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(SAINT JOHN OF THE LADDER)



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Sunday: Closed

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:00^{am} Orthros (Matins), 10:15^{am} Great Doxology,

10:20^{am} 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!

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،
وَعَلَى الأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وَفِي النَّاسِ المَسْرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

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

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

لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ
يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ، فِي مَجْدِ اللهِ الأبِّ، آمِينَ.
فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أُبَارِكُكَ، 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 رَحْمَتَكَ 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 لِأَنَّي 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 اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلأَبِّ وَالإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُّوسِ.
الآنَ وَكُلِّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.
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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

أُنْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَنِّينَ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ
الْأَيَّامِ، لِكَيْ تُعْتِقَنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتَنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، 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 وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا

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رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION FOR SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS (TONE 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

لِلْبَرِّيَّةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمِرَةِ بِمَجَارِي دُمُوعِكَ أَمْرَعْتَ،
وَبِالْتَهْذَاتِ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأَعْمَاقِ أَثْمَرْتَ بِأَتْعَابِكَ إِلَى مِئَةِ
ضِعْفٍ، فَصِرْتَ كَوْكَبًا لِلْمَسْكُونَةِ مُتَلَأَلًا بِالْعَجَائِبِ،
يَا أَبَانَا الْبَارَّ يَوْحَنَّا، فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ
نُفُوسَنَا.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

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

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

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.

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

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English

Arabic

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Today

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Sophia Layous

Mar 29

Sally Esber

Faraj Shahrstan

Apr 5

Jameel Haddad

Matthew Ablan

Apr 11 (Apr 12)

Chadi Karam

THE SYNAXARION

On March 22nd in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra; and Martyr Kallinika of Rome.

On this same day, the Fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we make remembrance of our godly father, John, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* (or Climacus).

*John, dead in the flesh and also living,
Liveth eternally, even though appearing dead and without breath.
Leaving letters, a ladder for the journey upwards,
He showeth forth his pursuit of the journey upwards.*

The celebration of his feast on this day arose from the custom prevalent in the honorable monasteries of starting Great Lent with the reading of his lessons. John describes the method of elevating the soul to God as ascending a ladder. He teaches those who seek salvation how to lay a firm foundation for struggles, how to detect and fight every passion, how to avoid demonic snares, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. John of the Ladder came to Mount Sinai at age 16 and remained there, first as a novice under obedience, then as a recluse, and finally as abbot until his eightieth year. One time, his disciple, Moses, fell asleep under the shade of a large stone. John, in prayer in his cell, saw that his disciple was in danger and prayed to God for him. Later, when Moses returned, he fell on his knees and gave thanks to his spiritual father for saving him from certain death. He related how, in a dream, he heard John calling him and he jumped up and, at that moment, the stone tumbled. Had he not jumped, the stone would have crushed him. John Climacus died on March 30, 606.

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



Make your vows unto the Lord and perform them.

God is known in Judah;

His name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Hebrews (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.” And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For people indeed swear by what is greater, and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. So when God, being minded to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, He interposed it with an oath, that by two immutable things—in which it is impossible for God to lie—we might have a strong consolation, we, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope that is set before us; a hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entering into “that which is within the veil,” where Jesus entered as a Forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest “forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا.

إِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (6:13-20)

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَّا وَعَدَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِذْ لَمْ يُمَكِّنْ أَنْ يُقْسِمَ بِمَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْهُ، أَقْسَمَ بِنَفْسِهِ. قَائِلًا: لِأَبَارِكَنَّكَ بَرَكَاتٍ وَأَكْثِرَنَّكَ تَكْثِيرًا. وَذَلِكَ إِذْ تَأْتَى، نَالَ الْمَوْعِدَ. وَإِنَّمَا النَّاسُ يُقْسِمُونَ بِمَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنْهُمْ، وَتَتَقَضَى كُلُّ مُشَاجَرَةٍ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْقَسَمِ لِلتَّثْبِيتِ. فَلِذَلِكَ، لَمَّا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَزِيدَ وَرَثَةَ الْمَوْعِدِ بَيَانًا لِعَدَمِ تَحَوُّلِ عَزْمِهِ، تَوَسَّطَ بِالْقَسَمِ. حَتَّى نَحْصَلَ بِأَمْرَيْنِ لَا يَتَحَوَّلَانِ وَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ فِيهِمَا عَلَى تَعْزِيَةٍ قَوِيَّةٍ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ اتَّجَأْنَا إِلَى التَّمَسُّكِ بِالرَّجَاءِ الْمَوْضُوعِ أَمَانًا. الَّذِي هُوَ أَنَا كَمِرْسَاةٍ لِلنَّفْسِ أَمِينَةٍ رَاسِخَةٍ تَدْخُلُ إِلَى دَاخِلِ الْحِجَابِ، حَيْثُ دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ كَسَابِقٍ لَنَا وَقَدْ صَارَ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادَقَ، رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةٍ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint Mark (9:17-31)**

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ

مَرْفُوسَ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ (9:17-31)

في ذلك الزمان، دنا إلى يسوع إنسان وسجد له قائلاً: "يا معلّم، قد أتيتك بابني، به روح أبكم. وحيثما أخذه يصرعه، فيزبد ويصرف بأسنانه ويبيس، وقد سألت تلاميذك أن يخرجوه فلم يقدروا." فأجابهُ قائلاً: "أيها الجيل غير المؤمن، إلى متى أكون عندكم؟ حتى متى أحتملكُم؟ هلّمّ به إليّ." فأتوه به. فلما رآه للوقت صرعه الروح، فسقط على الأرض يتمرّع ويزبد. فسأل أباه: "مئذكم من الزمان أصابه هذا؟" فقال: "منذ صباه. وكثيراً ما ألقاه في النار وفي المياه ليهلكه. لكن إن استطعت شيئاً، فتحنّ علينا وأغننا." فقال له يسوع: "إن استطعت أن تؤمن، فكل شيء مستطاع للمؤمن." فصاح أبو الصبي من ساعته بدموع وقال: "إني أومن يا سيّد، فأغث عديم إيماني." فلما رأى يسوع أن الجمع يتبادرون إليه، انتهز الروح النجس قائلاً له: "أيها الروح الأبكم الأصم، أنا أمرك أن اخرج منه ولا تعدّ تدخل فيه." فصرخ وخبطه كثيراً وخرج منه، فصار كالميت، حتى قال كثيرون إنه قد مات. فأخذ يسوع بيده وأنهضه، فقام. ولما دخل بيتاً، سأله تلاميذه على انفراد: "لماذا لم نستطع نحن أن نخرجه؟" فقال لهم: "إن هذا الجنس لا يمكن أن يخرج بشيء إلا بالصلاة والصوم." ولما خرجوا من هناك، اجتازوا في الجليل، ولم يرد أن يدري أحد. فإنه كان يعلم تلاميذه ويقول لهم: "إن ابن البشر يسلم إلى أيدي الناس، فيقتلونه، وبعد أن يقتل، يقوم في اليوم الثالث."

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.

إِنَّ الْبَرَايَا بِأَسْرِهَا، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِنَةً نِعْمَةً: مَحَافِلِ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَأَجْنَاسَ الْبَشَرِ. أَيَّتُهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدِّسِ،
وَالْفِرْدَوْسُ النَّاطِقُ، فَخْرُ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا
تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ، وَصَارَ طِفْلاً، وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ
الدَّهْوَرِ. لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ مُسْتَوْدَعَكَ عَرْشًا، وَجَعَلَ بَطْنَكَ
أَرْحَبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. لِذَلِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِنَةً نِعْمَةً، تَفْرَحُ بِكَ
كُلُّ الْبَرَايَا وَتُمَجِّدُكَ.

THE LENTEN PRAYER OF SAINT EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

A prostration is made after each verse

O Lord and Master of my life, give me not the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the Spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to me, Thy servant. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

صلاة القديس أفرام السرياني، بأجزائها الثلاثة
نعمل مطانية (سجدة) كبيرة على كل جزء

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ وَسَيِّدُ حَيَاتِي، أَعْتَقِنِي مِنْ رُوحِ الْبِطَالَةِ وَالْفُضُولِ وَحُبِّ الرِّئَاسَةِ وَالْكَلامِ الْبَطَالِ. (مَطَانِيَّةٌ).
وَأَنْعِمْ عَلَيَّ أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الْخَاطِي، بِرُوحِ الْعِفَّةِ وَاتِّضَاعِ الْفِكْرِ وَالصَّبْرِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ. (مَطَانِيَّةٌ).
نَعْمَ يَا مَلِكِي وَإِلَهِي، هَبْ لِي أَنْ أَعْرِفَ ذُنُوبِي وَعُيُوبِي، وَأَنْ لَا أَدِينَ إِخْوَتِي، فَإِنَّكَ مُبَارَكٌ إِلَى دَهْرِ
الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ. (مَطَانِيَّةٌ).



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– Nuha Ayoub and Family
– Mourice and Hanan Mseih and Family
– The Saba Family

Mar 29 – Pauline Shunnarah and Family

Sat, Apr 4 – **OPEN**

Apr 5 – The Awad Family
– Murhaf and Lana Kuaidi and Family

Thu, Apr 9 – Juliette Mitri Khoury and Family



Coffee Hour Sponsors:



Today – Etihad Rihani and Samar Rihani and Families

Mar 29 – Nuha Ayoub and Family

Apr 5 – Matthew and Laila Schut and Family

Apr 12 – **Paschal Breakfast**

Apr 19 – Juliette Mitri Khoury and Family

Apr 26 – Hanna and Tanya Hinnawi and Family



CHURCHINGS

Today **MAYA**, daughter of Ryan and Rahaf Medley.

BAPTISMS

Apr 19 **JACOB**, son of Elias and Julia Shiheiber.

Apr 26 **MUNTHER**, son of Jacob and Nicole Rayyan.

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CONDOLENCES

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

- Ryan McMahon on the falling asleep of his cousin, †**DAN MCMAHON**, this past week.
- Siham Saba and children, Farah (Georgette), Hanan (Jamal) Sous, Bishara (Afaf), Bassam (Alice), Sameer (Mariana), and Andrawes (Adlain), and their families, on the falling asleep of their husband/father, †**HANNA FARAH SABA**, this past week at the age of 93. Also, to his siblings, †Aida, †Sameera, †Rose, Jabra, Laila, Kafa, and Tawfic, and the entire Saba family.

Memory Eternal!

MEMORIALS

Today 3/9-Day Memorial Service for †**HANNA FARAH SABA**, offered by the Saba family.

COMMEMORATIONS

Mar 29 4-Year Commemoration for †**RAED SHUNNARAH**, offered by Pauline Shunnarah and family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – SAINT JOHN OF THE LADDER	
	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 22-23</i>)	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) Club Introductory Meeting (<i>see pg. 28</i>)	12:30 pm
Mon, Mar 23	Great Compline Service at Saint Katherine's Mission (<i>see pg. 41</i>)	6:30 pm
Tue, Mar 24	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 34</i>)	5:45 pm
	• Orthros/Matins Service for the Feast of Annunciation (<i>see pg. 34</i>)	6:00 pm
	• Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation (<i>see pg. 34</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Golf Classic Executive Committee Zoom Meeting	8:30 pm
Thu, Mar 26	West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 40</i>)	6:30 pm
Fri, Mar 27	• Akathist (Madayeh) Service, following by Potluck Dinner (<i>see pgs. 15-17</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Legacy Ball Committee Meeting	After Service
Sat, Mar 28	• Deanery Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Pilgrimage (<i>see pg. 32</i>)	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	5:00 pm
	• Sunday School Sacrament of Confession and Reception (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Mar 29	5TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – SAINT MARY OF EGYPT	
	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 22-23</i>)	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee Hour (<i>see pg. 30</i>)	After Liturgy
Mon, Mar 30	• LLC Board Zoom Meeting	5:30 pm
	• Great Compline Service at Saint Katherine's Mission (<i>see pg. 41</i>)	6:30 pm
Tue, Mar 31	Vision and Development Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Apr 1	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	6:45 pm
	• Presanctified Liturgy (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 3	Compline Service for Lazarus Saturday, followed by Potluck Dinner (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 4	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	8:30 am
	• Orthros (Matins) Service for Lazarus Saturday (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	8:45 am
	• Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service for Palm Sunday (<i>see pg. 15-17</i>)	5:00 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



On Intercommunion

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Ispër)

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the Mystery of the Church. When we say “sacrament” we mean an action that surpasses human reasoning, because it does not submit to the measures of the material world. It is an action in which God Himself participates. He sends His grace through material elements such as water, oil, and bread, and these become means for blessing the believers and sanctifying their lives.

This is not the place to elaborate on the theological meaning of the word “sacrament” in the Christian understanding. Our concern here is the heart of the Sacrament of the Eucharist—namely, Holy Communion.

The Gospel asks that anyone who approaches the holy chalice be reconciled with those with whom he has previously been in conflict. Why? Because in Holy Communion, the Christian community encounters Christ who dwells in and unites Himself with each of its members. Through Him, these members are also united with one another. The unity of the ecclesial community is realized through the presence of Christ within it and within each of its members.

Therefore, if someone remains in conflict, or is not in harmony or in the same faith as the others, he damages this unity and renders it merely external and apparent rather than real.

The fullness of the Church’s unity is realized in the Eucharist within the Divine Liturgy. The Church is one Body with one Head, who is Christ. The unity of the Church is a unity in faith, not a unity of emotions, sentiments, or political positions of any kind. For this reason, the apostolic Churches insist on the necessity of sharing the same faith among those who approach the one chalice.

Here, I would like to present what the Catholic Church itself says on this matter, so that Orthodox and Catholics alike may become acquainted with the official position of the Catholic Church as expressed by its popes. This is particularly necessary in light of certain unsound interpretations and practices that have appeared here and there and have become widespread in some circles, not to mention the accusations that sometimes accompany them.

Pope Paul VI (1963–1978) wrote an important pastoral letter concerning the Sacrament of the Eucharist entitled *Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith)*, published on September 3, 1965. It is one of the most important documents addressing the Holy Eucharist in the context following the Second Vatican Council. Among its principal emphases is that the Eucharist stands at the heart of the Church’s liturgical life and is truly “the mystery of faith,” which must be safeguarded with the utmost reverence. Participation in the Eucharist is therefore a sign of unity in faith and cannot be understood apart from Catholic doctrine.

Pope John Paul II (1978–2005), in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia (The Church from the Eucharist)*, wrote in paragraph 42 about the importance of the Eucharist as a sign of unity among believers and emphasized doctrinal agreement. He stated that the practice of sharing the Eucharist must be consistent with Catholic doctrine.

“The safeguarding and promotion of ecclesial communion is a task of each member of the faithful, who finds in the Eucharist, as the sacrament of the Church’s unity, an area of special concern. More specifically, this task is the particular responsibility of the Church’s Pastors, each according to his rank and ecclesiastical office. For this reason the Church has drawn up norms aimed both at fostering the frequent and fruitful access of the faithful to the Eucharistic table and at determining the objective conditions under which communion may not be given. The care shown in promoting the faithful observance of these norms becomes a practical means of showing love for the Eucharist and for the Church.”

He continues in paragraph 44:

“Precisely because the Church’s unity, which the Eucharist brings about through the Lord’s sacrifice and by communion in His body and blood, absolutely requires full communion in the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments and ecclesiastical governance, it is not possible to celebrate together the same Eucharistic liturgy until those bonds are fully re-established. Any such concelebration would not be a valid means, and might well prove instead to be an obstacle, to the attainment of full communion, by weakening the sense of how far we remain from this goal and by introducing or exacerbating ambiguities with regard to one or another truth of the faith. The path towards full unity can only be undertaken in truth. In this area, the prohibitions of Church law leave no room for uncertainty, in fidelity to the moral norm laid down by the Second Vatican Council.

“I would like nonetheless to reaffirm what I said in my Encyclical Letter *Ut Unum Sint* after having acknowledged the impossibility of Eucharistic sharing: And yet we do have a burning desire to join in celebrating the one Eucharist of the Lord, and this desire itself is already a common prayer of praise, a single supplication. Together we speak to the Father and increasingly we do so ‘with one heart.’”

He adds in paragraph 46:

“Catholics may not receive communion in those communities which lack a valid sacrament of Orders.”

It is worth noting that in 1979, on the feast of the Apostle Andrew—the patron saint of the Church of Constantinople (November 30)—Pope John Paul II presented the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios with a gilded chalice engraved in Latin with the words: *We look forward together to the day when we shall partake together from the same Chalice.*”

Pope Benedict XVI (2005–2013) maintained the same general line as his predecessor, though with a stronger emphasis on doctrinal clarity. He affirmed that participation in the Eucharist must be the result of unity, not a means of achieving it. While he supported ecumenical dialogue, he rejected any steps that might be understood as doctrinal compromise.

Although Pope Francis (2013–2024) had sometimes shown greater pastoral openness in personal or informal remarks, it did not translate into any official change in canon law, nor did he abolish the doctrinal conditions governing intercommunion.

Regarding the directives of the popes concerning Catholics receiving the Eucharist in Eastern non-Catholic Churches, this is permitted only in exceptional circumstances—specifically, “in particular cases and under special conditions,” as stated in paragraph 46 of Pope John Paul II’s encyclical *Ut Unum Sint (That They May Be One)*.

In presenting these brief citations, we hope they may help bring an end to certain practices that contradict the Church’s teaching and that have appeared here and there, as well as to the unjust accusations sometimes directed at those who strive to preserve the faith with seriousness and fidelity.

في المناولة المشتركة المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

سرّ الإفخارستيا سرّ الكنيسة. عندما نقول "سرّ" نعني عمل يفوق المنطق البشري، لأنه لا يخضع لمقاييس العالم المادي. إنه عمل يشترك الله فيه، فيرسل نعمته عبر عناصر مادية كالماء والزيت والخبز، فتصير وسيلة لتبريك المؤمن وتقديس حياته.

ليس المجال هنا للتوسع في مفهوم "السرّ" لاهوتياً بحسب النظرة المسيحية. فموضوعنا هو نواة سرّ الإفخارستيا، أعني المناولة المقدسة.

يطلب الإنجيل أن يكون كل من يتقدم من الكأس المقدسة قد تصالح مع من اختصم وإياه سابقاً. لماذا؟ لأن في المناولة المقدسة نلتقي الجماعة المسيحية بالمسيح الذي يسكن ويتحد مع كل عضو منها، وتالياً يوحد هذه الأعضاء ببعضها بعضاً. تتحقق وحدة الجماعة الكنسية بسبب حضور المسيح فيها وفي كل منها.

لذلك إن كان أحدهم مختصماً، أو ليس على وفاق أو إيمان واحد مع الآخرين فإنه يعطب هذه الوحدة ويجعلها صورية ظاهرية، لا حقيقية.

يتحقق ملء وحدة الكنيسة في الإفخارستيا، (القداس الإلهي). فالكنيسة جسد واحد لرأس واحد هو المسيح. ووحدة الكنيسة هي وحدة في الإيمان، لا في العواطف والمشاعر والسياسات أياً يكن نوعها. من هنا تشدد الكنائس الرسولية على توفر الإيمان الواحد بين المتقدمين من الكأس الواحدة.

أريد أن أعرض ما تقوله الكنيسة الكاثوليكية في هذا المجال، تعريفاً للمؤمنين من الأرثوذكس والكاثوليك معاً، بموقف الكنيسة الكاثوليكية الذي جاء على لسان بابواتها. وذلك تبياناً لتوسع غير سليم في التفسير والممارسة هنا وهناك، بات شائعاً في أوساط عديدة، ناهيك عن اتهامات مختلفة.

كتب البابا بولس السادس (-1963 1978) رسالة رعية مهمة تتعلق بسرّ الإفخارستيا بعنوان **(سرّ الإيمان Mystrium Fidei)**، نُشرت في 3 سبتمبر 1965، وهي من أبرز الوثائق التي تناولت موضوع القربان المقدس في سياق ما بعد المجمع الفاتيكاني الثاني. أبرز ما جاء فيها هو التشديد على أن الإفخارستيا هي قلب الحياة الليتورجية في الكنيسة، وهي "سرّ الإيمان" الذي يجب أن يُصان بكل وقار. وعلى أن الاشتراك في الإفخارستيا هو علامة على وحدة الإيمان، وبالتالي لا يمكن أن يُفهم بمعزل عن العقيدة الكاثوليكية

أما البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني (-1978 2005)، فقد كتب في رسالته "الكنيسة من الإفخارستيا" أو "الإفخارستيا حياة الكنيسة"، في البند 42، حول أهمية الإفخارستيا باعتبارها علامة الوحدة بين المؤمنين، وشدد على التوافق في العقيدة لذلك يجب أن تكون ممارسة المناولة المشتركة متوافقة مع العقيدة الكاثوليكية.

إنه من مهام كل مؤمن الحفاظ على الشركة الكنسية وتعزيزها، وهو يجد في الإفخارستيا، سرّ وحدة الكنيسة، مكاناً يُظهر فيه اهتمامه بنوع خاص. وبطريقة أكثر واقعية، تناط هذه المهمة، مع مسؤولية خاصة، برعاة الكنيسة، كل واحد منهم بحسب رتبته ووظيفته الكنسية. لذلك وضعت الكنيسة نظاماً تهدف، في أن معاً، إلى تسهيل بلوغ المؤمنين، المتواتر والمثمر، إلى المائدة الإفخارستية، وإلى تحديد الشروط الموضوعية التي يحظر فيها منح المناولة. إن توفير المحافظة الأمنية على ذلك، باهتمام، يصبح تعبيراً عملياً للمحبة نحو الإفخارستيا ونحو الكنيسة

ويتابع في البند 44 فيقول:

"ولما كانت وحدة الكنيسة التي تحقّقها الإفخارستيا بذبيحة المسيح وتتناول جسد الربّ ودمه، تتطلب - وهذا لا يمكن مخالفته - الشركة الكاملة في روابط إعلان الإيمان والأسرار والإدارة الكنسية فلا يمكن الاشتراك في إقامة الليتورجيا الإفخارستية نفسها حتى يُستعاد عقد تلك الروابط كاملة. إن مثل ذلك الاشتراك في إقامة الذبيحة لا يمكن أن يكون سبباً صالحاً، بل يمكن أن يشكل عائقاً إزاء البلوغ إلى الشركة الكاملة، بتقليله من أهمية المسافة التي تفصلنا عن الهدف وبإدخاله هذه أو تلك من الالتباسات بشأن حقائق الإيمان أو بضمائها. فالسبيل إلى الوحدة الكاملة لا يمكن أن يمرّ إلا بالحقيقة. في هذا الموضوع، لا تترك أوامر النهي الواردة في شريعة الكنيسة أي مجال للشكوك، وفقاً للقاعدة الخلقية التي أعلنها المجمع الفاتيكاني الثاني

"أنّي أودّ أن أردّد ما أضفت في الرسالة العامة "ليكونوا واحداً"، بعدما تبيّن لي تعدّد مقاسمة الإفخارستيا ذاتها: "ونحن أيضاً، نلتهم رغبة في أن نحفل معاً بإقامة إفخارستيا الربّ الواحدة، وتلك الرغبة أصبحت ابتهاًلاً مشتركاً وتوسلاً واحداً. سويةً نتوجّه إلى الأب، ونتوجّه إليه دائماً أكثر بقلب واحد."

ويتابع في البند 46 فيقول:

"لا يستطيع مؤمن كاثوليكي أن يتناول القربان في جماعة لا تتمتع بسرّ الكهنوت الشرعيّ الصحيح."

جدير بالذكر أن البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني أهدى البطريرك المسكوني ديمتريوس في العام 1979، في عيد القديس أندراوس الرسول شفيع الكنيسة القسطنطينية، (30 تشرين الثاني)، كأساً مذهبة نقش عليها باللاتينية: "تنطلق معاً إلى اليوم الذي نتناول فيه سوياً من الكأس الواحدة."





أما البابا بندكتوس السادس عشر (-2005 2013) فقد حافظ على نفس الخط العام الذي لسلفه، مع تشديد أكبر على العقيدة. ورأى أن المشاركة في الإفخارستيا يجب أن تكون نتيجة للوحدة، لا وسيلة لتحقيقها، ودعم الحوار المسكوني، لكنه رفض أي خطوات قد تُفهم على أنها تنازلات عقائدية.

بينما البابا فرنسيس (2013-2024) الذي أظهر في الممارسة انفتاحاً روعياً أكبر من سابقه، خاصة في مواقف شخصية وغير رسمية، فلم يترجم انفتاحه هذا إلى تغيير رسمي في القانون الكنسي، ولم يبلغ الشروط العقائدية للمناولة المشتركة

أما توجيه الباباوات بخصوص حصول الكاثوليك على سرّ الإفخارستيا في الكنائس الشرقية غير الكاثوليكية فيسمح به للكاثوليك في ظروف استثنائية، وبالضبط "في قضايا محددة وفي ظروف خاصة"، كما جاء في البند 46 من رسالة البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني "ليكونوا واحداً."

إننا إذ نكتفي في هذه العجالة بهذه النصوص، نأمل أن تساهم في توقف التجاوزات في الممارسة المنافية للتعليم الكنسي هنا وهناك، وتوجيه التهم غير اللائقة بحق الذين يحفظون الإيمان بكل جدية وأمانة

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
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	 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!	 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
الأحد الرابع من الصوم 22 آذار	القديس يوحنا السلمي الرسالة: عب 20-13:6 الإنجيل: مرقس 31-17:9	فيما تتسلقون سلم الفضائل، اطلبوا من القديس يوحنا المساعدة لبلوغ الفردوس، وأنتم ترسمون إشارة الصليب!
الأحد الخامس من الصوم 29 آذار	القديسة مريم المصرية الرسالة: عب 14-11:9 الإنجيل: مرقس 45-32:10	اطلبوا من العذراء والدة الإله أن تمنحكم وتمنح العالم أفكاراً طاهرة.
أحد الشعانين 5 نيسان بدء الأسبوع العظيم	بدء الأسبوع العظيم المقدس دخول السيد إلى اورشليم الرسالة: قلوب 9-4:4 الإنجيل: يوحنا 18-1:12	زينوا الأيقونات بسعف النخل في بيوتكم وسياراتكم!
الجمعة العظيمة 10 نيسان	الجمعة العظيمة موت المسيح على الصليب تحقق من أوقات الصلوات في هذه الأيام المقدسة	امتنعوا عن التلفزيون والإنترنت وعن استخدام هواتفكم.
عيد الأعياد! 12 نيسان نهاية الصوم الكبير!	سبت النور الفصح المقدس! (المسيح قام!) الرسالة: اعمال 8-1:1 الإنجيل: يوحنا 17-1:1	القوا التحية قائلين "المسيح قام" عوضاً عن صباح الخير أو مساء الخير!

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sun, Mar 22	4 th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint John of the Ladder الأحد الرابع من الصوم - القديس يوحنا السلمى	9:00 am
Mon, Mar 23	Great Compline Service AT SAINT KATHERINE MISSION صلاة التَّوَم 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 القداس الإلهي لعيد البشارة	7:00 pm
Thu, Mar 26	Great Compline Service AT WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY صلاة التَّوَم 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 SAINT KATHERINE MISSION صلاة التَّوَم 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 خدمة القداس السابق تقديسه للأسبوع السادس من الصوم (البروجزميني)	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 3	Compline Service with Canon of Lazarus خدمة صلاة التَّوَم و قانون لعازر	7:00 pm

Scholarships for Antiochian Students



Tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships are available from generous benefactors to qualified students in the Antiochian Archdiocese:

- Graduating High Schoolers
- College Students
- Youth Workers
- Continuing Education
- Clergy Families
- ... and More

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	خُلوة 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



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
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



PASCHAL BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

***Saturday Night* FOLLOWING PASCHAL LITURGY**



BENEFITTING NEEDY FAMILIES

THROUGH

THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS – CICERO CHAPTER



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Curriculum Update

Lesson 24*: "Mary and Martha" through "The Betrayal by Judas"

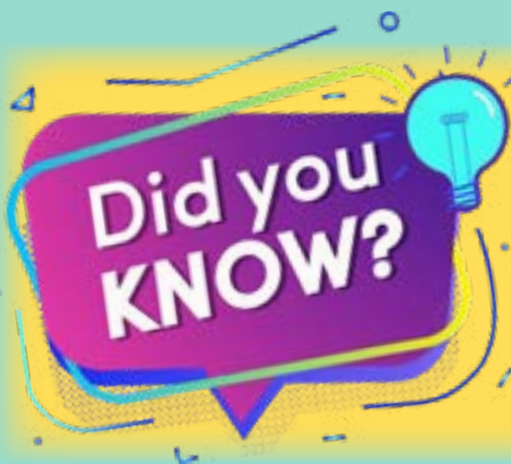
Jesus loved his friends Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. When Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, He stayed for two more days. He told them that God's glory would come from this sickness. Lazarus died and was in the grave for four days. When Jesus came to see His friend, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). They judged and questioned Him for not coming sooner. Jesus told Lazarus to arise, and he came out with the bandages, and they removed them symbolizing the Old Law was no longer binding, but to be given the New Testament, the Gospel to live by.

The risen man, Lazarus, invited Jesus to Bethany again. Mary took an expensive bottle of ointment to anoint Jesus, and Judas was upset by this. Jesus told him you will always have the poor with you, but you will not always have Him around. Judas was stealing from the treasury, if he really cared about the poor, he would not have stolen.

Upon entering Jerusalem, Jesus, riding a donkey, was greeted and welcomed as their King with palms and them shouting, "Hosanna!" God's people felt that their greatest need was to be rescued from the Roman occupation, and they thought Jesus was coming as the King to save them from the Roman occupation. God knew what they felt they needed but He knew that their greatest need was to be forgiven for their sins. Jesus riding a donkey was symbolic of a king coming in peace. On this day He came to provide for our greatest need.



** LESSON 24 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026.*



This year **GODPARENTS' SUNDAY** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3rd. Mark your calendars now and don't forget to invite your Godparents to the Divine Liturgy and this special celebration. More information coming soon!

CREATING MEMORIES



UPCOMING EVENTS...



Sundays after Communion	Sunday School Classes
Sundays 12:30pm – 1:00 pm	CAF Projects Workdays
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

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.



SOCIAL EVENT

Lunch - Lesson - Play - Enjoy

SAT, APR 18, 2026

@ 11:45^{AM}

\$25/CHILD

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

GLORY CLUB

G.OD'S L.OVING O.BEDIENT R.ESPECTFUL Y.OUTH

REGISTER BY
SUN, APR 12



INVITING ALL KIDS (AGES 5-8)

each child must be accompanied by an adult and be 5 years old by Apr 18, 2026



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

JOY Club

Junior Orthodox Youth
WORSHIP | WITNESS | SERVICE | FELLOWSHIP

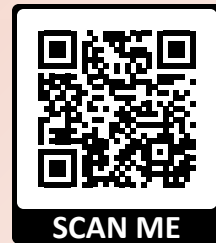
INTRODUCTORY MEETING

**PARENTS
AND YOUTH
(AGES 9-12)**

Learn about the JOY Club Ministry
Meet the JOY Club leaders
Receive information about
upcoming events

**SUNDAY
MARCH 22
12:30^{PM}**

RSVP HERE



SCAN ME





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

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

Young Adult Fellowship

SAVE-THE-DATE

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:

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)



An Initiative of Orthodox Christians for Life

Support Mothers in Need!

This Lent, AW is joining Orthodox Churches nationwide in hosting a National Orthodox Baby Shower, collecting baby items for our local pregnancy resource center that supports mothers in crisis pregnancies who choose life for their unborn children.



Items We Are Collecting



- Diapers (Sizes NB - 4T)
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Toiletries: Wash, Shampoo, Lotion, Oil
- Other Essentials: Hooded Towels, Washcloths, Bibs, Pacifiers, Onesies, Sleepers.

Donation Dates: March 22 - 29

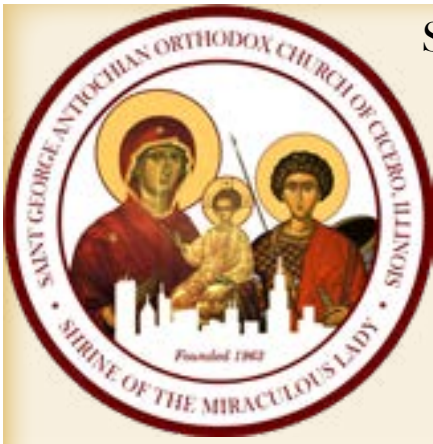
Sign-up
for your
donation
here



Drop off items in the crib / boxes in the Church Hall

Questions? Contact Sh. Linda Bynum

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



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 ... Divine Liturgy

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS—CICERO CHAPTER



WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

Live Entertainment

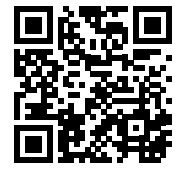
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 | 7:00 PM

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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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"



SCAN ME



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

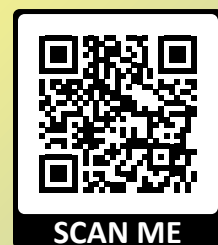
The Order of Saint Ignatius
Cicero Chapter and National!

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

West Campus Ministry



2026

Lenten Session

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

THURSDAYS

Mar 26

PROGRAM

6:30PM - 9:00PM



COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS



GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE



SPIRITUAL TALK



GROUP ACTIVITY

LESSONS

MAR 26 "Repentance"

ALL ARE WELCOME!

← **West
Campus**





Lenten Monday Nights

at Saint Katherine the Great Mission



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All Ages.
All Families.
Growing
Together in
Christ.

Every
Monday
during Lent
starting at
6:30 PM

March 23

“STRUGGLING WITH SIN”

March 30

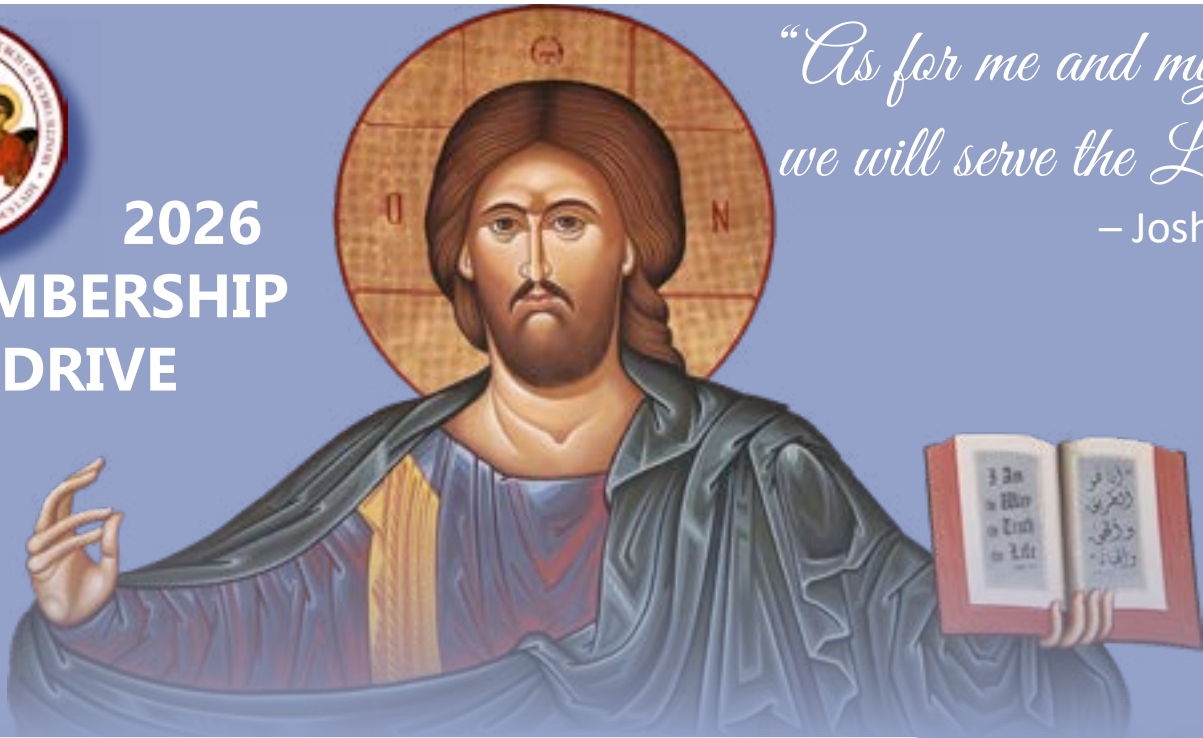
“REPENTANCE”

GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS
SPIRITUAL TALK
GROUP ACTIVITY

7313 Waukegan Rd. Niles, Illinois 60714



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,

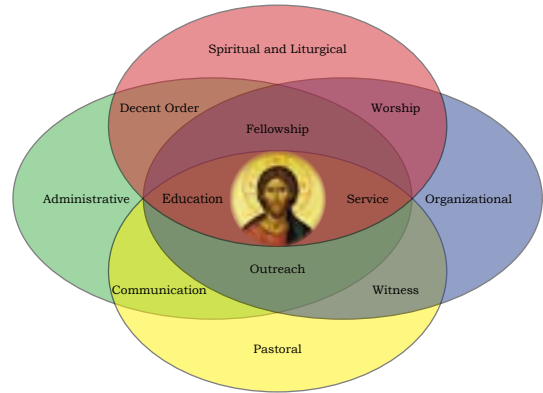
we are called to be one Body in Christ – united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

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

YOU DO BELONG!

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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

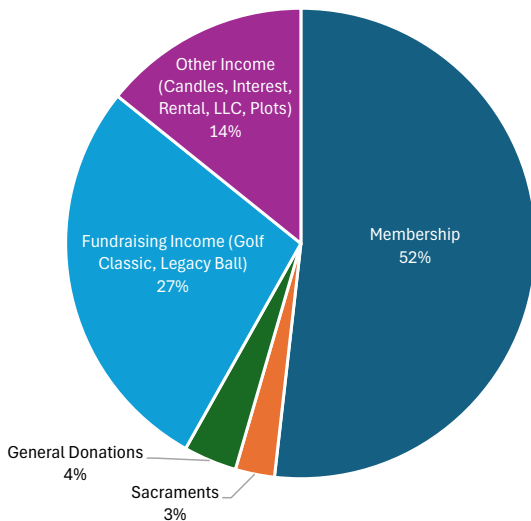
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

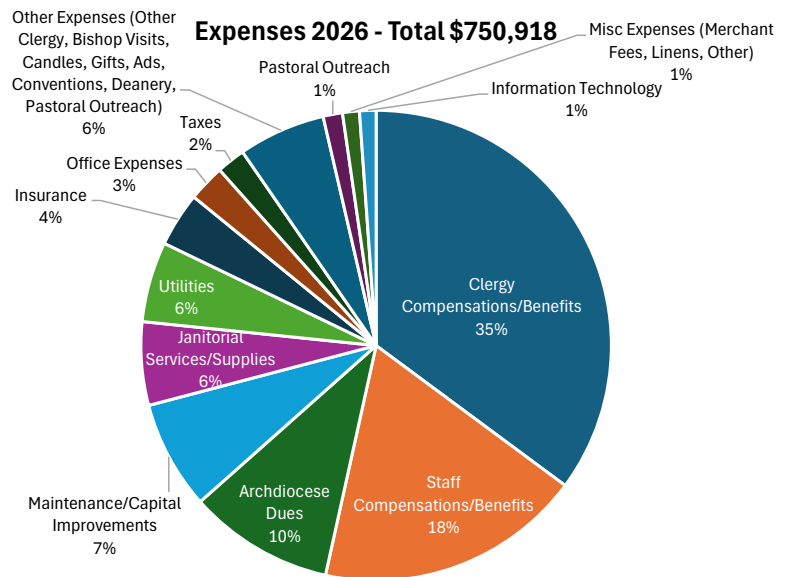
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

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.
4. Offer your gifts in service.

WAYS TO GIVE...

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

Giving is not a fee. It is an offering of gratitude to God.

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 2026 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!



ONLINE
www.StGeorgeChi.org



MAIL
to Church address



CALL
708.656.2927, x0



CONSIDER INCLUDING
SGC IN YOUR WILL



SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
MMXXVI

25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Registration
Deadline

**FRIDAY,
MAY 1**

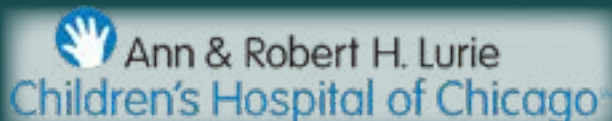


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- CANTIGNY GOLF COURSE
27W270 MACK RD, WHEATON, IL
- CHECK-IN 11:00 AM
- BRUNCH & PROGRAM
- PUTTING CONTEST
- SHOT GUN START
- AFTER-GOLF SOCIAL WITH AWARDS, RAFFLE DRAWING, AND COCKTAILS
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL-DAY ADMISSION*
**ADMISSION INCLUDES 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
MMXXVI

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



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Secure your sponsorship today!

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

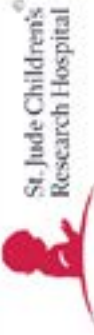
NEW FORMAT! GREAT PRIZES! WORTHY CAUSE!



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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)

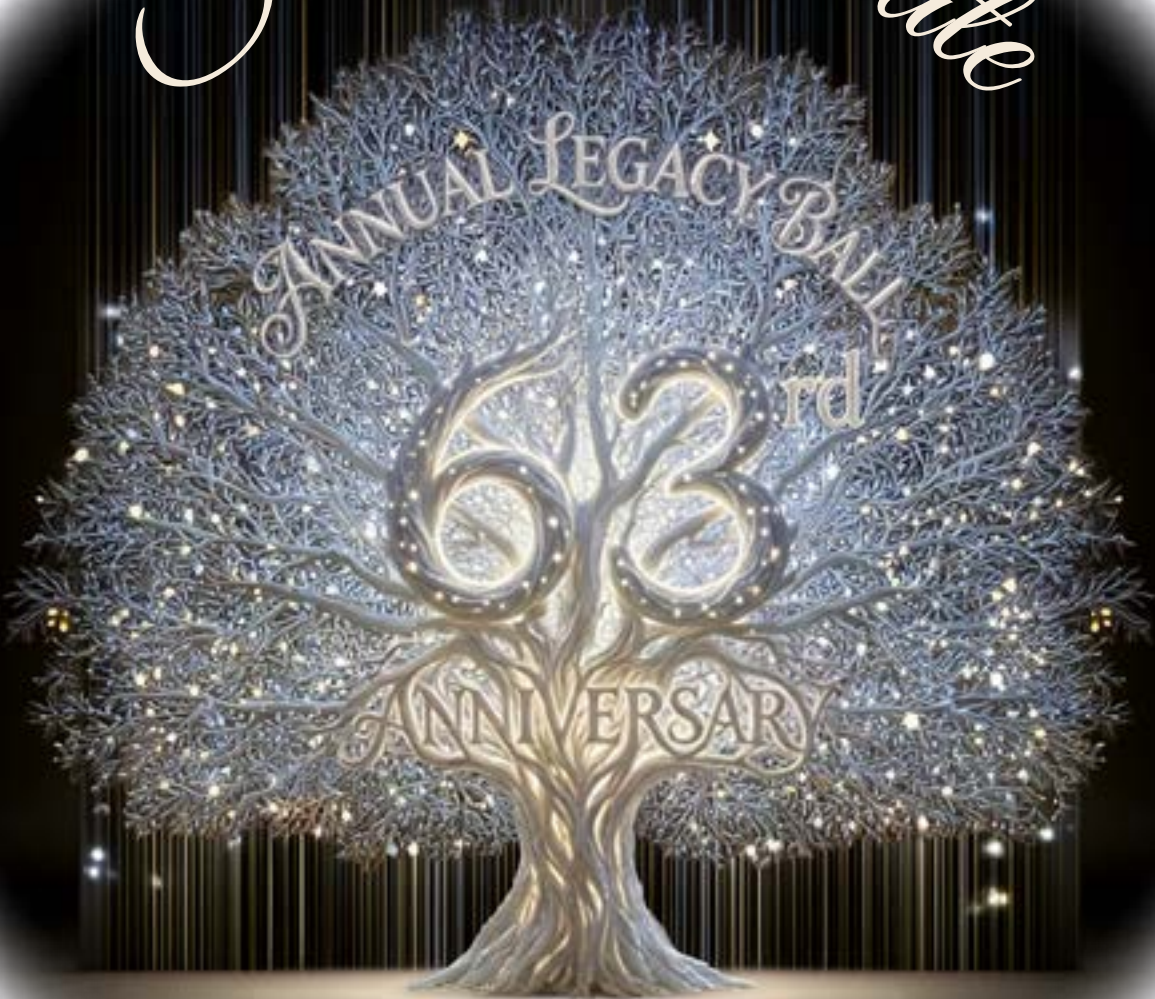


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Purchase your Raffle Tickets today!

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Save the Date



09.26.26

بدأ الصوم الكبير يوم الإثنين 23 شباط

بدأ الصَّوْمُ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُقَدَّسُ يَوْمَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ 23 شباط،
وَيَسْتَمِرُّ لِمَايَةَ عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ فِي 12 نيسان.

خِلَالَ هَذَا الْمَوْسِمِ الْمُبَارَكِ، يَجِبُ أَنْ يَتَرَافَقَ الصَّوْمُ
مَعَ الْفَضَائِلِ، وَخَاصَّةً قِرَاءَةَ الْإِنْجِيلِ، وَالْمُوَاطَّأَةُ
عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ، وَعَمَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ وَالْإِحْسَانُ لِلْغَيْرِ.
وَكُلَّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ.

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*.