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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.

أهلا و سهلا! Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan!

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.

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المَجْدُ لَكَ يا مُظهرَ النور، المَجْدُ اللهِ في العَلاءِ، وعلى الأرْضِ السَّلامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسترة نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبِارِ كُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ أجل عظيم جَلالِ مَجْدِك

أيُّها الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّماويُّ، الإلهُ، الآبُ الضابطُ الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإبْنُ الْوَحْيدُ، يا يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، ويا أيُّها الرّوحُ القُدُس

أَيُّها الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يا حَمَلَ الله يا ابنَ الآب، يا رافِعَ خطيئة العالم ارْحَمْنا، يا رافِعَ خَطايا العالم

تَقبَّلْ تَضرُّ عَنا أَيُّها الجالِسُ عَنْ يمينِ الآبِ و ارْ حَمْنا

لأنَّكَ أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ الْمَسيحُ، في مَجْدِ اللهِ الآب، آمين. فى كُلِّ بَومٍ أَبارِكُك، وأَسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إلى الأبَدِ، والي أبَدِ الأبَد

أهِّلْنا يا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ في هذا اليَومِ بِغيرِ خَطيئةٍ.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ بِا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبائِنا، وَمُسَبَّحُ و مُمَجَّدٌ اسْمُكَ إلى الأبدِ، آمين

لِتَكُنْ يِا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنا، كَمِثْل اتِّكالِنا عَليك.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ يا رَبُّ عَلِّمني حُقوقَك. (ثلاثاً)

يا رَبُّ مَلْجاً كُنْتَ لنا في جيلِ وجيلِ، أنا قلْتُ يـا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنـي واشْفِ نَفْسـي لَانَّنـي قَـد خَطِئـتُ

يا رَبُّ إليكَ لجأتُ فَعَلِّمْني أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رضاكَ، لأنَّكَ أنتَ هُوَ إلهي

لأنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عِيْنَ الحياةِ، وبنوركَ نعاينُ النورِ.

فابسُطْ رَحْمَتُكَ على الذين يعرفونَك.

قُدّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدّوسٌ القويّ، قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يموتُ ار حَمْنا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوح القُدُسِ.

الآنَ وكُلَّ أوان وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارحَمْنا.

قُدّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدّوسٌ الْقَويّ، قُدّوسٌ الْذي لا يَموتُ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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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.

هَلُمّوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأمواتِ، لِنُرَتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا

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TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

بما أنَّكَ للمأسُورينَ مُحَررٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقراءِ والمَساكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضَى طبيبٌ وشَافٍ وعنِ المؤمنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاور جيوسُ اللَّإِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

KONTAKION FOR THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN (TONE 4)

Let us flee the Pharisee's * conceited vaunting; * let us learn the Publican's * humility, and cry with groans * unto the Savior: Thou Who alone * art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

مِنْ شُمُوخِ الفَرِّيسِيِّ لِنَهْرُبَنَّ، وَمِنْ تَواضُعِ الْعَشَّارِ لِنَهُرُبَنَّ، وَمِنْ تَواضُعِ الْعَشَّارِ لِنَتَعَلَّمْ، هاتِفينَ بِزَفَراتٍ إلى المُخَلِّصِ: إرْحَمْنا يا مُصنالِحاً حَسناً وَحْدَك.

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 عبدُكِ يا والدةَ الإله* اكتُبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةً مُحامية * وأُقدمُ لكِ الشُكرَ كَمُنقذةٍ منَ الشَّدائد * لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَةَ التي لا تُحَارَب * اعتقِيني من صنوف الشدائد * حتى أصرُ خَ إليكِ إفر حي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

EPISTLE READERS

English		Arabic	
Subdeacon Nasser Zayed	TODAY	Johnny Massih	
Alice Zayed	Mar 3	Dina Khoury	
Linda Bynum	Mar 10	Sandy Eseed	
Abeer Kari	Mar 17	Sanaa Jdaidany	

EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to Saint Timothy (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

ائنتَ يا رَبُّ تَحْفَظُنا وتَسْتُرُنا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ، خَلِّصْنْنِي، يا رَبُّ، فإنَّ الْبارَّ قَدْ فَنِيَ. فَصْلُ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقِدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الثانية إلى تيموثاوس (15-3:10)

با وَلَدى تيمو ثاوس، إنَّكَ قَدِ اسْتَقْرَيتَ تَعْليمي، يرَتي، وقَصْدِي، وإيماني، وأنَاتِي، وَمَ وصبري، واضطهاداتي، وآلامي، وما أصابني في إنطاكِيَة و أيقو نية و إسترة، و أيَّة اضطهاداتِ احْتَمَلْتُ، وقَدْ أنقذني الرَّبُّ مِنْ جَمِيعِها. وجَميعُ الذينَ يُر يدونَ أَنْ يَعِيشُوا بِالتَقُوى في المسيح يسوع يُضْطَهَدونَ. أمّا الأَشْرارُ والمُغْوُونَ مِنَ الناسِ، فَيَزْدادونَ شَرّاً، مُضِلِّينَ ومُضلِّينَ. فَاسْتَمِرَّ أَنْتَ على ما تَعَلَّمْتَـهُ وأَيْقَنْتَ بِهِ، عالِماً ممَّن تَعَلَّمْت، وأنَّكَ مُنْذُ الطُّفواليَّةِ تَعْرِفُ الكُتُبَ المُقَدَّسَةَ القادِرةَ أَنْ تُصنيّركَ حَكيماً لِلْخَلاصِ بالإيمانِ بالمسيح يسوع The reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be

exalted."

فَصْلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بِشَارةِ القِديسِ لوقا الإِنجيلِيِ
البَشير، التَّلْميذِ الطَّاهِر (14-18:10)

قالَ الرَّبُّ هَذا المَثَل: إنْسانان صَعِدا إلى الهَيْكُل ليُصلِّيا، أَحَدُهُما فَرّيسِيٌّ و الآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَكَانَ الفَرّيسِيُّ واقِفاً يُصلِّي في نَفْسِهِ هَكَذا، "اللَّهُمَّ إنَّے، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّى لَسْتُ كَسائِرِ الناسِ الخَطَفَةِ، الظالمينَ، الفاسِقينَ، ولا مِثْلَ هَذا العشَّارِ. فإنَّى أَصُومُ في الأسبوع مَرَّتَيْنِ، وأُعَشِّرُ كُلَّ ما هُوَ لي. " أمَّا العَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ عَنْ بُعْدِ، ولَمْ يُردْ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إلى السَّماءِ، بَلْ كانَ يَقْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلاً، "اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْني أنا الخاطِئِ:" أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُبَرَّرِ أَدُونَ ذَاكَ. لأَنَّ كُلَّ مَن رَفَعَ نَفْسَهُ اتَّضَعَ، ومَنْ وَضَعَ نَفْسَهُ ارتَفَع

THE SYNAXARION

On February 25th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; and Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria.

On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple; For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.

O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly, receive Thou from the Angels a Trinitarian song, And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.



Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Dr. George and Maria Salti and Family



- Ronald and Christina Davis and Family and Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra and Family
- George and Paulette Collias and Family
- Eva Skaff and Family
- Khader and Fadwa Rantisi and Family
- Mar 3 Zarifeh Zanayed and the entire Zanayed Family
 - Yaacoub and Antoinette Akkari and Family
 - Michael and Sandra Barbari and Family
 - George and Paulette Collias and Family



Mar 10 – *OPEN*

Mar 17 – *OPEN*

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – 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



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NEWBORNS

ROMAN, son of Ramzie and Tamara Husary.

COMMEMORATIONS

Today 3-Year Commemoration for †MIKHAEL RANTISI, offered by Khader and Fadwa

Rantisi and family.

CHURCHINGS

Today NOURA, daughter of Stephen and Julia Falvo.

BAPTISMS

Mar 3 ALEXANDRA, daughter of Jiris and Maggie Karadsheh.

Mar 9 • NADIA, daughter of Hussam and Dr. Rand Bachour.

 THOMAS, son of Fahad and Jamie Haddad.

CHRISMATIONS

Yesterday SAED Fakhouri

BLESSING OF RINGS

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

WEDDINGS

Mar 3 HAYZE Webster and TRACY Perez.

MEMORIALS

Today • 3/9-Day Memorial Service for †DOREAH SALTI, 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 3 20-Year Memorial for †FADDA ZANAYED, offered by Zarifeh Zanayed and the entire Zanayed family.

Mar 17 10-Year Memorial Service for †METROPOLITAN PHILIP SALIBA, offered by The Saint George Church family.

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



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOME BLES	SINGS continue <i>(see pg. 10)</i>		
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	
	 Special Youth Meeting with Mental Health Experts 	12:30 pm	
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal (see pg. 13)	12:30 pm	
Tue, Feb 27	Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Zoom Meeting	8:00 pm	
Wed, Feb 28	 The Order – Cicero Chapter Officers' Zoom Meeting 	5:00 pm	
	 Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Officers' Meeting 	6:00 pm	
	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm	
	MARCH IS ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN MONTH		
Sat, Mar 2	 Annual Leadership Training Seminar 	9:00 am	
	Great Vespers Service	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 (see pg. 12) 	After Liturgy	
	 Youth Choir Rehearsal (see pg. 13) 	12:30 pm	
Mon, Mar 4	External Relations Committee Meeting	6:00 pm	
Tue, Mar 5	Teen SOYO Officers' Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm	
Fri, Mar 8	Annual Orthodox Christian Professionals Wine & Cheese Reception	7:00 pm	
	hosted by The Order - Cicero Chapter (see pg. 11)		
Sat, Mar 9	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm	
	 Teen SOYO Golf Social Outing (see pg. 14) 	6:30 pm	
Sun, Mar 10	 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	
	· Ushering Team Meeting	After Liturgy	
	 JOY Club Parents' Meeting (see pg. 12) 	12:30 pm	
	· Youth Choir Rehearsal (see pg. 13)	12:30 pm	
	 Bible Bowl Introductory Meeting (includes lunch) 	1:00 pm	
Tue, Mar 12	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm	
Wed, Mar 13	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm	
Sat, Mar 16	 Confession Retreat Morning Session (see pg. 16) 	9:30 am	
	· Confession Retreat Afternoon Session (see pg. 16)	1:00 pm	
	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm	
	Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Social Event	After Vespers	



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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

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

HOME BLESSINGS

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

The following should be prepared for the Home Blessing:

- All members of family must be present
- Bible
- Icon

- Lit Candle
- Burning Incense (Optional)
- Small Table (or dining room table)

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

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Order of Saint Ignatius—Cicero Chapter

Orthodox Christian Professionals



FRIDAY, MARCH 8 | 7:00 PM



2 chances to win 4 Blackhawks tickets (over \$400 value)

\$25/1 Ticket ~ \$100/5 Tickets

- Date of game will be mutually agreed-upon
- Winner need not be present to win
- Drawing on Friday, March 8th
- 2 Winners

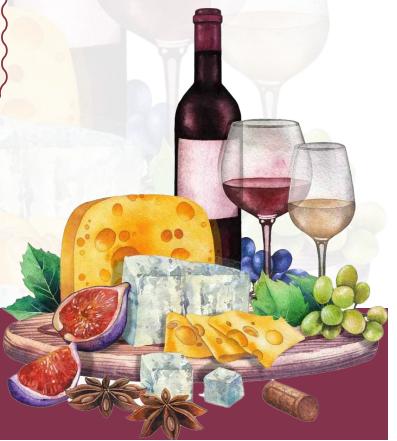
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ALL Professionals in ALL Fields WELCOME!

\$50/PERSON

RSVP by
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th







Junior Orthodox Youth (J.O.Y.)

PARENTS' MEETING

AGES 9-12 AND THEIR PARENTS REQUESTED TO ATTEND

Sunday, March 10, 2024

After Liturgy

A MINISTRY OF TEEN SOYO FOR AGES 9-12

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

After Liturgy in Orthodox Club (NADI)

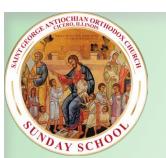
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

To Sponsor YAF Coffee Hour, Please Contact:

Jeanette Habash: (773) 709-5606 | JeanetteHabash@amail.com

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FADWA RANTISI, COORDINATOR I 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 Kuttah Caroline Nawas Charlie Barbari Flias Rihani Gabriella Rihani John Karam

Julianne Zayed **Katherine Conopeotis** Katherine Saba Maria Eseed Massa Moagad

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

Raneem Karam Sam Shaheen Sophia Ravan Ana Ines Angelina Mraibie

Celine Mraibie Sophia Perez Natalya Avgul Sophia Layous George Layous Liza Aygul Rayan Bitar Samuel Bitar Samantha Bittar Chloe Bittar

All Children 2ND GRADE and OLDER are Welcome! ← Quantum 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

SAVE THE DATE

Monday - Thursday June 17-20, 2024

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

Details to follow -

ONLINE Coming Soon...

Staff, Volunteers, and Junior Counselors Training To Be Determined

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

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO GOLF SOCIAL

Saturday March 9, 2024 6:00 PM

390 GOLF EXPERIENCE

1051 N. Prospect Ave., Ste. B, Wood Dale, IL





Limited Space!
Don't Miss Out!
\$20/
\$20/
\$person
INCLUDES 2 HOURS
OF GOLF, DINNER,
AND FUN!

RSVP by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024



All Teens (13-18) Welcome!

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO «ASK ABOUNA»

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024 5:00 pm Vespers



DISCUSSION TOPIC:

TEMPLE OF 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

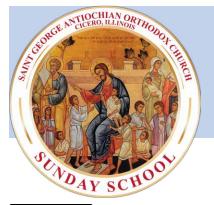


RSVP by Saturday, March 30



ALL TEENS AGES 13-18 WELCOME!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



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

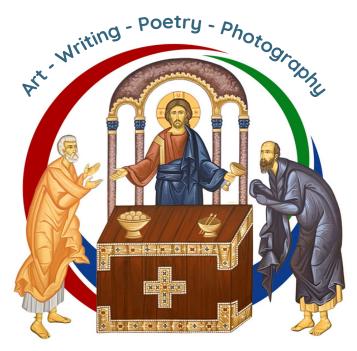
Jirst Confession
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
Confession and Celebratory Dinner

Communion Recognition for

First Confessors

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

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



Special Sermon SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

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."

All Sunday School Students

>>> 1st Grade and Older < < <

are invited to participate!

Registration

Deadline -> SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024



Due -> **SUNDAY**, **MARCH 17**, **2024**



Questions?

Alice Zayed, CAF Coordinator -> AliceZayed@gmail.com





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

23rd Annual CTOLLE OUTING

Sat | Jun 15 2024





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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

طروبارية عيد الغطاس - Favorite Church Hymn: Epiphany Troparion

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

Միջինքի Գաթա պիտի մատուցուի

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week
FEBRUARY 25th



TRIODION WEEKS

Publican and the Pharisee
Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15

Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14

The Prodigal Son Returns!

Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

The Last Judgment

MARCH 10th

Normal Fast Week

MARCH 3rd



The Last Judgment (Meatfare)

Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Forgiveness Sunday

MARCH 17th



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Cheesefare)

Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21

GREAT FAST BEGINS with FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY

Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1: 43-51

2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Sunday of Lent

MARCH 24th



SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS

Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

MARCH 31st

3rd Sunday of Lent

APRIL 7th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALFWAY TO PASCHA!

Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1

4th Sunday of Lent **APRIL 14th**



SAINT JOHN of the LADDER

Reading: Hebrews: 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31

5th Sunday of Lent **APRIL 21st**



SAINT MARY of EGYPT

Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

PALM SUNDAY!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

MAY 3rd

APRIL 28th
GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT and HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9
Gospel: John 12: 1-18
GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND

VESPERS SCHEDULE
BRIGHT WEEK

Feast of Feasts!

MAY 5th
NO FASTING!



HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17 Trust in God, not yourself!

Ask for His help before every task this week!

Schedule a Confession.

Use up/freeze meats this week.

Pray facing East this week.

Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him!

Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today!

Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

Kneel in front of the cross every day, and remember that there is no resurrection without a cross!

Every time you climb stairs this week ask Saint John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

Refrain from TV, Internet, and Phones to honor Christ's Death.

Greet everyone with
"CHRIST IS RISEN!"
and say it before
good morning and goodnight!

ى الفصح! 2024

كيفية المشاركة

الموضوع / الإنجيل

الأحد

لا صيام هذا الأسبوع 25 شباط



صيام عادي هذا الأسبوع 🖠 3 أذار



يوم الدينونة 10 أذار



يوم الغفران 17 أذار



الأحد الأول مِن الصوم 24 أذار



الأحد الثاني مِن الصوم 31 أذار



الأحد الثالث مِن الصوم 7 نیسان



الأحد الرابع مِن الصوم 14 نیسان



الأحد الخامس مِن الصوم 21 نیسان



أحد الشعانين 28 نیسان بدء الأسبوع العظيم



الجمعة العظيمة 3 أيّار

عيد الأعياد! 5 أيَّار نهاية الصوم الكبير!

ثِقوا بالله، لا بأنفسكم!

أصرخوا مع العَشار طالبين مِن الله الرحمة.

اذهبوا إلى الأعتراف.

إسْتَنفِذو االلحم من بيتكم خلال هذا الأسبوع.

صلى مواجهة الشرق هذا الأسبوع.

المسيح يعود من المشارق وسوف ننتظره! إسْتَنفِذو االبياض من بيتكم خلال هذا الأسبوع.

أطلوا المعفرة مِن بعضكم البعض هذا الأحد قبل الخلود إلى النوم.

إجلبوا أيقونة إلى الكنيسة للمشاركة في زياح الأيقونات.

إجلبوا مسبحة صلاة أرثوذكسية لتبريكها في الكنيسة!

إستعملوها وصلوا صلاة يسوع يومياً في هذا الأسبوع.

أسجدوا للصليب كل يوم متذكرين أن لا قيامة من دون صليب!

فيما تَتَسَلَقون سُلَم الفَضائِل، أطلبوا مِن القديس يوجنا المساعدة لبلوغ بِي ﴿ اللهِ عَلَى اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ

أطلبوا مِن العذراء والدة الإله أن تَمنَحَكم وتَمنَح العالم أفكاراً طاهرة.

زَينوا الأَيقونات بسُعف النخل في بيتكم وسيّاراتكم!

إمتنعوا عن التلفزيون والإنترنت وعن استخدام هواتفكم.

> القوا التحية قائلبن "المسيح قام" عوضآعن صباح الخير او مساء الخير!

أسابيع التريودي الفريسي والعثمار

2 تيم 3:10-15 الر سالة: الإنجيل: لوقا 18:10-14

أحد الإبن الشاطر!

1 كور 6:12-20 الرسالة: لوقا 11:15-32 الانجبل:

يوم الدينونة (مرفع اللحم)

1 كور 8:8-2:9 الرسالة: متى 31:25-46 الإنجيل:

طرد آدم وحواء من الفردوس يوم الغفران (مرفع الجبن)

رومية 11:13-14، 14:1-4 الرسالة: الإنجيل: مُتّى 14:6-21 الأحد الأول مِن الصوم صلاة الْغروب الْغفران أحد الأرثودكسية

عب 2:12-32 ،26-24:11 الر سالة: يوحنا 1:43-51 الإنجيل:

القديس غريغوريوس بالاماس

عب 1:101-3:3 الرسالة: مر قس 1:2-1:2 الإنجيل:

السجود للصليب المقدس

نصف الطريق الى الفصح! عب 6:5-14:4 الرسالة: الإنجيل: مر قس 34:8-1:9

القديس يوحنا السلمي

عب 13:6-20 الر سالة: الإنجيل: مرقس 9:17-31

القديسة مريم المصرية

الرسالة: أعب 9:11-14 الإنجيل: مرقس 32:10-45 الإنجيل:

بدء الأسبوع العظيم المُقتَّس دُخُول السيد الى اوراشليم

فليبي 4:4-9 الر سالة: يو حنّا 1:12-18 الانجبل: الجمعة العظيمة

موت المسيح على الصليب تحقق من أوقات الصلوات في هذه الأيام

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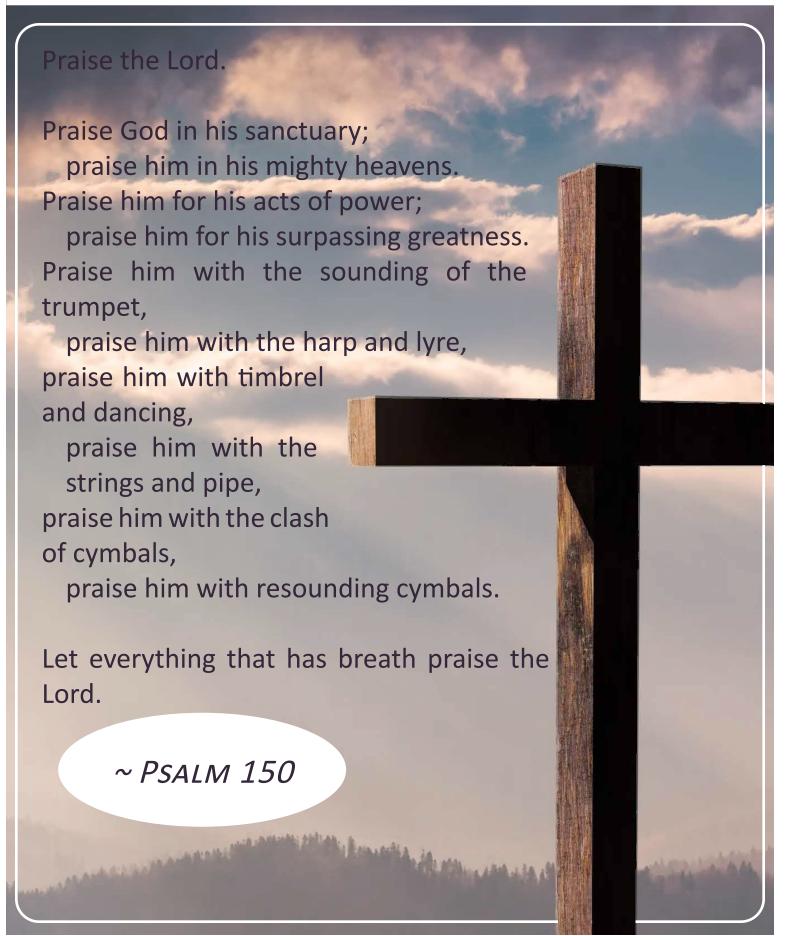
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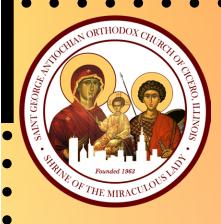
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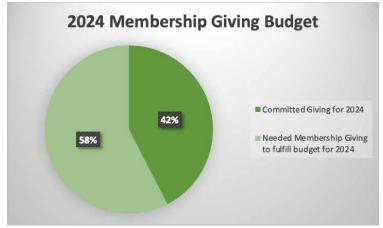


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