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

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

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

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

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

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

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

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

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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

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

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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.

بِمَا أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION (TONE 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى
الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِ أَصْوَاتِ
طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْتَ
صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيْمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَيَّ
الشَّفَاعَةَ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِي، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ
دَائِمًا بِمَكْرَمِيكَ.



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 راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةَ مُحامية * وأقدمُ لكِ الشكرَ كمنقذةٍ من الشدائد * لكن بما أن لك العزة التي لا تُحارب * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشدائد * حتى أصرخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.



THE SYNAXARION

On February 18th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints, Leo the Great, pope of Rome.

*Pouring forth his soul, divine and godly Leo
Poureth dread and terror into hordes of demons.
On the eighteenth Leo poured forth his soul.*

Leo was born in Italy in 400 of devout parents, becoming Pope of Rome in 440. When Attila, with his Huns, drew near to burn Rome, Leo came out before him in his episcopal vestments. Leo subdued the wrath of Attila and averted the destruction of Rome. Attila allowed himself to be counseled by this holy man, but was also frightened by a vision of the Apostles Peter and Paul, who stood alongside Leo and threatened him with flaming swords. Leo also saved Orthodoxy from the heresy of Eutyches and Dioscorus. They erroneously taught the merger of the divine and human natures of Christ into one and, consequently, the denial of the two wills in the person of the Son. Because of this, the Fourth Ecumenical Council was convened in Chalcedon in 451, at which time the tome of Leo the Great was read and the Council condemned this heresy. This saint peacefully reposed in the Lord in 461.

On this day, we also commemorate Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

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TODAY

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Subdeacon Nasser Zayed

Feb 25

Johnny Massih

Alice Zayed

Mar 3

Dina Khoury

Linda Bynum

Mar 10

Sandy Eseed

EPISTLE

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear

of God.

ما أعظمَ أعمالك ياربُّ، كُلُّها بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ.

بارِكِي يا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ

الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كورِنْثُوسِ (6:16-7:1)

يا إِخْوَةَ، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كما قالَ اللهُ،
"إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيما بَيْنَهُمْ، وَأَكُونُ
لَهُمْ إلهاً وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لي شَعْباً فَإِذْلكَ اخْرُجُوا
مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاغْتَرِلُوا"، يَقولُ الرَّبُّ، "ولا تَمَسُّوا
نَجِساءً، فأَقْبَلُكُمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَكُمْ أباً، وتكونونَ أَنْتُمْ لي
بَنِينَ وَبَناتٍ"، يَقولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ. وإِذْنا هَذِهِ
المواعِدُ، أَيُّها الأَجَباءُ، فَانظِّهْرُ أَنْفُسَنا مِنْ كُلِّ
أَدْناسِ الجَسَدِ والرُّوحِ، وَنُكْمِلِ القَداسَةَ بِمَخافَةِ

The reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِّنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِي

البشِير والتلميذ الطاهر (15:21-28)

في ذلك الزمان، خرج يسوع إلى نواحي صور وصيدا. وإذا بامرأة كنعانية قد خرجت من تلك التخوم وصرخت إليه قائلة: "إرحمني يارب! يا ابن داود، فإن ابنتي بها شيطان يعذبها جدا." فلم يجبها بكلمة. فدنا تلاميذه وسألوه قائلين: "إصرفها فإنها تصيح في إثرنا." فأجاب وقال لهم: "لم أرسل إلا إلى الخراف الضالة من بيت إسرائيل." فأتت وسجدت له قائلة: "أغثني يارب." فأجاب قائلاً: "ليس حسناً أن يؤخذ خبز البنين ويلقى للكلاب." فقالت: "نعم يارب، فإن الكلاب أيضاً تأكل من الفتات الذي يسقط من موائد أربابها." حينئذ أجاب يسوع وقال لها: "يا امرأة، عظيم إيمانك، فليكن لك كما أردت." فشفيت ابنتها من تلك الساعة

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri and Family



– Taoufik and Diala Moaqad and Family

Feb 25 – George and Paulette Collias and Family

– Eva Skaff and Family

– Dr. George and Maria Salti and Family

– Ronald and Christina Davis and Family and Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra and Family

Mar 3 – Yaacoub and Antoinette Akkari and Family

– Michael and Sandra Barbari and Family

– George and Paulette Collias and Family

Mar 10 – **OPEN**



Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri and Family



Feb 25 – Michael and Sandra Barbari and Family

Mar 3 – Yaacoub and Antoinette Akkari and Family

Mar 10 – Frank and Reem Gambino and Family

Mar 17 – Raif and Rowa Zureikat and Family

Mar 24 – Samar Rihani and Etihad Rihani and Families



CHURCHINGS

Feb 25 NOURA, daughter of Stephen and Julia Falvo.

BLESSING OF RINGS

Mar 2 ANDREW, son of Edward and Cindy Channam, and BRIANA Zanayed, daughter of Ronnie Zanayed and Suha Cerulli.

CHRISMATIONS

Feb 24 SAED Fakhouri

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Today ROGER and ALINE (Abdo) El Debs.

MILESTONES

Happy 80th Birthday to RIBHI ZAYED last week.

CONDOLENCES

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

Dr. George and Maria Salti and their daughter Isabella Salti on the falling asleep of their daughter and sister, †DOREAH SALT, this past week at the age of 18. Also, to the entire Salti family.

Memory Eternal!

MEMORIALS

Today 40-Day Memorial Service for †DR. NAWAF ALNASIR, offered by Taoufik and Diala Moaqad and family.

Feb 25

- 3/9-Day Memorial Service for †DOREAH SALT, offered by Dr. George and Maria Salti and family.
- 40-Day Memorial Service for †RONALD ELIAS DAVIS (ALDURRA), offered by Ronald and Christina Davis and family and Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra and family.

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

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
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 11</i>)	12:30 pm
	• Sunday School Parent Partnership Program Meeting (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	12:45 pm
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Lunch & Ask Abouna (<i>see pg. 10</i>)	1:00 pm
Mon, Feb 19	Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Officers' Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Feb 21	Saint George West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 22	Saint George North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 15</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Feb 23	Golf Outing Committee Zoom Meeting	4:30 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
Sun, Feb 25	• 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
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 11</i>)	12:30 pm
Tue, Feb 27	Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Zoom Meeting	8:00 pm
Wed, Feb 28	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Sat, Mar 2	• Annual Leadership Training	9:00 am
	• Great Vespers	5:00 pm
Sun, Mar 3	• 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. 10</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 11</i>)	12:30 pm
Mon, Mar 4	External Relations Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Fri, Mar 8	Annual Orthodox Christian Professionals Wine & Cheese Reception hosted by The Order – Cicero Chapter (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 9	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Teen SOYO Social Outing	After Vespers
Sun, Mar 10	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
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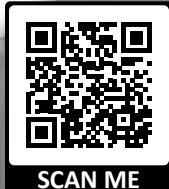
Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) LUNCH & ASK ABOUNA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

1:00 PM

\$25/
person

RSVP by
Fri, Feb 16



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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 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

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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
Sophia Rayan
Ana Ines
Angelina Mraibie

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

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

Present a

PRE-LENTEN FAMILY NIGHT

WHOLE FAMILY EVENT!

Saturday

February 24, 2024

6:00 PM *VESPERS*

\$50/Adult (12+)

\$20/Child (6-11)

Complimentary 5 and Under

**DJ
MUSIC**

RAFFLE

DINNER

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

The Order of Saint Ignatius—Cicero Chapter

Orthodox Christian Professionals

Wine & Cheese Reception



FRIDAY, MARCH 8 | 7:00 PM

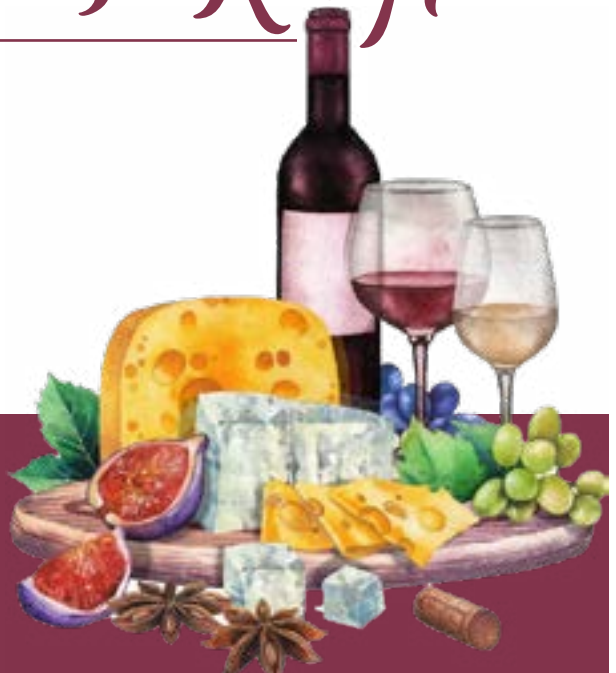
\$50/PERSON

RSVP by

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th



SCAN ME



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

“ASK ABOUNA”

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

5:00 PM VESPERS



DISCUSSION TOPIC:

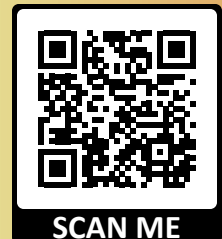
DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A
TEMPLE OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**
WITHIN YOU, WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD?

(1 Corinthians)

*THE TEENS REQUESTED THIS EVENT TO ASK THE
CLERGY ABOUT THIS AND SEVERAL OTHER TOPICS*

**FREE
EVENT!**

RSVP by
Saturday, March 30



ALL TEENS AGES 13-18 WELCOME!



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



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

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...

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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) **
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7:00-8:00 PM

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 - Creation
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 - The Coming of Christ
- Kids' Club (ages 3-4)
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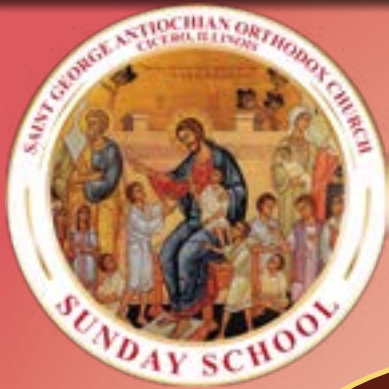
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

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

Art - Writing - Poetry - Photography



CREATIVE FESTIVALS 2024 THEME

"All things work together for good
to those who love God,
to those who are the called
according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28

All Sunday School Students

> > > *1st Grade and Older* < < <

are invited to participate!

Registration

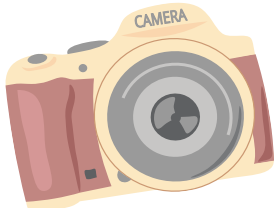
Deadline → **SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

Art Projects

Due → **SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**

Questions?

Alice Zayed, CAF Coordinator → AliceZayed@gmail.com





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

23rd Annual

GOLF OUTING

Sat | Jun 15 2024

SAVE THE DATE



Silent Auction



Raffle



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

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



St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church



Mid-Lenten Service: Remembrance of the 40 Martyrs of Sebastia

Միջինք և Յիշատակ Սեբաստիայի
Քառասնից Մանկանցն

Guest Speaker: Very Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Pastor of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Thursday March 7, 2024

Service at 7:00 p.m.

POTLUCK MIDLENT DINNER - BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE

"MidLent" Kata Being Served

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ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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SAVE THE DATE



2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

All Saints and Holy Transfiguration invite you to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Whether you are new to the Diocese or have been attending PLCs for many years, we welcome each of you and your families. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you at the Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference in Chicago-Land in June 2024!

DATE

June 26-29
Wednesday - Saturday

LOCATION

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523

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.





REFLECTION

“Blessed are those who give and forget, and Blessed are those who receive and remember.”

~Metropolitan +PHILIP
Saliba of Thrice-Blessed
Memory



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— OCA Stewardship Ministry

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