

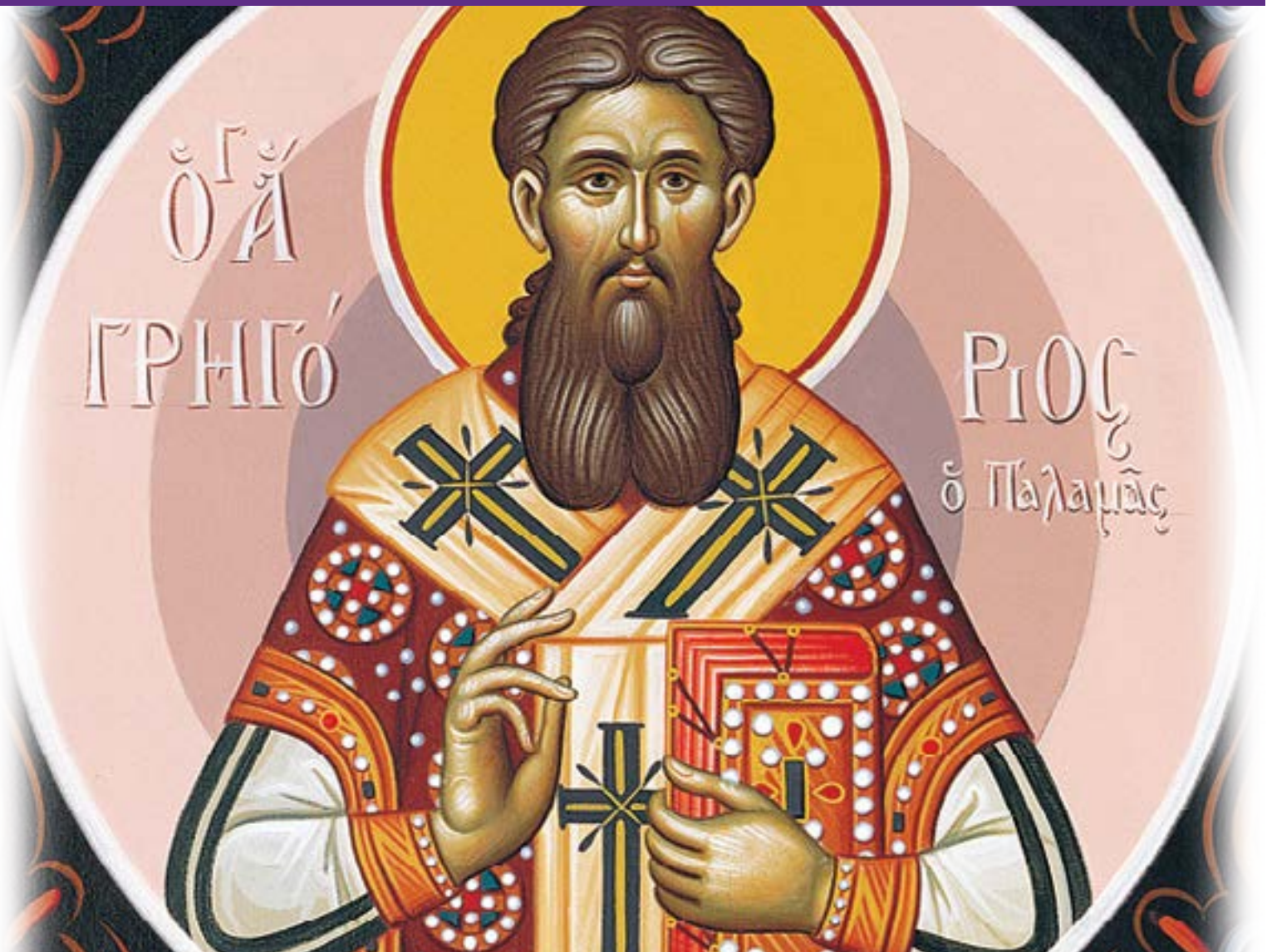


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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
(SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS)



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

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Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:

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 و سهلا!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Welcome Today Archiepiscopal Vicar

The Right Reverend Archimandrite **Jeremy Davis**
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

March 7-9, 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026

5:00^{PM} – Great Vespers Service

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:15^{AM} – Orthros (Matins) / Great
Doxology and Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 9, 2026

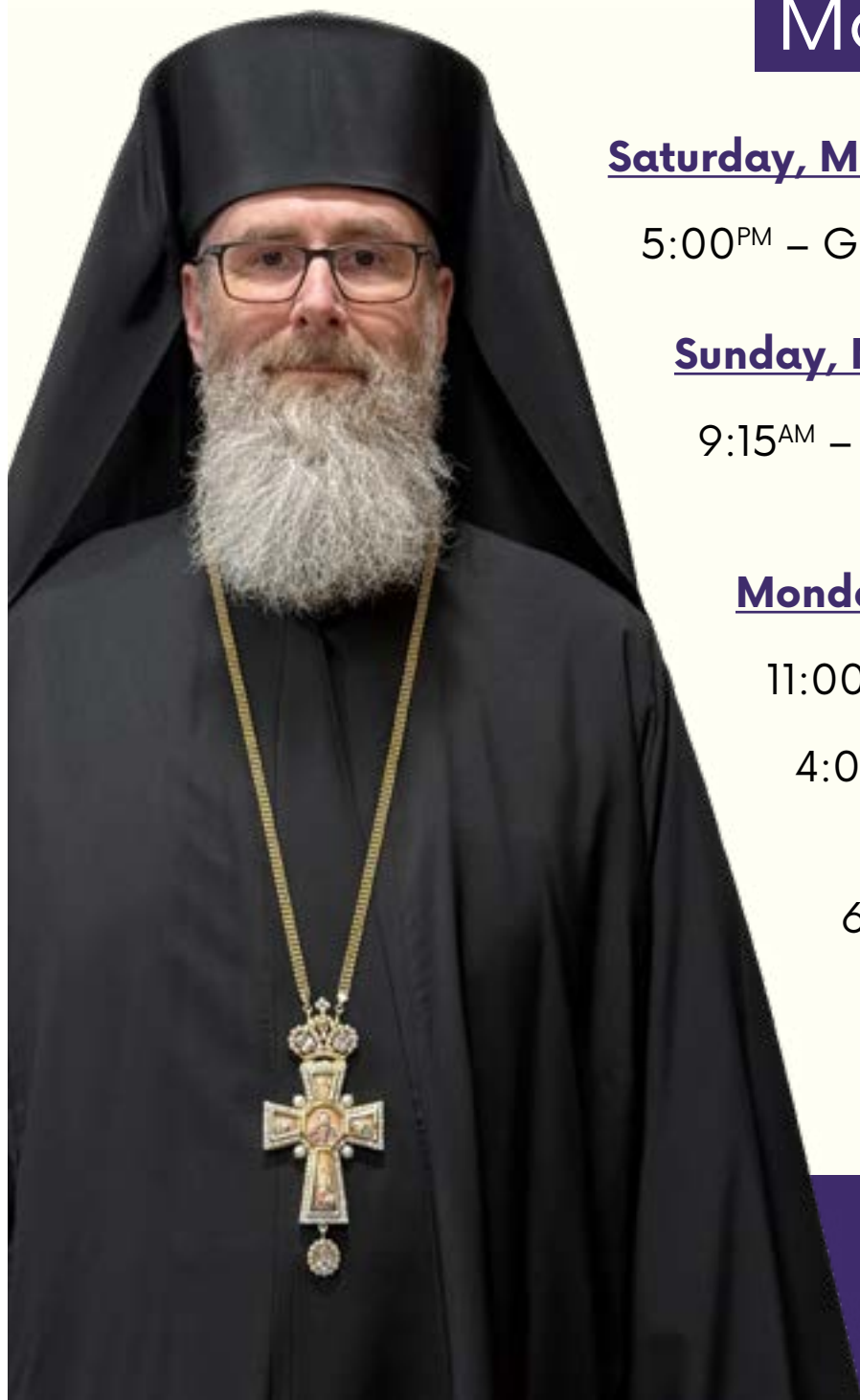
11:00^{AM} – Clergy Meeting

4:00^{PM} – Saint Katherine's Mission
Board Meeting

6:30^{PM} – Great Compline
Service and Evening
Program at Saint
Katherine's Mission

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THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, Who hast shown forth the light.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will among men.

We hymn Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for Thy
great glory.

O Lord King, heavenly God, Father almighty; O
Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O
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, the God of our Fathers,
and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.
Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we
have set our hope on thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.
(thrice)

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from generation
to generation. I said: Lord, 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 mercy unto them that know Thee.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have
mercy on us. (thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have
mercy on us.

المَجْدُ لَكَ يَا مُظْهِرَ النُّورِ، المَجْدُ لِلَّهِ فِي العَلَاءِ،
وعلى الأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسْرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيُّ، الإِلَهُ، الآبُ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِبْنُ الوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ القُدُّوسُ

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

لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ
يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ، فِي مَجْدِ اللهِ الآبِ، آمِينَ.

فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ،
وَالى أَبَدِ الأَبَدِ

أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.

مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا

مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمْنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)

يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأٌ كُنْتَ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّني قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمْنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهِي

لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايِنُ النُّورَ.

فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

قُدُّوسُ اللهِ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُّوسِ.

الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللهِ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ الْقُوَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ،
وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرْيَمَ وَقَفْتَ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ
طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَّيْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجْرَبْ
مِنْهَا، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ
بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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 لِنَسْجُدُ وَنَزْكَعُ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِتُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

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بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION FOR SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS (TONE 8)

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonderworker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

يَا كَوْكَبَ الرَّأْيِ الْقَوِيمِ، وَثَبَاتِ الْكَنِيسَةِ وَمُعَلِّمَهَا،
وَجَمَالَ الْمُتَوَجِّدِينَ، وَمُنَاصِلًا عَنِ الْمُتَكَلِّمِينَ بِالْأَلْهَوَاتِ
الَّذِي لَا يُحَارَبُ، غِرِيغُورِيُوسَ الْفَاعِلِ الْمُعْجَزَاتِ،
فَخَرَّ تِسَالُونِيكِيَّةً وَكَارُوزَ النِّعْمَةِ. لَا تَنْفَكْ مُنْشَفِعًا فِي
خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

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
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.



KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

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 الشُّكرَ كمنقذةٍ من الشَّدائد * لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَّة التي لا تُحَارَب * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشَّدائد * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

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Sophia Layous

Mar 29

Sally Esber

SAINT BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

إنَّ البرايا بأسرها، تفرحُ بكِ يا مُمتلئةً نعمةً: محافلِ الملائكة، وأجناسِ البشر. أيتها الهيكلُ المُتقدِّس، والفرْدوسُ الناطقُ، فخرُ البتولِيَّةِ مريمَ، التي منها تجسَّدَ الإلهُ، وصارَ طفلاً، وهو إلهنا الذي قبلَ الدُّهور. لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ مُستودعَكَ عرشاً، وجعلَ بطنَكَ أرحبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوات. لِذَلِكَ يا مُمتلئةً نعمةً، تفرحُ بكِ كُلُّ البرايا وتُمجِّدُكَ.

THE SYNAXARION

On March 8th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Theophylact the Confessor, bishop of Nicomedia; and Apostle Hermas of the Seventy.

On this same day, the Second Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of our father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica.

*The Spring of Light now leadeth to light unwaning
The Light's own truly great and resplendent herald.*

This divine father was born in Asia and was brought up from infancy in the royal palace of Constantinople. When he was of age, Gregory left the palace and gave himself to asceticism on Mount Athos. He eventually moved to Thessalonica to seek cure for the diseases he contracted because of his asceticism and piety. In 1349, he was elevated to the episcopacy, tending to his people in an Apostolic fashion for 13 years. He is glorified as an ascetic, a hierarch, a theologian who defeated the heretics of his era, and a miracle-worker who forsook a prominent, secular lifestyle to take up his cross and follow Christ. The Most-Holy Theotokos, St. John the Theologian, St. Demetrius, St. Anthony the Great, St. John Chrysostom and angels of God appeared to him at different times.

Through his intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

**The Reading from the Epistle of
Saint Paul to the Hebrews (1:10-2:3)**

Thou, “O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail.” But to which of the angels did He say at any time, “Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?” Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

خَاصَّنْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ.

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولْسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (1:10-2:3)

“أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ فِي الْبَدْءِ أَسَّسْتَ الْأَرْضَ،
وَالسَّمَاوَاتُ هِيَ صُنْعُ يَدَيْكَ. هِيَ تَزُولُ وَأَنْتَ
تَبْقَى وَكُلُّهَا تَبْلَى كَالثُّوبِ، وَتَطْوِيهَا كَالرِّدَاءِ
فَتَتَغَيَّرُ، وَأَنْتَ أَنْتَ وَسِنُوكَ لَنْ تَفْنَى.” وَلِمَنْ مِنْ
الْمَلَائِكَةِ قَالَ قَطُّ “إِجْلِسْ عَنْ يَمِينِي حَتَّى أَجْعَلَ
أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوْطِئاً لِقَدَمَيْكَ”؟ أَلَيْسُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ أَرْوَاحاً
خَادِمَةً تُرْسَلُ لِلْخِدْمَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الَّذِينَ سَيَرْتُونِ
الْخَلَاصَ؟ فَلِذَلِكَ يَجِبُ عَلَيْنَا أَنْ نُصْغِيَ إِلَى مَا
سَمِعْنَاهُ إِصْغَاءً أَشَدَّ لِنَلَّا يَسْرَبَ مِنْ أَدْهَانِنَا. فَإِنَّهَا
إِنْ كَانَتْ الْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي نُطِقُ بِهَا عَلَى أَلْسِنَةِ مَلَائِكَةِ
قَدْ تَبَيَّنَتْ، وَكُلُّ تَعَدٍّ وَمَعْصِيَةٍ نَالَ جَزَاءً عَدْلًا.
فَكَيْفَ نُفْلِتُ نَحْنُ إِنْ أَهْمَانَا خَلَاصاً عَظِيماً كَهَذَا؟
قَدْ ابْتَدَأَ النُّطْقُ بِهِ عَلَى لِسَانِ الرَّبِّ، ثُمَّ تَبَيَّنَتْ لَنَا
الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهُ

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint Mark (2:1-12)**

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُسَ

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِذِ الطَّاهِرِ (2:1-12)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ كَفَرْنَاحُومَ
وَسُمِعَ أَنَّهُ فِي بَيْتٍ. فَلِلْوَقْتِ اجْتَمَعَ كَثِيرُونَ،
حَتَّى أَنَّهُ لَمْ يَعُدْ مَوْضِعٌ وَلَا مَا حَوْلَ الْبَابِ
يَسَعُ، وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِالْكَلِمَةِ. فَأَتَوْا إِلَيْهِ بِمُخَلَّعٍ
يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةً. وَإِذْ لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يَقْتَرِبُوا إِلَيْهِ
لِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ، كَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ حَيْثُ كَانَ. وَبَعْدَ مَا
نَقَبُوهُ، دَلُّوا السَّرِيرَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخَلَّعُ مُضْطَجِعاً
عَلَيْهِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، قَالَ لِلْمُخَلَّعِ: "يَا
بْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ." وَكَانَ قَوْمٌ مِنَ الْكُتَّابِ
جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ "مَا بَالُ هَذَا
يَتَكَلَّمُ هَكَذَا بِالتَّجْدِيفِ؟ مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا
إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟" فَلِلْوَقْتِ عَلِمَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ
يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِمَ إِذَا
تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهَذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا الْأَيْسَرُ أَنْ يُقَالَ
"مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ"، أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ "قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ
سَرِيرَكَ وَامْشِ؟" وَلَكِنْ لِكَيْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ
لَهُ سُلْطَانٌ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا. فَقَالَ
لِلْمُخَلَّعِ "لَكَ أَقُولُ، قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ سَرِيرَكَ وَاذْهَبْ
إِلَى بَيْتِكَ." فَقَامَ لِلْوَقْتِ وَحَمَلَ سَرِيرَهُ وَخَرَجَ
أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشَ كُلُّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ
"مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا قَطُّ"

Holy Bread Offered By:



Today – Sdn. Youssef and Mary Selim

– Majdi and Arwa Rayahin and Family

– Afaf Fino and Family

Mar 15 – Pauline Shunnarah and Family

Mar 22 – Etihad Rihani and Samar Rihani and Families

– Nuha Ayoub and Family

– Mourice and Hanan Mseih and Family

Mar 29 – *OPEN*

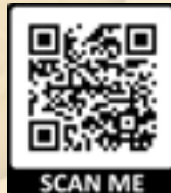
Sat, Apr 4 – *OPEN*

Apr 5 – *OPEN*

Thu, Apr 9 – *OPEN*

Sat, Apr 11 AM – *OPEN*

Sat, Apr 11 PM (Apr 12) – *OPEN*



Coffee Hour Sponsors:



Today – Darlene Haddad and Family

Mar 15 – Pauline Shunnarah and Family

Mar 22 – Etihad Rihani and Samar Rihani and Families

Mar 29 – Nuha Ayoub and Family

Apr 5 – *OPEN*

Apr 12 – Pascha Breakfast

Apr 19 – *OPEN*



CONDOLENCES

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

Afaf Fino and children, Fadwa (Khader) Rantisi, Tanya (Hanna) Hinnawi, Suzy (Mazen) Samaan, Kathy (Jerjes) Kahoush, and Shehada (Rana) Fino, and their families, on the falling asleep of their husband/father/grandfather, †ELIAS SHEHADA FINO, this past week at the age of 72. Also to the entire Fino family.

Memory Eternal!

COMMEMORATIONS

Mar 15 4-Year Commemoration for †RAED SHUNNARAH, offered by Pauline Shunnarah and family.

MEMORIALS

Today 3/9-Day Memorial Service for †ELIAS SHEHADA FINO, offered by Afaf Fino and family.

Apr 26 1-Year Memorial Service for †ATALLAH HINDELEH, offered by the Hindeleh family.

BAPTISMS

Apr 19 JACOB, son of Elias and Julia Shiheiber.

Apr 26 MUNTHER, son of Jacob and Nicole Rayyan.

YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS



↳ Mar 15 – Mina Rantisi

↳ Mar 29 – *OPEN*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY	2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY	
	• Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am
	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 26-27</i>)	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 44</i>)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• JOY Club Meeting	12:30 pm
Mon, Mar 9	• Clergy Meeting with Fr. Jeremy Davis	11:00 am
	• Saint Katherine Mission Board Meeting with Fr. Jeremy Davis	4:00 pm
	• Great Compline Service at Saint Katherine's Mission (<i>see pg. 43</i>)	6:30 pm
Tue, Mar 10	• Protocol Committee Zoom Meeting	9:00 am
	• Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Mar 11	• External Relations Committee Zoom Meeting	9:00 am
	• Summer Bible School (SBS) Committee Meeting	5:00 pm
	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pgs. 16-19</i>)	6:45 pm
	• Presanctified Liturgy (<i>see pgs. 16-19</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Officers' Meeting	8:30 pm
Thu, Mar 12	• West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 42</i>)	6:30 pm
	• GLORY Club Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm
Fri, Mar 13	Akathist (Madayeh) Service, following by Potluck Dinner (<i>see pgs. 16-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 14	• Deanery Lenten Retreat at Saint Mary's Church (<i>see pg. 20</i>)	9:00 am
	• Sunday School Confession Retreat (<i>see pg. 29</i>)	10:30 am
	• Great Vespers Service in Spanish (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	4:00 pm
	• Bible Study in Spanish (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	After Vespers
	• Deanery Clergy Meeting at Saint Mary's Church	7:00 pm
Sun, Mar 15	3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	
	• Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am
	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 26-27</i>)	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 44</i>)	After Communion
	• Procession for Adoration of Cross	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 30</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) – YAF Cafe (<i>see pg. 33</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Golf Classic Committee Meeting	12:45 pm
Mon, Mar 16	• Great Compline Service at Saint Katherine's Mission (<i>see pg. 43</i>)	6:30 pm
	• Saint Katherine's Mission meeting with Parishioners	8:30 pm
	• Sunday School Officers' Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm
Wed, Mar 18	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pgs. 16-19</i>)	6:45 pm
	• Presanctified Liturgy (<i>see pgs. 16-19</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Zoom Meeting	8:30 pm

Dates to Remember!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



SUN

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA



WED

**EVENING DIVINE LITURGY
FOR PATRONAL FEAST OF
SAINT GEORGE**



WED

**LITURGY FOR
FEAST OF ASCENSION**



SUN

GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST



**MON-THU
JUN 8-11**

Summer Bible School



SAT



**25th Annual
GOLF CLASSIC**
Golfing for a purpose



**WED-SUN
JUN 17-21**

Parish Life Conference



**SAT-SAT
AUG 1-15**

DORMITION SEASON



SAT



The Orthodox Liturgy: Its Theology and Spirituality, Part Two

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Ispër)

In the Liturgy, the Church ascends to heaven. Therefore, when she returns to the world after this ascent, she returns reflecting the light, joy, and peace of the Kingdom. She becomes a witness to the Kingdom in the midst of an anxious and troubled world.

For this reason, Orthodox liturgical texts address God first. They recall and make present the saving work that God accomplished for humanity and for our salvation. For example, all Orthodox prayers conclude in a similar form: “O Christ our true God, who... for our salvation...” During the Paschal season we say: “who rose from the dead for our salvation.” At Christmas: “who was born in a cave of the Virgin for our salvation.” At Theophany: “who was baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation.” At the Transfiguration: “who was transfigured on Mount Tabor before His holy disciples for our salvation.” At Pentecost: “who sent down the All-Holy Spirit upon His holy disciples for our salvation.” And so on throughout the year.

Salvation—accomplished by Christ in His incarnation, death, and resurrection—is central to the Liturgy. It is the foundation and purpose of Christian life. The goal of the Christian is salvation. He or she is a Christian who seeks salvation first, and then is a doctor, an engineer, a merchant or an employee.

Because salvation was accomplished through Christ’s incarnation and His saving acts, the Liturgy distributes across the year all the events of His work for us—from the Annunciation to the Theotokos, to the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Thus the feasts unfold: Annunciation, Nativity, Circumcision, Baptism, Entrance into the Temple, Transfiguration, Crucifixion and Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost. The Church does not forget the events related to the Mother of God—her Nativity, Entrance into the Temple, and Dormition. This liturgical rhythm lifts the Christian out of the routine of daily life and reorients him toward his essential goal: salvation. Moving from feast to feast, he lives in constant anticipation of the Kingdom, until he arrives at the Feast of Feasts and Season of Seasons—Holy Pascha.

At every feast, in Vespers, Orthros, and the Divine Liturgy, we read and chant the meaning of the feast—its theology, its narrative, and the scriptural passages related to it from both Old and New Testaments. All of this unfolds through chanting, processions, the elevation and veneration of the icon of the feast, the breaking of blessed bread, and ultimately participation in the Cup of Christ’s Body and Blood. In this way, the faithful do not merely remember the event; they live it. They participate in it and allow it to become active in their personal lives and in the life of their community. The Liturgy becomes synergy—a shared work, a continual cooperation between Christ and us. We live within a rhythm that holds two measures: the measure of our awakened faith, and the measure of the event of faith itself.

For this reason, liturgical texts insist that what happened did not simply happen in the past—it happens today, because we live it “today and here.” We endlessly chant: “Today He is hung upon the Tree...”, “Today is the day of Resurrection...”, “Today He is born of the Virgin...”

What took place is no longer merely past, because it is present. As Saint John of Damascus says, “There is nothing new after the Incarnation.” In liturgical celebration, the Church remembers the saving acts God accomplished in history, fulfilled in the Cross and Resurrection. That Paschal event, which occurred once in history, has now become contemporary to every moment of our lives. Because Christ rose from the dead, He shattered the mortal wall of time. This remembrance is entirely new in nature. We are the ones who remember—but the reality we remember is no longer past. It is present. Thus, the Church’s memory becomes a living presence of the saving event. This is the reality of the Liturgy.

The liturgical texts also emphasize the theology of each event and the doctrine connected to it. They never neglect Christ’s divinity at His Crucifixion, nor His humanity at His Resurrection and Ascension. They stress His divine and human natures in every feast. In the Nativity service, we speak of: God’s condescension, His ancient promise, the union of the two natures, the virginity of His Mother, In the Resurrection service, we proclaim: Christ’s descent into Hades, His destruction of the kingdom of Satan, His trampling down death, the liberation of humanity from the powers of evil, His bodily, real, yet glorified Resurrection.

The Orthodox Liturgy is deeply doctrinal in character. It is profoundly Trinitarian. In the Liturgy of Theophany, the Holy Trinity is clearly revealed. In the Liturgy of Pentecost, we find a precise description of the third Person—the Holy Spirit—without neglecting the Father and the Son or their relationship.

One of the great gifts of the Liturgy is that it preserves the faith and doctrine within the heart of the worshipper—even if he has never taken a formal theology course. An Orthodox Christian who prays cannot reduce Christianity to mere human sentimentality, because the Liturgy constantly draws him upward. Among Orthodox Christians there is a spiritual saying: The theologian is the one who prays.

Since all that happened occurred “for our salvation,” returning us to the Kingdom for which we were created, and restoring us to our original image so that we may be united with Him, the communion of saints becomes an active force in this journey. For this reason, the Orthodox Liturgy gives great attention to the saints—the models of authentic Christian life. Their commemorations fill the calendar. The faithful remember them by name. Those who bear the saint’s name celebrate their feast day. Their lives are read and contemplated in the daily services.

In the Orthodox Church, there are large volumes called the Menaion arranged day by day throughout the months of the year. These contain hymns and prayers reflecting on the lives of the saints commemorated daily—highlighting their love for Christ, their faithfulness, and their repentance. There are special hymns for martyrs, others for hierarchs, others for righteous ones, teachers, and archangels. Many faithful learn and chant the hymn of their patron saint regularly.

Through the Liturgy, the saint becomes a friend to the believer—familiar, close, encouraging him to walk in the way of Christ and imitate Him. This closeness creates a deep sense of communion that is not hindered by death or geography. The saint becomes truly present. The believer asks for his prayers and turns to him, just as he asks for the prayers of his brother standing beside him in the Church.

(To be continued)

الليتورجيا الأرثوذكسية: لاهوتها وروحانياتها (2) المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

في الليتورجيا، تصعد الكنيسة إلى السماء. لذلك عندما تعود إلى العالم، بعد هذا الصعود، تعود عاكسة نور وفرح الملكوت. فتغدو شاهدةً للملكوت وسط هذا العالم القلق والمضطرب

من هنا تخاطب النصوص الليتورجية الأرثوذكسية الله أولاً، مسنذكرة ومستعيدة التدبير الخلاصي الذي عمله الله من أجل الإنسان وخلصه. فعلى سبيل المثال، تُختم جميع الصلوات الأرثوذكسية بالشكل التالي: "أيها المسيح، إلهنا الحقيقي يا من ... لأجل خلاصنا...". ففي الفترة الفصحية نناديه "يا من قام من بين الأموات، لأجل خلاصنا"، وفي فترة الميلاد "يا من وُلد في مغارة من البتول لأجل خلاصنا"، وفي الظهور الإلهي "يا من اعتمد من يوحنا في الأردن لأجل خلاصنا"، وفي التجلي "يا من تجلّى على جبل تابور، أمام رسله القديسين لأجل خلاصنا"، وفي العنصرة "يا من أرسل الروح الكليّ قدسه على تلاميذه القديسين لأجل خلاصنا". إلخ... يُعدّ الخلاص الذي حققه المسيح في تجسده، وموته، وقيامته، عنصراً أساسياً في الليتورجيا، لأنه الأساس والغاية من مسيحية المسيحي، غاية المسيحي أن يخلص، إنه مسيحي أولاً، ساع إلى الخلاص أولاً، ومن ثم هو طبيب أو مهندس أو تاجر أو موظف...

ولأن الخلاص تحقق بتجسد المسيح، وما عمله من أجلنا، فإن الليتورجيا توزّع على السنة، كلّ الأفعال التي عملها المسيح من أجلنا، من بشارة الملاك لوالدة الإله بحبلها بالمسيح، إلى حلول الروح القدس على التلاميذ يوم العنصرة. فتتوزّع الأعياد من البشارة إلى الصليب والقيامة، إلى الصعود فالعنصرة، فالتجلي، إلى الميلاد والختان، والمعمودية والدخول إلى الهيكل، ولا تنسى الحوادث المختصة بوالدة الإله كميلادها، وانتقالها، ودخولها هي الأخرى إلى الهيكل. هذا يُخرج المسيحي من روتين الحياة اليومية، ويساهم في انشغاله إلى هدفه الأساسي: الخلاص، ويجعله في ترقب دائم للملكوت، بانتقاله من عيد إلى آخر، حتى يصل إلى عيد الأعياد، وموسم المواسم، أعني الفصح

وفي كلّ عيد، نقرأ ونرتل في خدمتي الغروب والضحى، بالإضافة إلى القدّاس الإلهي، معنى العيد ولاهوته وروايته والنصوص المتعلقة به، في العهدين القديم والجديد، هذا كلّ يتم قراءة وترتيلاً وزيحاً ورفعاً لأيقونة العيد وتقبلاً لها وخبزاً يُكسر، ويشترك فيه جميع الحاضرين حتى نصل إلى الاشتراك الكامل في كأس جسد المسيح ودمه، فيعيش المؤمن الحدث الذي تمّ من أجله، ويشترك هو بدوره في تحقيقه، وتفعله في حياته الخاصة، وفي حياة جماعته المؤمنة. وتصير الليتورجيا سينرجية، أي عملاً مشتركاً، مؤازرة مستمرة بين المسيح وبيننا، نعيش فيها إيقاعاً ذا ميزانين: ميزان يقظة إيماننا، وميزان حدث الإيمان

لذا، أيضاً، تركز النصوص في كلّ المناسبات، على أنّ ما حدث، لم يحدث في الماضي، بل اليوم، لأننا نحياه "اليوم وهنا". فنرتل دونما شعب: "اليوم عُلق على خشبة، اليوم يوم القيامة، اليوم يولد من البتول، إلخ..."

ما تمّ لم يعد من الماضي، لأنه حاضر، "ما من جديد بعد التجسد" يقول القدّيس يوحنا الدمشقي. ففي الاحتفال الليتورجي، تتذكر الكنيسة أحداث الخلاص التي صنعها الله في التاريخ، والتي اكتمل تحقيقها في صلب المسيح وقيامته، إلا أنّ هذا الحدث الفصحي، الذي حصل في التاريخ مرّة واحدة، قد أصبح الآن معاصراً لكلّ لحظة من حياتنا. فلأن المسيح قام من بين الأموات، اخترق جدار الزمن المائت. فالمقصود إذاً تذكرك من نوع جديد تماماً، فنحن من يتذكّر، إلا أنّ الحقيقة التي نتذكرها، لم تعد من الماضي، بل هي حاضرة. وهكذا تصبح ذاكرة الكنيسة حضوراً حياً لفعل الحدث الخلاصي. هذه هي واقعية أحداث الليتورجيا

إلى ذلك تركز النصوص، على لاهوت الحدث، والعقيدة الإيمانية المتعلقة به، فلا يغيب عنها لاهوت المسيح عند صلبه، ولا ناسوته عند قيامته وصعوده، وتشدّد على طبيعته الإلهية والإنسانية في ذكرى أيّ حدث نعيده له، ففي خدمة الميلاد، على سبيل المثال، نذكر تنازل الله، ووعد القديم، واتحاد الطبيعيتين، وبتولية والدته بالجسد... إلخ. وفي خدمة القيامة نذكر: نزول المسيح إلى الجحيم، وتحطيمه ملكة الشيطان، ودوسه الموت، وتحرير الإنسان من قوى الشرّ، وقيامه الربّ بجسد حقيقي لكنه ممجد (قيامي)... إلخ

الليتورجيا الأرثوذكسية عقائدية الطابع، ثلوثية بامتياز، نجد في ليتورجيا عيد الظهور الإلهي تشديداً رئيسياً على الثالوث القدوس، وفي ليتورجيا العنصرة وصف دقيق للأنقنوم الثالث الذي هو الروح القدس، دون إهمال أنقنومي الأب والابن، وعلاقته بهما.

من مزايا الليتورجيا، أنها تحفظ الإيمان والعقيدة عند المصلّي دون أن يأخذ دروساً اختصاصية في العقيدة. ولا يمكن للأرثوذكسي المصلّي أن يغلب النزعة البشرية على الروحية أبداً، بفضل ليتورجيا كنيسة التي تشدّه إلى فوق، يقول المثل الروحي عند الأرثوذكس: أن اللاهوتي هو الذي يصلّي

ولأن ما حدث، حدث لأجل خلاصنا، عبر عودتنا إلى الملكوت الذي خلقنا أساساً لنعيش فيه، وعبر توجّهنا ثانية إلى مثالنا الأصلي، لتكتمل صورتنا فيه، ونُتحد معه، فإن شركة القديسين عامل فعال في تحقيق هذا الهدف، فإن الليتورجيا الأرثوذكسية، تهتمّ كثيراً بالقديسين، نماذج المسيحي الحقيقي، وقُدوته، فتنشر تذكاراتهم على أيام السنة، ويذكرهم المؤمنون بأسمائهم، ويعيد من يحمل اسم القديس المحتفل به، ويعيدون قراءة أهمّ ما في سيرهم، ويتأملون بها في النصوص الخدم المختصة بهم يومياً

في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية مجلّدات ضخمة لكتاب يدعى "الميناون" أو "اليومي"، الموزّع على شهور السنة يوماً فيوماً. يحوي هذا الكتاب نصوصاً صلاتية، تتكلم عن القديسين المقام تذكّارهم يومياً، متأمّلة بسيرتهم، ومشدّدة على حبّهم وأمانتهم للمسيح، وعلى توبتهم. للشهداء ترانيم خاصة، ولرؤساء الكهنة أخرى مختلفة، وهكذا للأبرار والمعلمين ورؤساء الملائكة... يحفظها المؤمنون، ويرتل كلّ منهم لقديسه (قديستها) ترنيمة الخاصة يومياً

يصير القديس بالليتورجيا صديقاً للمؤمن، وأليفاً له، ومشجعاً إياه على السير في درب المسيح والاعتداء به، هذه الإلفة تخلق إحساساً قوياً بشركة المؤمنين، التي لا يعيقها موت أو بعد جغرافي، فيغدو القديس قريباً إلى درجة الحضور الحقيقي، ويطلب المؤمن صلواته، ويلجأ إليه، كما يطلب صلاة أخيه الحاضر بالجسد معه في الكنيسة.

(المقال صلة)

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 1st		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 8th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
The Last Judgment FEBRUARY 15th		The Last Judgment (Meatfare) Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Forgiveness Sunday FEBRUARY 22nd		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Cheesefare)</i> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 1st		<i>GREAT FAST BEGINS with FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 8th		SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 15th		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALFWAY TO PASCHA!</i> Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1	Kneel in front of the cross every day, and remember that there is no resurrection without a cross!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 22nd		SAINT JOHN of the LADDER Reading: Hebrews: 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask Saint John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 29th		SAINT MARY of EGYPT Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY! APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT and HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 10th		GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, and Phones to honor Christ's Death.
Feast of Feasts! APRIL 12th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" and say it before good morning and goodnight!

طريقنا إلى الفصح! 2026

الأحد	الموضوع / الإنجيل	كيفية المشاركة
لا صيام هذا الأسبوع 1 شباط	أسابيع التريودي الفريسي والعشار الرسالة: تيم 2: 10-15 الإنجيل: لوقا 14: 10-18	تقوا بالله، لا بأنفسكم! أصرخوا مع العشار طالبين من الله الرحمة.
صيام عادي هذا الأسبوع 8 شباط	أحد الابن الشاطر! الرسالة: 1 كور 12: 20-26 الإنجيل: لوقا 11: 32-15	أذهبوا إلى الاعتراف. استنّفوا اللحم من بيتكم خلال هذا الأسبوع.
يوم الدينونة 15 شباط	يوم الدينونة (مرفع اللحم) الرسالة: 1 كور 8: 8-9 الإنجيل: متى 25: 31-46	صلي مواجهة الشرق هذا الأسبوع. المسيح يعود من المشرق وسوف ننتظره! استنّفوا البياض من بيتكم خلال هذا الأسبوع.
يوم الغفران 22 شباط	طرد آدم وحواء من الفردوس يوم الغفران (مرفع الجبن) الرسالة: رومية 13: 11-14، 1: 4-14 الإنجيل: متى 6: 14-21	أطلوا المغفرة من بعضكم البعض هذا الأحد قبل الخلود إلى النوم.
الأحد الأول من الصوم 1 آذار	أحد الأرثوذكسية الرسالة: عب 11: 24-26، 12: 2-32 الإنجيل: يوحنا 1: 43-51	إجلبوا أيقونة إلى الكنيسة للمشاركة في زياح الأيقونات.
الأحد الثاني من الصوم 8 آذار	القديس غريغوريوس بالاماس الرسالة: عب 1: 10-12 الإنجيل: مرقس 2: 1-12	إجلبوا مسبحة صلاة أرثوذكسية لتبريكها في الكنيسة! استعملوها وصلوا صلاة يسوع يومياً في هذا الأسبوع.
الأحد الثالث من الصوم 15 آذار	السجود للصليب المقدس نصف الطريق إلى الفصح! الرسالة: عب 4: 14-5 الإنجيل: مرقس 8: 34-9: 1	أسجدوا للصليب كل يوم متذكرين أن لا قيامة من دون صليب!
الأحد الرابع من الصوم 22 آذار	القديس يوحنا السلمي الرسالة: عب 6: 13-20 الإنجيل: مرقس 9: 17-31	فيما تتسلقون سلم الفضاء، أطلبوا من القديس يوحنا المساعدة لبلوغ الفردوس، وأنتم ترسمون إشارة الصليب!
الأحد الخامس من الصوم 29 آذار	القديسة مريم المصرية الرسالة: عب 9: 11-14 الإنجيل: مرقس 10: 32-45	أطلبوا من العذراء والدة الإله أن تمنحك وتمنح العالم أفكاراً طاهرة.
أحد الشعانين 5 نيسان	بدء الأسبوع العظيم المقدس دخول السيد إلى اورشليم الرسالة: قليبي 4: 9 الإنجيل: يوحنا 12: 1-18	زينوا الأيقونات بسعف النخل في بيتكم وسياراتكم!
الجمعة العظيمة 10 نيسان	الجمعة العظيمة موت المسيح على الصليب تحقق من أوقات الصلوات في هذه الأيام المقدسة	إمتنعوا عن التلفزيون والإنترنت وعن استخدام هواتفكم.
عيد الأعياد! 12 نيسان	سبت النور الفصح المقدس! (المسيح قام!) الرسالة: اعمال 1: 8-1 الإنجيل: يوحنا 1: 17-1	القوا التحية قائلين "المسيح قام" عوضاً عن صباح الخير أو مساء الخير!

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mon, Feb 23	Great Lent Begins – Clean Monday <i>Lenten Humanitarian Drive begins</i> <i>Confessions by appointment</i>	بِدء الصَّوم المُقَدَّس	
	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAIN</i> <i>KATHERINE MISSION</i>	صَلَاةُ النَّوْمِ الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Tue, Feb 24	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAIN</i> <i>GEORGE CHURCH</i>	صَلَاةُ النَّوْمِ الكُبْرَى	7:00 pm
Wed, Feb 25	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Presanctified Liturgy for the 1 st Week of Great Lent خدمة القديس السابق تقديسه للأسبوع الأول من الصوم (البروجزميني)		7:00 pm
Fri, Feb 27	1 st Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خدمة مَدِيح وِالدَّةِ الإله الأولى	7:00 pm
Sat, Feb 28	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	4:30 pm
Sun, Mar 1	1 st Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy أحد الأرثوذكسية - المُستقيمي الراي		9:00 am
	Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers AT <i>HOLY RESURRECTION SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL</i> , 5701 N REDWOOD DR, CHICAGO, IL		6:30 pm
	خدمة صلاة الغروب لعموم الكنائس الأرثوذكسية		
Mon, Mar 2	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAIN</i> <i>KATHERINE MISSION</i>	صَلَاةُ النَّوْمِ الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 4	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Presanctified Liturgy for the 2 nd Week of Great Lent خدمة القديس السابق تقديسه للأسبوع الثاني من الصوم (البروجزميني)		7:00 pm
Thu, Mar 5	Great Compline Service AT <i>WEST</i> <i>CAMPUS MINISTRY</i>	صَلَاةُ النَّوْمِ الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Fri, Mar 6	2 nd Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خدمة مَدِيح وِالدَّةِ الإله الثانية	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 7	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Mar 8	2 nd Sunday of Great Lent – Saint Gregory of Palamas الأحد الثاني من الصوم - القديس غريغوريوس الذي من بالاماس		9:00 am
Mon, Mar 9	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAIN</i> <i>KATHERINE MISSION</i>	صَلَاةُ النَّوْمِ الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 11	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Presanctified Liturgy for the 3 rd Week of Great Lent خدمة القديس السابق تقديسه للأسبوع الثالث من الصوم (البروجزميني)		7:00 pm
Thu, Mar 12	Great Compline Service AT <i>WEST</i> <i>CAMPUS MINISTRY</i>	صَلَاةُ النَّوْمِ الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm

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Fri, Mar 13	3 rd Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خدمة مَدِيح وِالدَّة الإله الثالثة	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 14	Great Vespers Service in Spanish	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Mar 15	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent – Veneration of the Holy Cross الأحد الثالث من الصوم - أحد السجود للصليب المُقدس		9:00 am
Mon, Mar 16	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAINTE KATHERINE MISSION</i>	صلاة النَّوم الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 18	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Presanctified Liturgy for the 4 th Week of Great Lent خِدْمَة القُداس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسه للأُسبوع الرَّابِع من الصوم (البروجز ميني)		7:00 pm
Thu, Mar 19	Great Compline Service AT <i>WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY</i>	صلاة النَّوم الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Fri, Mar 20	4 th Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خدمة الرَّابِع وِالدَّة الإله الرَّابِعة	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 21	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Mar 22	4 th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint John of the Ladder الأحد الرَّابِع من الصوم - القديس يوحنا السلمى		9:00 am
Mon, Mar 23	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAINTE KATHERINE MISSION</i>	صلاة النَّوم الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Tue, Mar 24	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	5:45 pm
	Orthros (Matins) Service for the Feast of Annunciation سحرية عيد البشارة		6:00 pm
	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation القُداس الإلهي لعيد البشارة		7:00 pm
Thu, Mar 26	Great Compline Service AT <i>WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY</i>	صلاة النَّوم الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Fri, Mar 27	5 th Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خدمة مَدِيح وِالدَّة الإله الخامسة	7:00 pm
Sat, Mar 28	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Mar 29	5 th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint Mary of Egypt الأحد الخامس من الصوم - القديسة مريم المصرية		9:00 am
Mon, Mar 30	Great Compline Service AT <i>SAINTE KATHERINE MISSION</i>	صلاة النَّوم الكُبْرَى	6:30 pm
Wed, Apr 1	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Presanctified Liturgy for the 6 th Week of Great Lent خِدْمَة القُداس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسه للأُسبوع السَّادِس من الصوم (البروجز ميني)		7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 3	Compline Service with Canon of Lazarus	خدمة صلاة النَّوم و قانون لعازر	7:00 pm

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sat, Apr 4	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	8:30 am
	Orthros (Matins) Service for Lazarus Saturday	سحرية سبت العازر	8:45 am
	Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday	القداس الإلهي سبت العازر	10:00 am
	Great Vespers Service for Palm Sunday	صلاة الغروب لأحد الشعانين	5:00 pm
Sun, Apr 5	Palm Sunday – Glorious Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem أحد الشعانين - دخول السيد الى أورشليم		9:00 am
	1 st Bridegroom Service	صلاة الختن الأولى	7:00 pm
Mon, Apr 6	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	9:45 am
	Presanctified Liturgy	خِدْمَة القُدَّاس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسَه (البروجز ميني)	10:00 am
	2 nd Bridegroom Service	صلاة الختن الثانية	7:00 pm
Tue, Apr 7	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	9:45 am
	Presanctified Liturgy	خِدْمَة القُدَّاس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسَه (البروجز ميني)	10:00 am
	3 rd Bridegroom Service	صلاة الختن الثالثة	7:00 pm
Wed, Apr 8	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	9:45 am
	Presanctified Liturgy	خِدْمَة القُدَّاس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسَه (البروجز ميني)	10:00 am
	Service of the Sacrament of Holy Unction	صلاة الزيت المقدس	7:00 pm
Thu, Apr 9	Great and Holy Thursday		الخَمِيسِ المُقَدَّسِ
	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	8:30 am
	Orthros (Matins) Service for Holy Thursday	سحرية خميس المقدس	8:45 am
	Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil	قداس باسيليوس العظيم	10:00 am
	Service of the 12 Passion Gospels	خدمة الأثني عشر انجيل والصلب	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 10	Great and Holy Friday		الجمعة العظيمة المقدسة
	All-Day Family Vigil	خُلُوة عائلية طولَ النهار	10:00 am
	Royal Hours Service	خدمة الساعات	10:00 am
	Great Vespers Service – Taking Down from the Cross	صلاة الغروب لخدمة إنزال المصلوب عن الصليب	3:00 pm
	Service of the Lamentations	جناز المسيح	7:00 pm

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sat, Apr 11	Great and Holy Saturday	سبت النور	
	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	9:45 am
	Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil	قداس باسيليوس العظيم	10:00 am
	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة قبل المناولة	9:45 pm
	Rush Procession and Matins Service followed by PASCHAL Divine Liturgy	سحرية العيد، الهجمة و قداس القيامة (عيد الفصح المجيد)	10:00 pm
Sun, Apr 12	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA (EASTER)	عيد الفصح المجيد	
	Agape Vespers Service	صلاة الباعوث	1:00 pm



Wed, Apr 22	Pre-Communion Prayers	صلاة ما قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Evening Divine Liturgy and Artoklasia for the Patronal Feast of Saint George Church – 32nd Anniversary of Miraculous Weeping Icon	القداس الإلهي المسائي لعيد القديس العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر شفيح هذه الكنيسة المقدسة	7:00 pm

St. Mary Orthodox Church of Palos Heights, IL

Parish Lenten Retreat with **Bp. ANTHONY Michaels**

March 13th-15th, 2026

Faith, Family & the Future

Friday, March 13th

7:00pm - Akathist followed by reflection

Saturday, March 14th

9:00am - Divine Liturgy

10:45am - Coffee & Refreshments

11:30am - Session 1

1:00pm - Lunch

2:30pm - Session 2

4:00pm - Break

4:30pm - Session 3

6:00pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 15th

8:45am - Orthros

10:00am - Divine Liturgy

If you plan to attend on Saturday, please scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.

<https://submit.jotform.com/240386541107957>

Contact Fabiola with any questions at fsweis@stmaryoc.org



Click or scan to hear Bp. ANTHONY in an interview on children & family life.

Scan below to register!



St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church | 6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL | @stmaryoc



He who gives to the poor lends to God.
+ Saint Nicholas of Myra

Pick up your **COIN BOX** and 2-page Calendar Guide in the Church Hall.
Return filled Coin Boxes *during Holy Week.*



“A holy soul cares for his neighbor, either close at hand or far away. He cares where the homeless will spend the night, how the hungry will be fed, with what the naked will be clothed. He cares and he prays for the salvation of his neighbors: that their hearts may be filled with love towards God, that their minds may be directed towards God, that the wicked may turn from the paths of wickedness, that the hesitant may be confirmed in Faith, that the firm may persevere, that the departed may behold the Face of God, that the living may be written in the Book of Life in the Kingdom of Light.” — Saint Nikolaj Velimirović

Donate to the Charity Center for Lent between February 23 - April 12!

CHARITY CENTER

A Ministry of the YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF)

Gratefully Accepting...

- ☞ Non-Perishable Foods
- ☞ Paper Recycling
- ☞ Toiletries
- ☞ Glass Recycling
- ☞ Clothing (*new or gently used*)

Place items in appropriate cabinet



Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

An Organization of
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women

Great and Holy Friday

MEMORIAL BULLETIN



✝ **Include the names** of your departed loved ones in the Great and Holy Friday **Memorial Bulletin** and on a **Banner** to be displayed in the Church Hall.

✝ All included names **will be rememberd** at the Great and Holy Saturday morning Liturgy on April 11, 2026 at 10:00am.

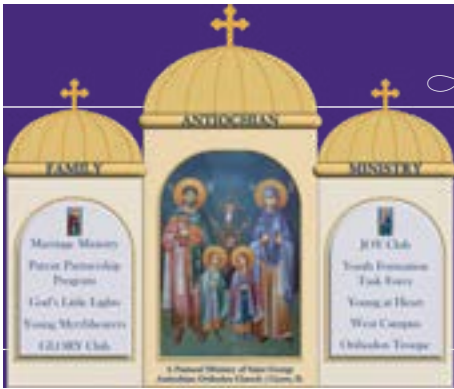
✝ All proceeds of the 2026 Memorial Bulletin will go toward **purchasing a commerical oven** for the Saint George Church kitchen.

✝ **Scan QR Code** below to submit donations and names.



Submission Deadline
SUN | MAR 29





Antiochian Family Ministry presents... Great Friday All-Day Vigil Friday, April 10, 2026

Schedule 10AM-11PM

- ✝ **Royal Hours Service**—10AM
- ✝ **Decorating the Tomb of Christ (Bier)**—12PM
- ✝ **Great Vespers Service (Taking Down Body from the Cross)**—3PM
- ✝ **Lunch offered by Teen SOYO**—12:30PM *(no animal products, no oil)*
- ✝ **Potluck Dinner** at 5PM *(no animal products, no oil)*
- ✝ **Service of the Lamentations**—7PM
- ✝ **Cleaning of the Church/Preparation for Pascha**—10PM



- ✝ **Reading of the Psalms at the Tomb of Christ (Bier)**—all day, between services
- ✝ **Confessions**—all day, between services *(schedule your confession)*
- ✝ **Spiritual Reflections**—all day, between services

✝ TEEN SOYO

- **CANS OF FOOD FOR DONATIONS** — Each Teen bring 4-6 cans to be donated
- **ASK ABOUNA** — "Being an Orthodox Teen in Today's Society"

ALL Families, ALL Ages — ALL Day —

Letters to be excused from School and Work available. Contact the Church Office to request.

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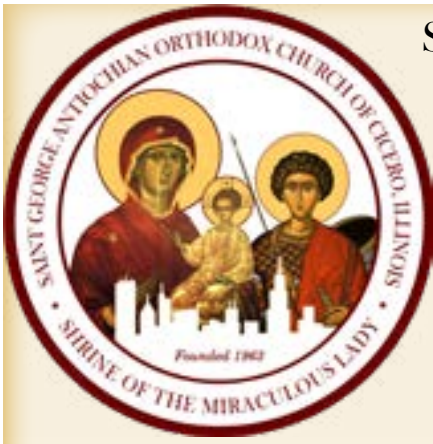
GRANDES
VÍSPERAS
EN ESPAÑOL
5:00 PM



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1220 S. 60th Ct, Cicero, IL

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation

خِدْمَةُ الْقُدَّاسِ الْإِلَهِيِّ لِعِيدِ الْبِشَارَةِ



🌀 Tuesday, March 24, 2026 🌀

5:45 PM ... Pre-Communion Prayers

6:00 PM ... Orthros/Matins Service

7:00 PM ... Evening Divine Liturgy



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 22*: Jesus Feeds the Multitudes and Jesus Walks on Water

Jesus Feeds the Multitudes

The people had followed Jesus for long distances to hear Him preach. Jesus did not want to send the people away hungry. Jesus told the disciples "You give them something to eat." They only had 5 loaves and 2 fish. He told them to make the people sit down on the green grass and then He took the loaves and fish into His hands. He blessed and broke and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people and to see that everyone was filled. And when all 5,000 families had eaten and were filled, Jesus told the disciples to take up the leftovers and to their amazement they collected 12 large baskets full! The 12 baskets of fragments means they have enough to go out in the world and feed everyone the Word of God. Anytime you eat, it means fortitude and unity in the Bible.

Jesus Walks on Water

After Jesus made the disciples leave in the boat, He sent the multitudes home. A violent storm had arisen on the lake with great waves. At first, they were fearful and thought there was a ghost but then they realized the man coming toward them, walking calmly across the stormy water, was Jesus. Their fear was taken away when Jesus spoke "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." They were amazed. Finally, Peter spoke up "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." But as Peter became distracted by the storm and the wind, which represents the world and enemies and evil, he began to drown. He began to sink and cried out "Lord, save me." Of course, Jesus did not allow him to sink. "Reaching out His hand to Peter, He caught him and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" As long as we are following Jesus, trusting in God, and paying no attention to anything else, we will be safe. It is only when we take our eyes from Him (the Truth) we fail.



** LESSON 22 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026.*



It's not too late to turn in your Creative Arts Festival projects! The deadline to turn in completed projects with the identification form has been extended to March 31st. Workdays for these projects are on Sundays in March from 12:30 – 1:00 PM in the Sunday School building.

We are excited to see your creations!

CREATING MEMORIES

smile!



UPCOMING EVENTS...



Sundays after Communion	Sunday School Classes
Sundays 12:30pm – 1:00 pm	CAF Projects Workdays
Sat Mar 14	Confession Retreat
Sun Mar 15	Adoration of Cross Procession
Sat Mar 28	Sacrament of Confession (grades 3-12)
Tue Mar 31	CAF Projects Due
Sun Apr 5	Palm Sunday – NO CLASSES
Sun Apr 12	Great and Holy Pascha (Easter) – NO CLASSES
Sun May 3	Godparents' Sunday
Sun May 31	Recognition Sunday – LAST DAY OF CLASSES

art

writing

poetry

photography



CREATIVE FESTIVALS 2026

You shall be to Me a royal
priesthood and a holy nation.

- Exodus 19:6

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

> > > 1ST GRADE AND OLDER < < <

are invited to participate!

Registration

Deadline → **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026**

CAF Projects

Due → **TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026**

Questions?

NADINE YOUEL, CAF Coordinator → SundaySchool@StGeorgeChi.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confession Program

A Clean Heart and a Fresh Start



Join us for a special Children's *Confession Program*

DISCOVER HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS TO WASH YOUR HEART CLEAN. THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO MAKE CONFESSION A GENTLE, LOVING, AND ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN.

Program Calendar

- **Sermon:** Sunday, February 8 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son
- **Retreat to Prepare for Confession:** Saturday, March 14, 10:30AM – 1:00PM
- **Sacrament of Confession:** Saturday, March 28, 5:00PM – Vespers, Confession, and Celebratory Reception
- **Communion Recognition for First Confessors:** Sunday, March 29

Participation is open to all children in 3rd-12th grades.

Registration deadline is Sunday, March 1.

Parents are welcome to join their children for this special program.

Questions? Contact Marwa Bechara at SundaySchool@StGeorgeChi.org



“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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO



Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

SUN, MAR 15

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

SAT, MAR 21

Teen SOYO Lenten Retreat to Saint John Chrysostomos Monastery

FRI, APR 10

All-Day Vigil for Great and Holy Friday

SUN, APR 19

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

SAT, MAY 9

Baking for Mother's Day

FRI, MAY 15

Teen SOYO Golf Event

SUN, MAY 17

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, MAY 29

Teen SOYO End-of-Term Summer Bash and Annual General Assembly with Elections

SUN, JUN 21

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

Lenten Retreat

\$15/TEEN

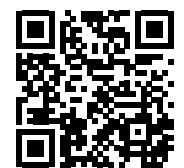
**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOMOS
GREEK ORTHODOX MONASTERY**

Sat | Mar 21 @ 9:00^{AM}–3:00^{PM}

transportation provided from

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, DESPLAINES, IL

RSVP Deadline
Thu | Mar 19



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- Lunch included
- Dress Code: BOYS–appropriate Church attire • GIRLS–long dresses or skirts and head scarf

ALL TEENS AGES 13-18 WELCOME



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

Young Adult Fellowship

SAVE-THE-DATE

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| Sun, March 15 | YAF Café in the Church Hall |
| Sat, March 28 | Deanery Trip to Saint John Chrysostom
Greek Orthodox Monastery |
| Sun, March 29 | Coffee Hour in the YAF House |
| Fri, April 17 | General Meeting and Dinner |
| Sun, April 19 | YAF Café in the Church Hall |
| Sun, May 3 | Coffee Hour in the YAF House |
| Sun, May 17 | YAF Café in the Church Hall |
| Sat, May 30 | Welcome Night for High School Graduates |
| Sun, May 31 | Coffee Hour in the YAF House |
| Sun, June 14 | YAF Café in the Church Hall |
| Sun, June 28 | General Meeting and Elections |
| October 15-17 | YAF Pilgrimage to the Antiochian Village |

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



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CICERO, ILLINOIS



The Young Adult Fellowship Presents...

YAF Café



Our Mission

Energizing our Parish through Orthodoxy, fellowship, and, of course, coffee!

Once a month, YAF will bring their iconic coffee hour to the Church Hall for everyone to enjoy!

YAF will be selling cold brews, lattes, baked goods, and more!

All proceeds will go toward the 2026 YAF Pilgrimage Fund

Open on the following Sundays:

March 15



April 19



May 17



June 14



Inviting ALL Young Professionals, Young Married Couples, and College Students (ages 18+) to join us the night before for Vespers, baking, and fellowship!

Want to Sponsor?

Please contact Nina Ghanayem at (630) 418-6901

Acceptable forms of payment include cash, checks, and Zelle

Thank you for your generosity!

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Chicago-land Young Adult Ministry Deanery
All Young Adult Ministry members in the Chicago-land area are welcome to join us as we visit:

***St. John Chrysostom
Greek Orthodox Monastery***

4600 93rd St, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

Date: Saturday, March 28th 2026

**Please meet at the Monastery
at 10:00am.**

Use the QR code below to register!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women (AW)



Complimentary Event

Friday
3/20
7PM

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

THE POWER OF THE JESUS PRAYER

Akathist (Madayeh) Service | Potluck Dinner | Spiritual Retreat | Make Prayer Ropes

RSVP by
Mon, Mar 16



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ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-Men) LENTEN SPIRITUAL RETREAT



SAINT MOSES THE BLACK

*His Life and
Teachings and
How They Relate
to the Struggles
of All Men*

Vespers – Spiritual Talk – Dinner

Sat | 03.21.2026

5PM Great Vespers Service

\$25/gentleman

RSVP HERE



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Inviting all Gentlemen (ages 18+)



Antiochian
Village

Pennsylvania



Registration
Opened
Wed | Feb 4

Registration Opened
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4th

Secure your spot at the
**Antiochian Village Summer
Camp** in Pennsylvania!

Create a NEW Account to
Register! Click on "UltraCamp
Instructions"



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Camp St. George
I-OWA

June 28-July 4, 2026

Summer
Camp



Registration is Open!

Secure your spot today!

<http://csgiowa.org/registration>



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NO CAMPER LEFT BEHIND!



In 2025,
39 CAMPERS
from Saint George Church
attended Camp!

SCHOLARSHIPS

available from

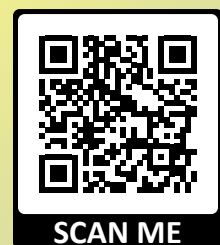
The Order of Saint Ignatius
Cicero Chapter and National!

No Camper Left Behind

ALL Campers in need of financial
assistance will be able to attend!



DEADLINE TO APPLY
THU, APR 30



The Order of Saint Ignatius – Cicero Chapter

Summer Camp Scholarship – 2026

Application is DUE: Thursday, April 30, 2025

The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch (The Order) is an organization of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America (Antiochian Archdiocese), with the objective of financially supporting the departments, programs and charitable works of the Antiochian Archdiocese, Patriarchate of Antioch, and the Orthodox Christian faith. The Order assists the Antiochian Archdiocese in its continued effort to reach out to all in need and bring to them the message of the Gospel.

The camp program transforms lives and nurtures faith in Jesus Christ through Orthodox Christian community living, worship, education, fellowship, and love.

The Order – Cicero Chapter invites all youth from Saint George Church to apply for the Summer Camp scholarship that is generously funded by our parish.

- Scholarship Amount (*Parents are responsible for transportation to the camp*):
- **Antiochian Village** – Antiochian Village (Pennsylvania) – \$400 scholarship.
- **Camp Saint George I-OWA** – \$400 scholarship.

The Requirements:

1. MUST be enrolled in Sunday School.
2. MUST attend Sunday School regularly.
3. MUST attend Church Services at Saint George Church.
4. MUST be registered members of Saint George Church.
5. MUST be a member of Teen SOYO, if applicable.
6. MUST be Children ages 9-17.
7. MUST complete at least a 4-hour service project at Saint George Church on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. (*If unavailable on this date, please notify the Church office.*)
8. MUST participate in a short presentation about your camp experience.
9. MUST NOT have received this scholarship for more than two (2) previous years.





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

FATHER ATHANASIOS EMMERT
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
2026 APPLICATION

The Saint George Cicero Chapter of The Order of Saint Ignatius joyfully presents the *Father Athanasios Emmert Scholarship Award of Excellence!* This scholarship is meant to recognize one young person who embodies the spirit of excellence through their faith involvement, community service, and academic achievements!

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This award is named after Father Athanasios Emmert, the former pastor of Saint George Church, who served from 1975 to 1985. Please read the attached brief biography of Father Emmert.

The recipient will be recognized with a medal at the Legacy Ball on September 26, 2026, their name included on the Father Athanasios Emmert Scholarship Award plaque in the Church library, and a monetary award of \$3000!

The scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Freshman enrolled in a college or university during the fall 2026
2. Member in good standing of the Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church-Cicero, IL
3. Demonstrates strong excellence in Orthodox Christian faith and in Orthodox Christian Church life
4. Demonstrates strong excellence in community service
5. Demonstrates strong excellence of academic achievements
6. Must be able to attend the Legacy Ball on Saturday, September 26, 2026

Please submit the following to The Order by Sunday August 2, 2026:

- Attached application form and responses to questions below
- Copy of college acceptance letter

As a reminder, this is not a scholarship for financial need. If you need financial assistant for your education, please reach out to *The Order* at TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org and inquire about educational grants.

Application DUE Sunday, August 2, 2026
Send Completed Application to TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS—CICERO CHAPTER



WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

Live Entertainment

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Proceeds to support The Order Grant

- *The Order Grant – helping needy families in our community*
- *Educational Scholarship*
- *Camp Scholarships*

\$65/PERSON

*Register by
Sunday,
April 19*

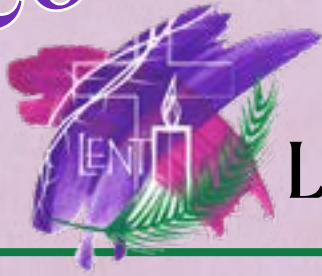


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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

West Campus Ministry



2026

Lenten Session

Location: **Church of the Holy Nativity**
275 S RICHMOND AVE, CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

THURSDAYS

Mar 12 — Mar 19 — Mar 26

PROGRAM

6:30PM - 9:00PM



COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS



GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE



SPIRITUAL TALK



GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSONS

MAR 12 "Sacrifice"

MAR 19 "Struggling with Sin"

MAR 26 "Repentance"

ALL ARE WELCOME!

← **West
Campus**





Lenten Monday Nights

at Saint Katherine the Great Mission



February 23

“FORGIVENESS”

March 2

“IMAGE OF GOD”

March 9

“PRAYING PROPERLY”

March 16

“SACRIFICE”

March 23

“STRUGGLING WITH SIN”

March 30

“REPENTANCE”

All Ages.
All Families.
Growing
Together in
Christ.

Every
Monday
during Lent
starting at
6:30 PM

GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS
SPIRITUAL TALK
GROUP ACTIVITY

7313 Waukegan Rd. Niles, Illinois 60714

God's Little Lights



a Pastoral Ministry for 3- and 4-year-olds of
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church | Cicero, IL

What is God's Little Lights?

God's Little Lights is a special ministry for our youngest children to grow in the love of Christ. Together, we will help share the love and the light of the Gospel, to make our children "little lights" in their families, their Church, and their everyday lives.

When and Where

- Sundays – right after Holy Communion
- Location – Cry Room
- Time – Short lessons, generally lasting 15-20 minutes
- Schedule – Follows the Sunday School calendar and curriculum
- Must attend with adult

What Will Children Learn?

Our time together is flexible and fun, focusing on:

- Simple prayers and Church practices
- Bible stories
- Celebrating feast days and holy seasons
- Special Church celebrations



Why Join?

God's Little Lights is a wonderful way to:

- Build a strong foundation for Sunday School
- Strengthen the faith life of families
- Help children feel at home in the Church

ALL FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Let's help our little ones grow together in Christ's light.



SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
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25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Registration
Deadline

**FRIDAY,
MAY 1**



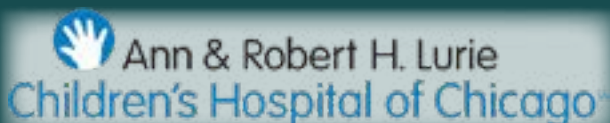
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**RAFFLE
ON-COURSE
EXPERIENCES
SILENT
AUCTION**

- CANTIGNY GOLF COURSE
27W270 MACK RD, WHEATON, IL
- CHECK-IN 11:00 AM
- BRUNCH & PROGRAM
- PUTTING CONTEST
- SHOT GUN START
- AFTER-GOLF SOCIAL WITH AWARDS, RAFFLE DRAWING, AND COCKTAILS
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL-DAY ADMISSION*
**ADMISSION INCLUDES NETWORK BRUNCH, GOLF, AND AFTER-GOLF SOCIAL
ALL 3 EVENTS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AS A PACKAGE; WILL NOT BE SOLD SEPARATELY*
- SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit





SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

Sponsorships

HIGHLIGHT YOUR COMPANY, BUSINESS, OR FAMILY'S COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

GOLFING FOR A PURPOSE

CHARITABLE BENEFICIARIES OF SAINT GEORGE CHURCH 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:



	Presenting \$20,000	Premier \$10,000	Platinum \$5,000	Corporate \$3,500	Patron \$2,000	Friend of Event \$1,000	Community \$600
Golfers*	8	8	4	4	—	—	—
Premium Gifts	2	2	1	1	—	—	—
Standard Classic Gift	8	8	4	4	—	—	—
Commemorative Plaque	1	1	1	1	—	—	—
Standard Classic Gift OR Commemorative Plaque	—	—	—	—	1	1	1
Raffle Tickets	6	3	3	—	—	—	—
Event Naming Rights	●	—	—	—	—	—	—
Logo Placement	Top-Tier (marketing, signage, website, social media)	Prominent (marketing, signage, website, social media)	Shared (signage, website)	Shared (signage, website)	Shared (signage, website)	Shared (signage, website)	Shared (signage, website)
Program Book Ad	Exclusive Full-Page	Full-Page	Half-Page	Quarter-Page	—	—	—
Signage	Prime	Key-location	Shared	Shared	Shared	Shared	Shared
Website Recognition	●	●	●	●	●	●	—
Speaker Opportunity	●	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hole Sponsorship	●	●	●	●	—	—	—
Tee Box	●	●	●	●	●	●	—

Golfer Experience Package (add-on to sponsorship)
\$1,200

All-Day Admission for 4 Golfers*

Golfer Experience Package (golfers only, no sponsorship)
\$1,500 (Limited quantities available)

All-Day Admission for 4 Golfers*

*Registration Required for All-Day Admission
Admission includes network brunch, golf, and after-golf social
All 3 Events only available for purchase as a package; will not be sold separately

Golf Registration and Sponsorships Submission DEADLINE FRI | MAY 1

Secure your sponsorship today!

📍 www.StGeorgeChi.org/Golf | 📞 (708) 656-2927



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NEW FORMAT! GREAT PRIZES! WORTHY CAUSE!



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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, CICERO, IL 25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC RAFFLE

**PORTION OF PROFITS
TO BENEFIT:**



GRAND PRIZE: GOOOOAL! INCLUDES: 2 WORLD CUP TICKETS TO THE JORDAN VS ARGENTINA GAME IN DALLAS, TX, SAT, JUN 27 AT 9PM AND \$1,000 AIRFARE/HOTEL VOUCHER (\$3,500 VALUE)

2ND PRIZE: A NIGHT OUT! INCLUDES: 1-NIGHT STAY AT TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER AND CAPITAL GRILLE DINNER GIFT CARD (\$1,000 VALUE)

3RD PRIZE: MOVIE NIGHT! INCLUDES: 65" LG 4K QNED SMART TV (\$1,000 VALUE)

\$50 per ticket / 3 tickets for \$100

Drawing on Saturday, June 13, 2026 during After-Golf Social
(WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)



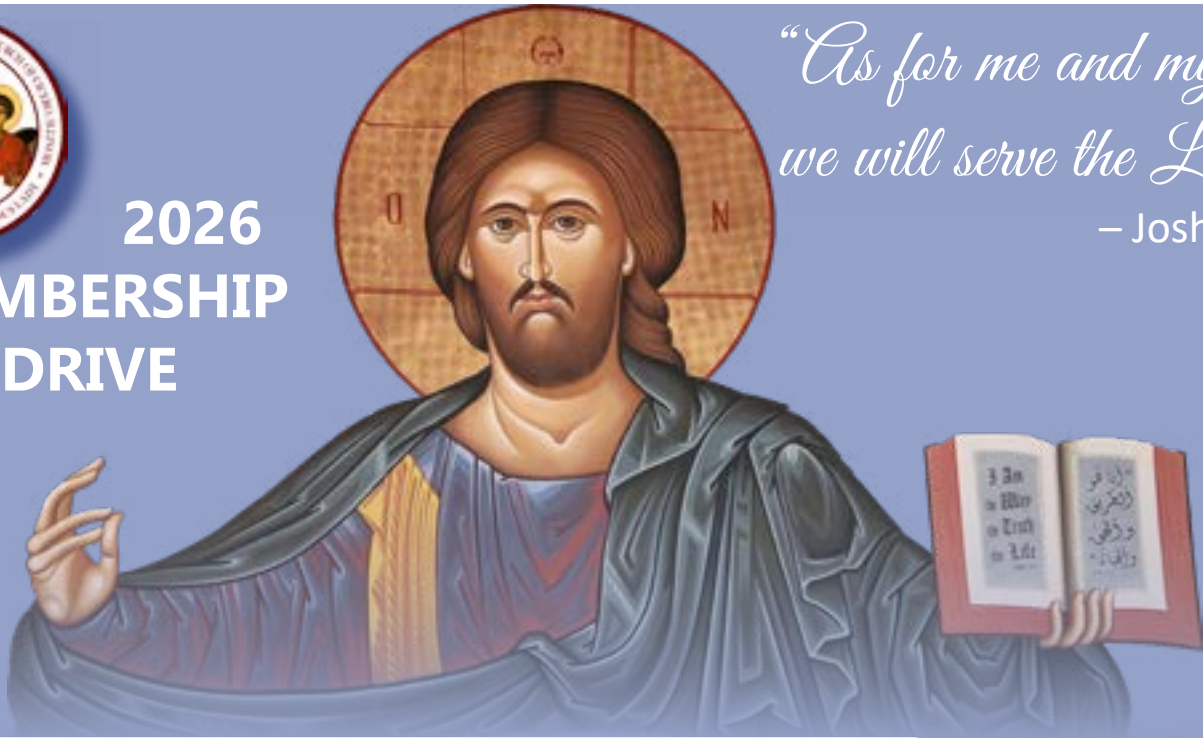
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2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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

– Joshua 4:15

DO YOU BELONG?

- Belonging is more than attending.
- Belonging is committing.
- Belonging is living the Orthodox Faith together.

AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH,

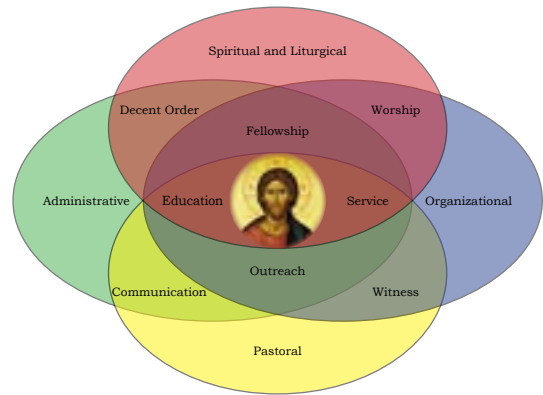
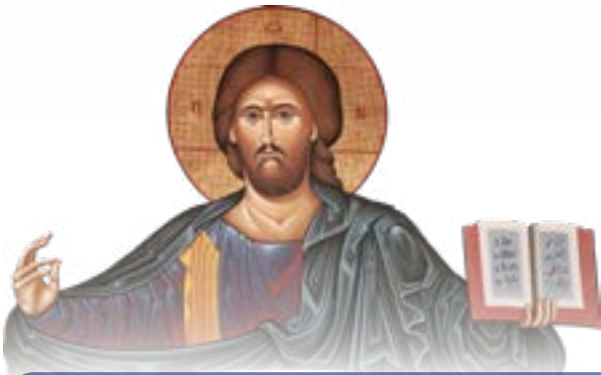
we are called to be one Body in Christ – united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- If this is your spiritual home...
- If you are nourished here...
- If you want your children rooted in the Orthodox Faith...

YOU DO BELONG!

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG?

Through Orthodox Baptism and Chrismation, we are joined to Christ and His Holy Church. Membership is how we actively live that calling.

TO BELONG MEANS:

- Worshiping faithfully
- Participating in the Sacramental life
- Supporting the Church through stewardship
- Offering your time and talents
- Strengthening one another as one Body
- Building a legacy for the next generation

Membership is not simply administrative – it is spiritual.

The Church is not “someone else’s responsibility.”

IT IS OUR CHURCH!

WHAT DOES MY MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT?

Your stewardship sustains the life and mission of the Church. Membership contributions help provide:

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

- Liturgical supplies
- Beautification of services
- Feast-day celebrations

CHURCH OPERATIONS

- Utilities and insurance
- Building maintenance and repairs
- Administrative and office support
- Diocesan obligations

FAITH FORMATION

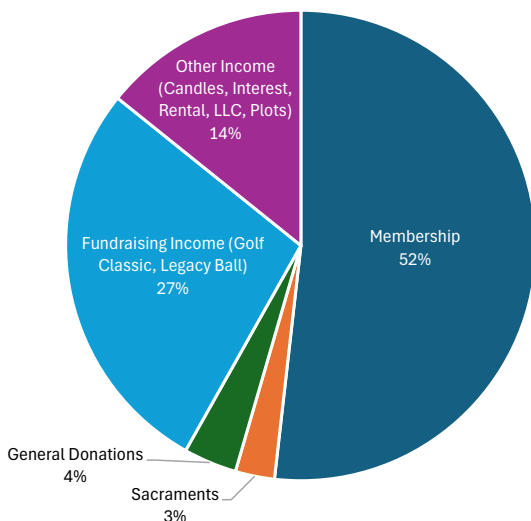
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

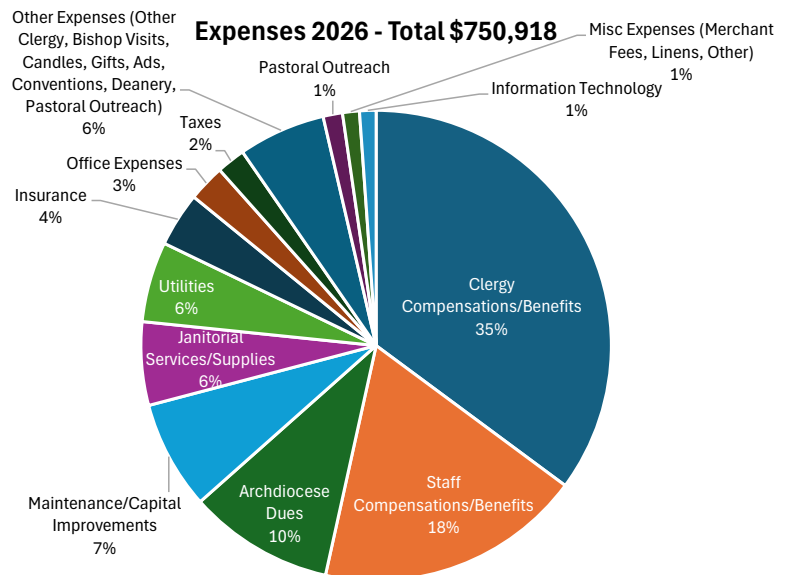
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Revenue 2026 - Total \$723,962



Expenses 2026 - Total \$750,918



HOW CAN I BELONG?

We invite every household to:

1. Complete an Annual Membership Form.
2. Make a Stewardship Pledge.
3. Participate faithfully in worship.

WAYS TO GIVE...

- Annual Stewardship Commitment
- Monthly Recurring Giving
- Special Feast-Day Offerings
- Memorial Donations
- Legacy and Endowment Gifts
- Building and Maintenance Support

BELONG. COMMIT. BUILD.

When you belong, you strengthen the Orthodox Faith, support the work of the Church, and help carry forward the legacy entrusted to us.

DO YOU BELONG?

Join us in building a firm foundation for today – and for generations to come.

REGISTER TO BE A MEMBER/STEWARD!

Consider prayerfully and sincerely your 2025 Membership Commitment Today!

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS, I/WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING 2026 MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT:

STEWARD OPTIONS	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
<input type="checkbox"/> Seraphim Steward	\$25,000+	\$2000+	\$500+	\$68+
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherubim Steward	\$18,000+	\$1500+	\$345+	\$49+
<input type="checkbox"/> Thrones Steward	\$15,000+	\$1250+	\$285+	\$41+
<input type="checkbox"/> Powers Steward	\$12,000+	\$1000+	\$230+	\$32+
<input type="checkbox"/> Dominions Steward	\$9,000+	\$750+	\$172+	\$24+
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorities Steward	\$6,000+	\$500+	\$115+	\$16+
<input type="checkbox"/> Preserver Steward	\$4,800+	\$400+	\$92+	\$13+
<input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Steward	\$3,600+	\$300+	\$68+	\$9+
<input type="checkbox"/> Protector Steward	\$2,400+	\$200+	\$46+	\$6+
<input type="checkbox"/> Archangel Steward	\$1,800+	\$150+	\$35+	\$5+
<input type="checkbox"/> Angel Steward	\$1200+	\$100+	\$23+	\$3+

**To be a VOTING MEMBER, a member must be an Orthodox Christian in good standing Spiritually and Financially (minimum giving of \$1200/year).*

WAYS
TO
GIVE!



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**SAVE THE
DATE**

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

بدأ الصوم الكبير يوم الإثنين 23 شباط

بدأ الصَّومُ الكَبِيرُ المُقَدَّسُ يَوْمَ الإِثْنَيْنِ 23 شباط،
وَيَسْتَمِرُّ لِعَايَةِ عيدِ الفِصحِ في 12 نيسان.

خِلالَ هَذَا المَوْسَمِ المُبَارَكِ، يَجِبُ أَنْ يَتَرَافَقَ الصَّوْمُ
مَعَ الفَضَائِلِ، وَخَاصَّةً قِرَاءَةَ الإنجِيلِ، وَالمُوَاطَّأَةُ
عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ، وَعَمَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ وَالإِحْسَانُ لِلغَيْرِ.
وَكُلَّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرِ.

يُمكنكم متابعة الجدول الكامل لخدمات الصوم
في النشرة الأسبوعية.

GREAT LENT BEGAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

This Holy Season is a renewal for all believers to **intensify** their reading of Scripture, almsgiving, worship, prayer, and fasting.

Fasting began on "Clean Monday" and will continue until the **Feast of Great and Holy PASCHA** on April 12th.

Fasting during Great Lent includes abstaining from meats, fish, dairy, oil, and wine.

The complete *Schedule of Lenten Services* may be found in the *Weekly Bulletin*.