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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT  
(COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS  
MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT)



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

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Monday-Friday: 8:30<sup>am</sup>-5:00<sup>pm</sup>

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

## **WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:**

Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:00<sup>am</sup> Orthros (Matins), 10:15<sup>am</sup> Great Doxology,

10:20<sup>am</sup> 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!**

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York  
and Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

**Prot. no.:** 135/2026

The Annunciation, March 25, 2026

To the Beloved Hierarchs, Clergy, and Faithful of our God-Protected Archdiocese:

As we walk together through the Great and Holy Fast, the Church calls us to deepen our repentance, strengthen our prayer, and express Christ's love through compassionate action. In this spirit, I write to you with a pastoral appeal on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the Antiochian Archdioceses of Mount Lebanon and Zahle, who are facing a severe humanitarian crisis.

Ongoing instability in Lebanon has forced many families—including numerous Christian households—to flee their homes with only the most basic necessities. In response, the Archdioceses of Mount Lebanon and Zahle have opened their churches, monasteries, and institutions to provide shelter, food, medical care, and pastoral support, and above all, the dignity of being received with love.

Their Eminences Metropolitan Silouan and Metropolitan Antonios—both of whom sacrificed their own time by leaving their flocks to serve our Archdiocese faithfully during times of transition—now labor tirelessly to care for the displaced. We also offer our fervent prayers for His Eminence Metropolitan Elias of Tyre and Sidon, whose archdiocese includes many of the areas affected by forced displacement, and for all who have been impacted by this crisis. We pray for the swift restoration of peace and for the safe return of families to their homes.

During this holy season, we are blessed with the opportunity to respond with generosity and love. I therefore ask every parish, mission, family, and individual to prayerfully consider making a financial offering to support these urgent relief efforts.

Donations may be made through the Archdiocese's [online giving platform](#) and [Antiochian.org](#).

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your compassion, reward your generosity, and grant lasting peace to Lebanon.

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**+SABA**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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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،  
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 رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا عَلِيكَ.

مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي 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 فَعَلَّمَنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،  
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهِي

لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايِنُ النُّورَ.

فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلأَبِّ وَالإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُّوسِ.

الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ  
ارْحَمْنَا

# TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

## RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ  
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العَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَّفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا  
وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةَ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ  
لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُجِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

## 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، لِثَرْتِلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

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لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُجِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

## TROPARION FOR SAINT MARY OF EGYPT (TONE 8)

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

بِكِ حُفِظْتُ صُورَةَ خَلْقِنَا بِدِقَّةٍ أَيُّهَا الْأُمُّ مَرْيَمُ،  
فَاتَّكَ حَمَلْتَ الصَّلِيبَ وَتَبِعْتَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَعَمِلْتَ  
وَعَلَّمْتَ أَنْ يُتَغَاضَى عَنِ الْجَسَدِ لِأَنَّهُ زَائِلٌ، وَأَنْ  
يُعْنَى بِالنَّفْسِ غَيْرِ الْمَائِتَةِ. لِذَلِكَ تَبْتَهِّجُ رُوحُكَ مَعَ  
الْمَلَائِكَةِ.

## 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 وَلِلْمَرَضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ  
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي  
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِيسُ الظُّفَرُ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ  
الإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.



## KONTAKION (TONE 2)

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

يا شفيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِّ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيْمَانٍ: بِإِدْرِي إِلَيَّ الشَّفَاعَةَ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلْبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

## KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

*Only at Saint George Church in Cicero*

To thee the champion leader, \* I thy city offer thanks of victory. \* O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. \* But as thou hast that power which is invincible, \* From all dangers set me free and deliver me. That I may cry unto thee: \* Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله \* اكتبُ لكِ رايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يا جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةٍ \* وَأَقْدِمُ لَكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ \* لكن بما أن لك العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ \* اعْتَقِينِي مِنَ صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ \* حتى أصرُخَ إِلَيْكَ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

## EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Diana Layous

Today

Sally Esber

Faraj Shahrstan

Apr 5

Jameel Haddad

Matthew Ablan

Apr 11 (Apr 12)

Chadi Karam

## THE SYNAXARION

On March 29th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Martyr Mark, bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the deacon of Heliopolis and those with them; and Martyrs Jonah and Barachisios of Persia and those with them.

On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt.

*Spirit rose up, flesh melted away erewhile; hide, O earth, the worn bones of Mary's body.*

Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom.

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

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.*

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of  
Saint Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)**

Brethren, Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

لَتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

إِبْتَهَجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (9:11-14)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ إِذْ قَدْ جَاءَ رَئِيسَ كَهَنَةِ  
لِلْخَيْرَاتِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ، فَبِمَسْكَنِ أَعْظَمَ وَأَكْمَلَ غَيْرِ  
مَصْنُوعٍ بِأَيْدٍ، أَي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ. وَلَيْسَ  
بِدَمِ ثِيُوسٍ وَعُجُولٍ بَلْ بِدَمِ نَفْسِهِ دَخَلَ الْأَقْدَاسَ  
مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَوَجَدَ فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا. لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ دَمُ  
ثِيرَانٍ وَثِيُوسٍ وَرَمَادُ عِجْلَةٍ يُرَشُّ عَلَى الْمُنَجَّسِينَ  
فَيَقْدِّسُهُمْ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْجَسَدِ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ،  
الَّذِي بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِلا عَيْبٍ،  
يُطَهِّرُ ضَمَائِرَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ لِتَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Saint Mark (10:32-45)**

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُسَ**

**الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (10:32-45)**

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ وَابْتَدَأَ يَقُولُ لَهُمْ مَا سَيَعْرِضُ لَهُ. "هُوَذَا نَحْنُ صَاعِدُونَ إِلَى أُورَشَلِيمَ، وَابْنُ الْبَشَرِ سَيُسَلَّمُ إِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالْكَتَّابَةِ، فَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ وَيُسَلِّمُونَهُ إِلَى الْأُمَمِ. فَيَهْرَأُونَ بِهِ، وَيَبْصُقُونَ عَلَيْهِ، وَيَجْلِدُونَهُ، وَيَقْتُلُونَهُ، وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ يَقُومُ." فَذَنَا إِلَيْهِ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا ابْنَا زَبَدَى قَائِلَيْنِ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا مَهَمًا طَلَبْنَا." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدَانِ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟" قَالَ لَهُ: "أَعْطِنَا أَنْ يَجْلِسَ أَحَدُنَا عَنْ يَمِينِكَ وَالْآخَرُ عَنْ يَسَارِكَ فِي مَجْدِكَ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَانِ. أَتَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الْكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا أَنَا، وَأَنْ تَصْطَبِغَا بِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبِغُ بِهَا أَنَا؟" فَقَالَا لَهُ: "نَسْتَطِيعُ." فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "أَمَّا الْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُهَا فَتَشْرَبَانِيهَا، وَبِالصَّبْغَةِ الَّتِي أَصْطَبِغُ بِهَا فَتَصْطَبِغَانِ. وَأَمَّا جُلُوسُكُمْ عَنْ يَمِينِي وَعَنْ يَسَارِي فَلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أُعْطِيَهُ إِلَّا لِلَّذِينَ أُعِدَّ لَهُمْ." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْعَشْرَةُ، ابْتَدَأُوا يَغْضَبُونَ عَلَى يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فَذَعَاهُمْ يَسُوعُ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "قَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحْسَبُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الْأُمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُمْ، وَعُظَمَاءُهُمْ يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ. وَأَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَلَا يَكُونُ فِيكُمْ هَكَذَا. وَلَكِنْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ كَبِيرًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمْ خَادِمًا. وَمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُمْ أَوَّلًا، فَلْيَكُنْ لِلْجَمِيعِ عَبْدًا. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ لَمْ يَأْتِ لِيُخْدَمَ بَلْ لِيُخْدِمَ، وَلِيَبْدُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِدَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِينَ."

## 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. أَيُّهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدِّسِ،  
وَالْفِرْدَوْسُ النَّاطِقُ، فَخْرُ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا  
تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ، وَصَارَ طِفْلاً، وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ  
الدَّهْورِ. 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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## Holy Bread Offered By:

**Today** – 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

**Sat, Apr 11 AM** – **OPEN**

**Sat, Apr 11 PM (Apr 12)** – The Awad Family

**Apr 19** – **OPEN**

**Wed, Apr 22** – George and Ibtisam Imreibe and Family



## Coffee Hour Sponsors:

**Today** – 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



## CONDOLENCES

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

Adel Alfakhouri and his family on the falling asleep of his brother, †**KHALED ALFAKHORI**, in Jordan this past week.

**Memory Eternal!**

## NEWBORNS

- **SULEIMAN**, son of Salameh and Carolyn Fakhouri.
- **JAMES**, son of Bryan and Dena Zarou.

## CHURCHINGS

**Today** **JESSE HAKIM**, son of Michael and Elise Kvam.

**Apr 19** **ISMAIL**, son of Andres Tiburcio and Reem Fakhoury-Tiburcio.

## BAPTISMS

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

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

## CHRISMATIONS

**Apr 8** **DANIEL** DiMartino.

**Apr 11** **HECTOR** Rodriguez.

## MEMORIALS

- **Apr 26** • 40-Day Memorial Service for †**ELIAS SHEHADA FINO**, offered by Afaf Fino and family.
- 1-Year Memorial Service for †**ATALLAH HINDELEH**, offered by the Hindeleh family.

## COMMEMORATIONS

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

## YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

TODAY – **OPEN**

↳ **Apr 19** – **OPEN**



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**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – SAINT MARY OF EGYPT</b>	
	• 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. 24-25</i> )	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights ( <i>see pg. 28</i> )	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee Hour ( <i>see pg. 32</i> )	After Liturgy
Mon, Mar 30	• LLC Board Zoom Meeting	5:30 pm
	• Great Compline Service at Saint Katherine's Mission ( <i>see pg. 42</i> )	6:30 pm
Tue, Mar 31	• Beautification Committee Meeting	11:00 am
	• Vision and Development Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Apr 1	• Parish Council Leadership Meeting	9:00 am
	• Pre-Communion Prayers ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	6:45 pm
	• Presanctified Liturgy ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 3	Compline Service for Lazarus Saturday, followed by Potluck Dinner ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 4	• Pre-Communion Prayers ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	8:30 am
	• Orthros (Matins) Service for Lazarus Saturday ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	8:45 am
	• Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service for Palm Sunday ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	5:00 pm
Sun, Apr 5	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – PALM SUNDAY</b>	
	• 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
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• 1st Bridegroom Service ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	7:00 pm
Mon, Apr 6	• Pre-Communion Prayers ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	9:45 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	10:00 am
	• 2nd Bridegroom Service ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	7:00 pm
Tue, Apr 7	• Pre-Communion Prayers ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	9:45 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	10:00 am
	• 3rd Bridegroom Service ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	7:00 pm
Wed, Apr 8	• Pre-Communion Prayers ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	9:45 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	10:00 am
	• Service of the Sacrament of Holy Unction ( <i>see pg. 17-19</i> )	7:00 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**



**WED-SUN  
JUN 17-21**

**Parish Life Conference**



**SAT-SAT  
AUG 1-15**

**DORMITION SEASON**



**SAT**



*Annual Legacy Ball  
- 63rd Anniversary*

## On Intercommunion

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

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، تتطلّب - 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

"أني 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 ابتهاً 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:
5th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 29th</b>	 <b>SAINT MARY of EGYPT</b> 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! <b>APRIL 5th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> 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 <b>APRIL 10th</b>	 <b>GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, and Phones to honor Christ's Death.
Feast of Feasts! <b>APRIL 12th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> 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 الخامس من الصوم <b>29 آذار</b>	 القديسة مريم المصرية الرسالة: عب 9: 11-14 الإنجيل: مرقس 10: 32-45	أطلبوا من العذراء والدة الإله أن تمنحكم وتمنح العالم أفكاراً طاهرة.
أحد الشعانين <b>5 نيسان</b> بدء الأسبوع العظيم	 بدء الأسبوع العظيم المقدس دخول السيد إلى اورشليم الرسالة: قلوب 4: 4-9 الإنجيل: يوحنا 12: 1-18	زينوا الأيقونات بسعف النخل في بيوتكم وسياراتكم!
الجمعة العظيمة <b>10 نيسان</b>	 موت المسيح على الصليب تحقق من أوقات الصلوات في هذه الأيام المقدسة.	امتنعوا عن التلفزيون والإنترنت وعن استخدام هواتفكم.
عيد الأعياد! <b>12 نيسان</b> نهاية الصوم الكبير!	 الفصح المقدس! (المسيح قام!) الرسالة: اعمال 1: 1-8 الإنجيل: يوحنا 1: 1-17	القوا التحية قائلين "المسيح قام" عوضاً عن صباح الخير أو مساء الخير!

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## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sun, Mar 29	5 <sup>th</sup> 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 النّوم الكبّرى	6:30 pm
Wed, Apr 1	Pre-Communion Prayers صلاة قبل المناولة	6:45 pm
	Presanctified Liturgy for the 6 <sup>th</sup> Week of Great Lent خِدمة القداس السابق تقدّيسه للأسبوع السادس من الصوم (البروجز ميني)	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 3	Compline Service with Canon of Lazarus خدمة صلاة النّوم 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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



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# 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.

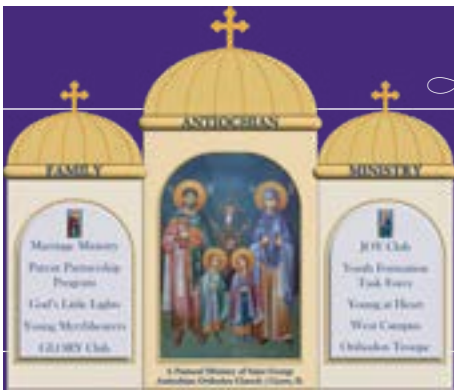
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# Antiochian Family Ministry presents... Great Friday All-Day Vigil Friday, April 10, 2026

## 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

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Evening Divine  
Liturgy and Artoklasia  
for the Patronal Feast  
of Saint George  
and the  
Anniversary of  
the Miraculous  
Weeping Icon

Wednesday  
April 22, 2026

6:45<sup>PM</sup>

Pre-Communion Prayers

7:00<sup>PM</sup>

Evening Divine Liturgy  
and Artoklasia





# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## Curriculum Update

### Lesson 25\*: "Betrayal by Judas" through "Peter's Denial"

Judas was a thief and took money from the treasury of the disciples. He allowed his greed to become so strong that he was even willing to betray Jesus for money. He went to the chief priests and asked, "How much will you give me to betray Jesus to you?" When they heard that, they were glad and they counted out thirty pieces of silver to him. From that moment on, Judas sought for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them.

When the time had come to eat the Passover on Thursday evening, Jesus was at the table with the disciples. He sadly said, "Truly, I say to you that one of you will betray Me." Of course, that was shocking to the disciples and they each began to ask Him, "Lord, is it I?" But Jesus only said that it was necessary that this should happen to Him to fulfill the scriptures, but that it would have been better for the traitor if he had never been born. Even Judas asked Him, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus said to him, you said so, and He sent him away to do what he needed to do.

Jesus said to the disciples that before the night was over, they would all forsake Him, leaving Him to be mocked and crucified by His enemies, and that Peter would deny Him three times. They went to the Garden of Gethsemane, also known as the Mount of Olives. They all fell asleep, including Peter. Judas came with the officers from the Jewish Temple, not the Romans. They grabbed Jesus to arrest Him.

Jesus was showing us that obedience to God is not always easy. Sometimes it is very difficult and even dangerous, but if we love Him and have faith, we will always do what He asks of us.

*\* LESSON 25 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026.*

Did you  
**KNOW?**

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
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
Sun   Jun 7	Annual Graduation Blessing Ceremony

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**

> > > 1<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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<sup>AM</sup>**

**\$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

## SPIRITUAL EVENT

Sat | May 2

4:45PM-8PM

VESPERS

DINNER | ACTIVITY

# Faith in the FIRE

The power of the faith of the  
Three Holy Youths

\$10/person



RSVP HERE  
by Thu, 04/30



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All youth (ages 9-12) welcome!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

# Teen SOYO

## Save the Date...

### TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

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FRI, APR 10

All-Day Vigil for Great and Holy Friday

SUN, APR 26

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

SAT, MAY 9

Baking for Mother's Day

FRI, MAY 15

Teen SOYO Golf Event

SUN, MAY 24

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

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Sun, March 29</b> | Coffee Hour in the YAF House             |
| <b>Fri, April 17</b> | General Meeting and Dinner               |
| <b>Sun, April 19</b> | YAF Café in the Church Hall              |
| <b>Sun, May 3</b>    | Coffee Hour in the YAF House             |
| <b>Sun, May 17</b>   | YAF Café in the Church Hall              |
| <b>Sat, May 30</b>   | Welcome Night for High School Graduates  |
| <b>Sun, May 31</b>   | Coffee Hour in the YAF House             |
| <b>Sun, June 14</b>  | YAF Café in the Church Hall              |
| <b>Sun, June 28</b>  | General Meeting and Elections            |
| <b>October 15-17</b> | 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!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



# ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

## SPIRITUAL SISTERS *Circle* MINISTRY

*Complimentary*  
EVENT

Coffee, Tea,  
and Cookies

RSVP by  
Fri | Apr 17



Faith † Fellowship † Sisterhood

### DATE / TIME

*Fri, Apr 17, 2026*

*7:00 pm - 9:30 pm*

*NEXT DATES: Mon, May 11*

### TOPIC

*"Let's Unlearn—So Christ  
Can Rebuild in Us"*

*What if we could unlearn how we were raised?*

# ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!



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.



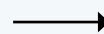
### Items We Are Collecting



- 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*

# SÁBADO 18 DE ABRIL

GRANDES  
VÍSPERAS  
EN ESPAÑOL  
5:00 PM

ESTUDIO  
BÍBLICO  
6:00 PM



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## THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS—CICERO CHAPTER



# WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

*Live Entertainment*

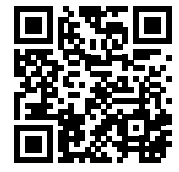
**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 | 7:00 PM**

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

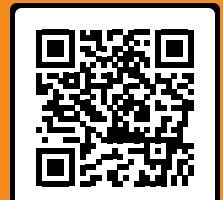
Summer  
Camp



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

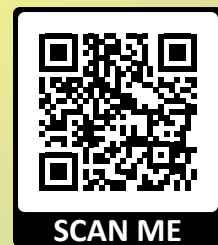
The Order of Saint Ignatius  
Cicero Chapter and National!

### 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***

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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**

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**FATHER ATHANASIOS EMMERT**  
**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**  
**2026 APPLICATION**

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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](mailto:TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org) and inquire about educational grants.

**Application DUE Sunday, August 2, 2026**  
**Send Completed Application to [TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org](mailto:TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org)**



# 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



SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC  
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# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

## SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Registration  
Deadline

**FRIDAY,  
MAY 1**

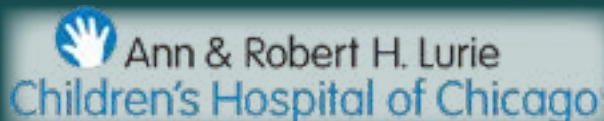


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- CANTIGNY GOLF COURSE  
27W270 MACK RD, WHEATON, IL
- CHECK-IN 11:00 AM
- BRUNCH & PROGRAM
- PUTTING CONTEST
- SHOT GUN START
- AFTER-GOLF SOCIAL WITH AWARDS, RAFFLE  
DRAWING, AND COCKTAILS
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL-DAY ADMISSION\*  
*\*ADMISSION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

**RAFFLE  
ON-COURSE  
EXPERIENCES  
SILENT  
AUCTION**

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit





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

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**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](http://www.StGeorgeChi.org/Golf) | 📞 (708) 656-2927

# NEW FORMAT!

# GREAT PRIZES!

# WORTHY CAUSE!



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## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, CICERO, IL 25<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLF CLASSIC RAFFLE

**PORTION OF PROFITS  
TO BENEFIT:**

 Ann & Robert H. Lurie  
Children's Hospital of Chicago

 St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital

**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)

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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)

**Purchase your Raffle Tickets today!**

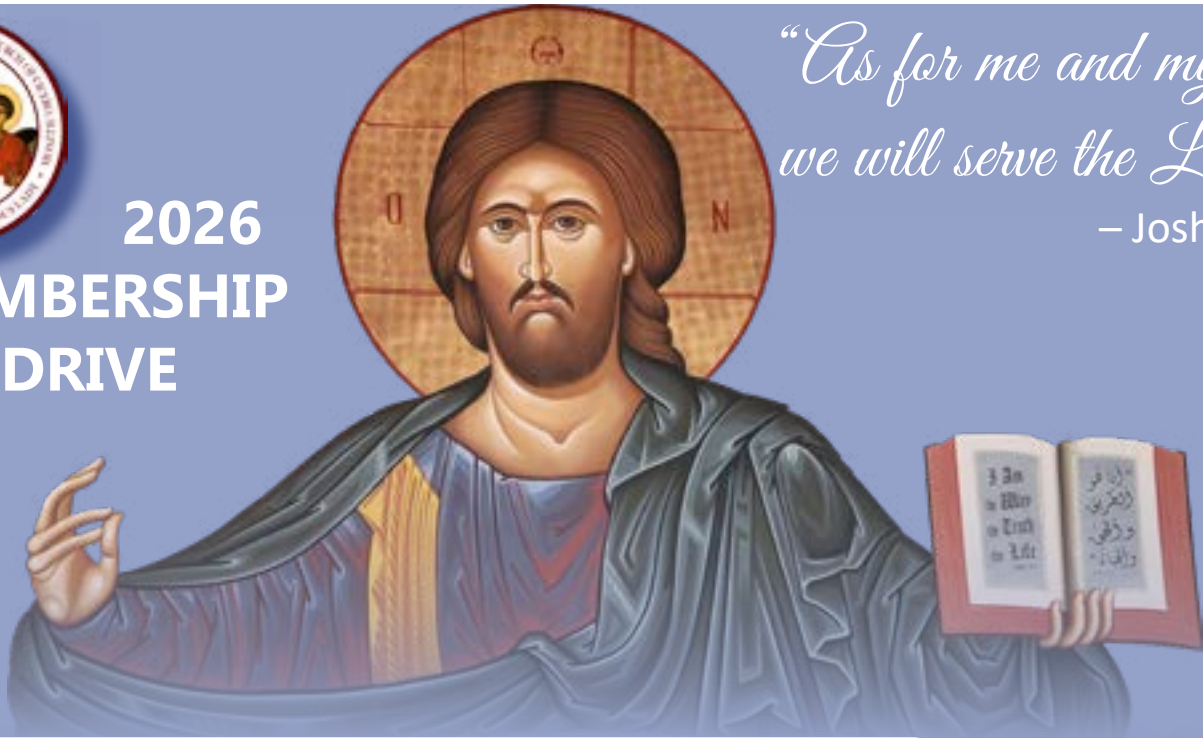
 [www.StGeorgeChi.org/Golf](http://www.StGeorgeChi.org/Golf) |  (708) 656-2927



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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,**

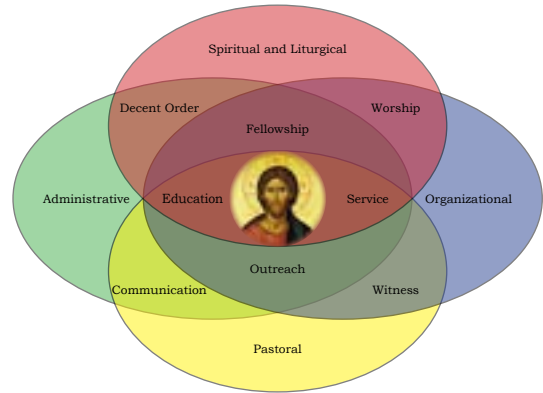
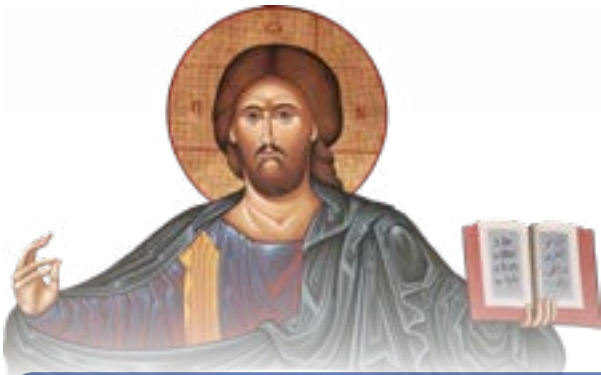
we are called to be one Body in Christ – united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- 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

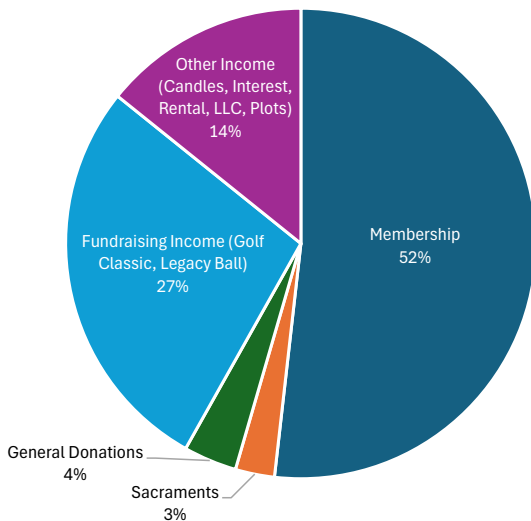
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

## OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

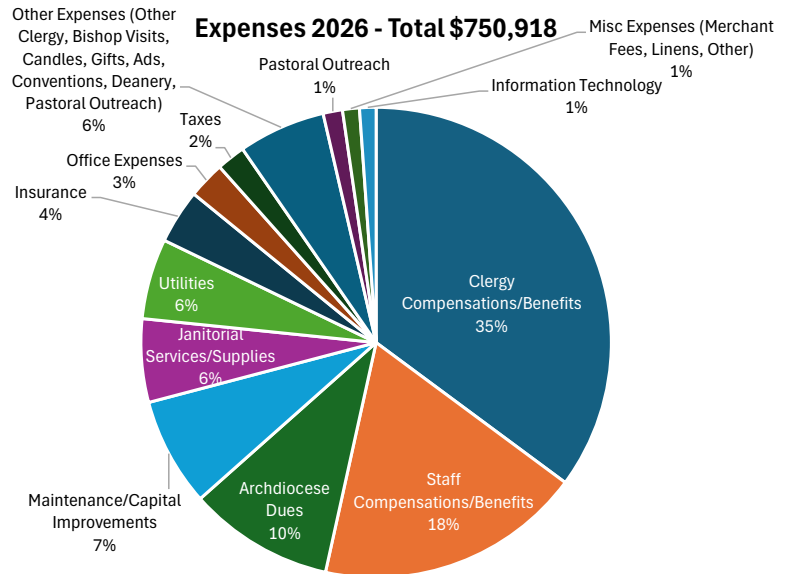
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

# 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.
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+
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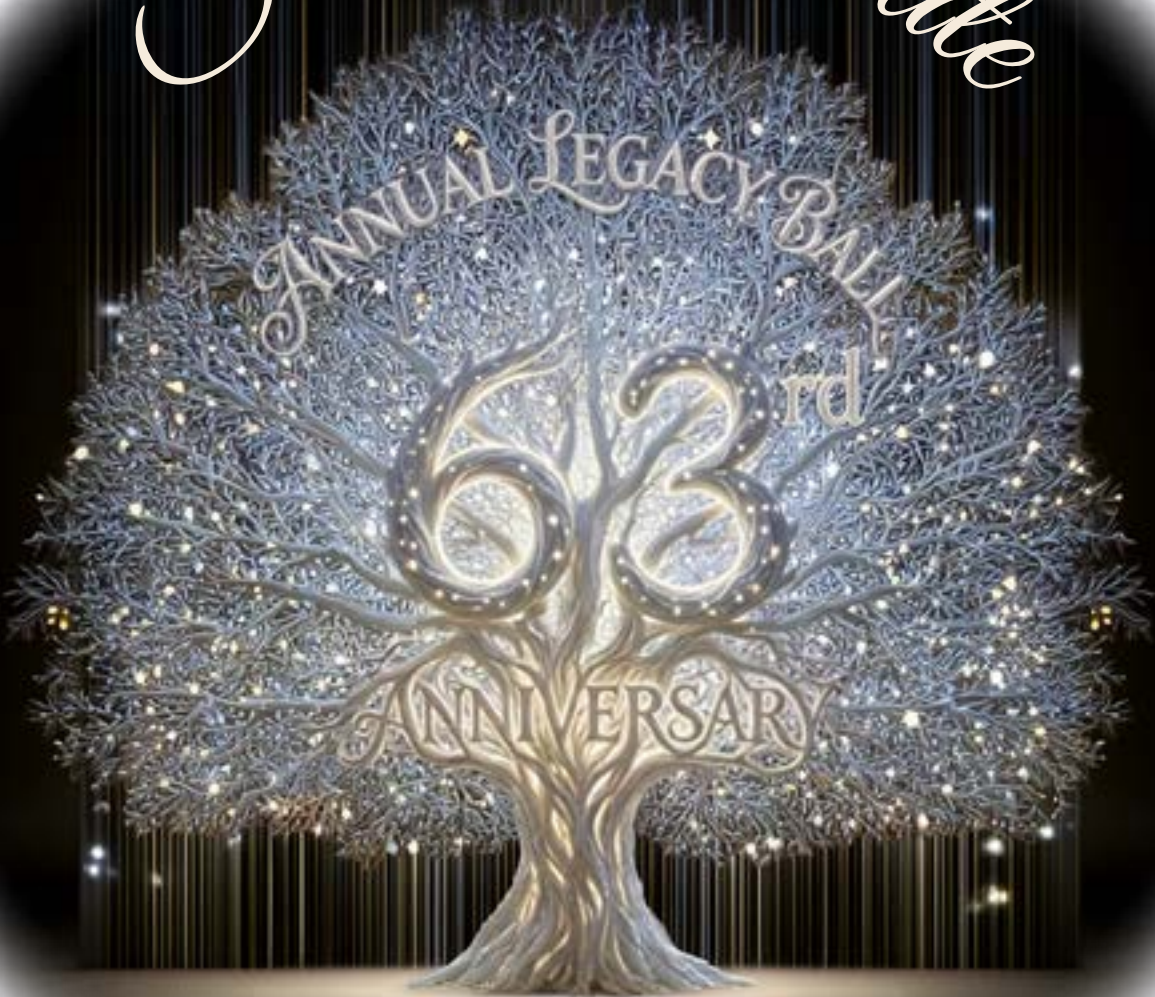


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وَيَسْتَمِرُّ لِعَايَةِ عيدِ الفِصحِ في 12 نيسان.

خِلالَ هَذَا المَوْسَمِ المُبَارَكِ، يَجِبُ أَنْ يَتَرافَقَ الصَّومُ  
مَعَ الفَضَائِلِ، وَخاصَّةً قِراءةَ الإنجيلِ، والمُواظَبَةُ  
على الصَّلَاةِ، وَعَمَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ والإِحسانِ لِلغَيْرِ.  
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## GREAT LENT BEGAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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*.