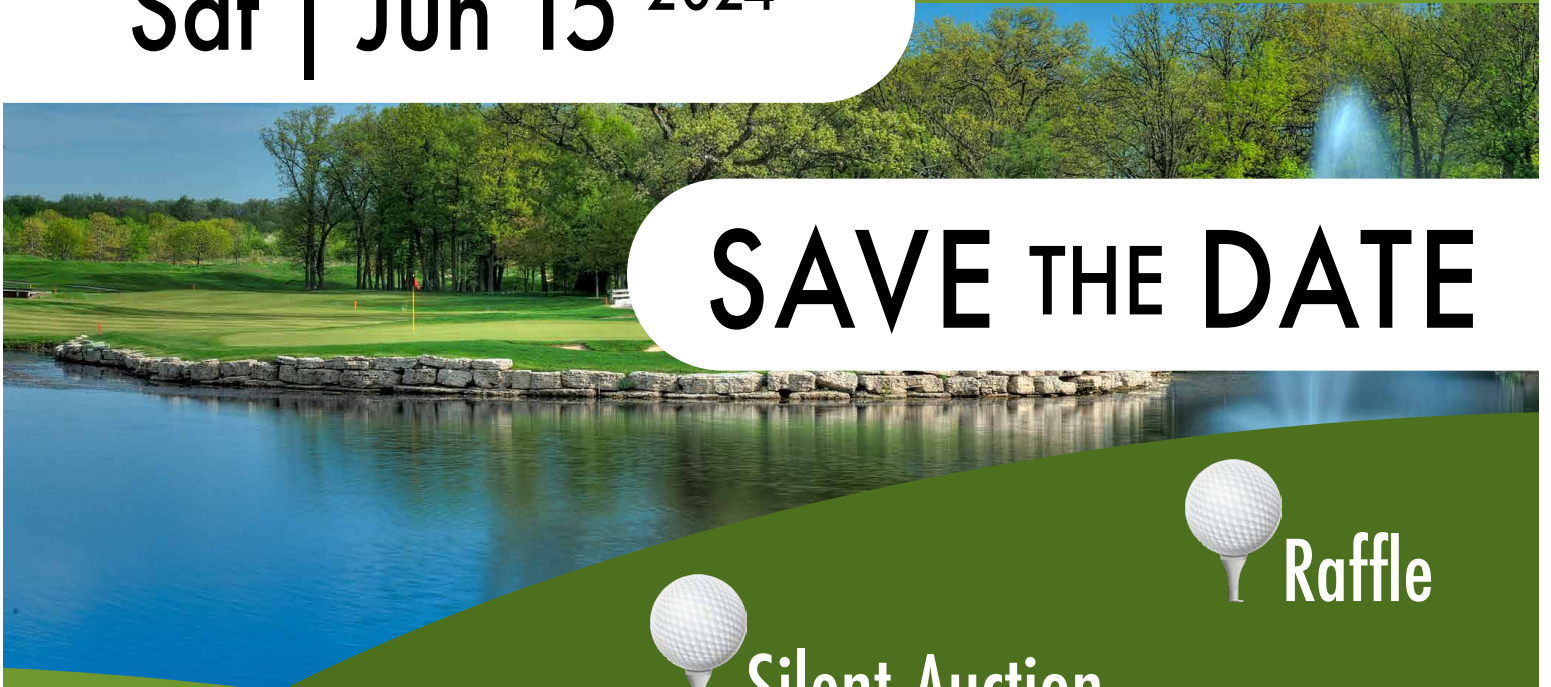


Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

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

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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*

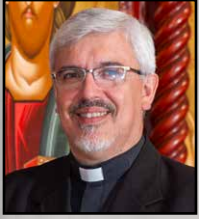
Profession: Real Estate Developer

Favorite Feast Day: Good Friday

Favorite Church Hymn: Cherubic Hymn

Favorite City Never Visited: Tulsa, Oklahoma

EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS



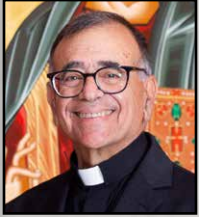
VERY REVEREND FATHER GABRIEL CORONEL, *Clergy*

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

ODEH *and* JAMILEH

– AKKAWI FOUNDATION –
SINCE 2015

The Odeh and Jamileh Akkawi Foundation is now accepting applicants for its annual scholarship.

This scholarship is intended to provide our children with the resources they need to reach their God-given potential. The future prosperity of our beloved communities depends on educated leaders who are well-rounded, and are not afraid to take risks in order to advance themselves – and all of us – to the highest levels possible.

PLEASE APPLY HERE: [OJAF 2024/2025 Form](#)

Important Notes:

1. Each student selected to participate in the scholarship program will be awarded up to \$1,000 annually through the 12th grade, as long as the requirements are met each year.
2. Applicants must be entering sixth or seventh grade in the upcoming academic year
3. The scholarship includes \$500 for tuition, books, school supplies, \$500 for extra-curricular activities, and access to a curated monthly enrichment program. Selected students will receive the funds at the beginning of the following academic year.

Selection is based on three criteria: academic potential, character, and financial need.
Selected recipients will be notified by email no later than July 1, 2024

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 1st, 2024

Questions? Please email Dr. Kayed Odeh Akkawi at akkawifoundation@gmail.com

Learn more about the Akkawi Foundation at www.akkawifoundation.org





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)



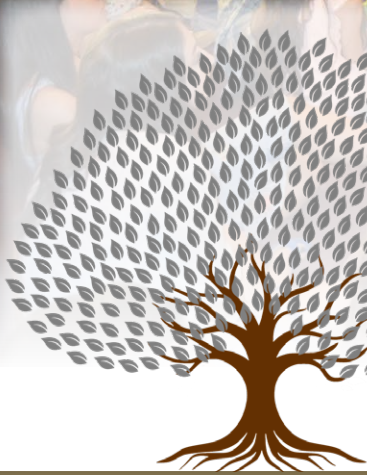
The visit by Father Saba or Father Gabriel should be approximately **45 minutes**. Several visits will be scheduled on a given day in order to reach and bless all families and homes this season.

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.





2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE YOU BELONG!



YOU BELONG ON THE **TREE OF LIFE**

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matthew 6:21

لَأَنَّه حَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكُمْ هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ قَلْبُكُمْ أَيْضًا. (مَتَّى 6:21)

**PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE
IN THE CHURCH HALL TODAY!**