

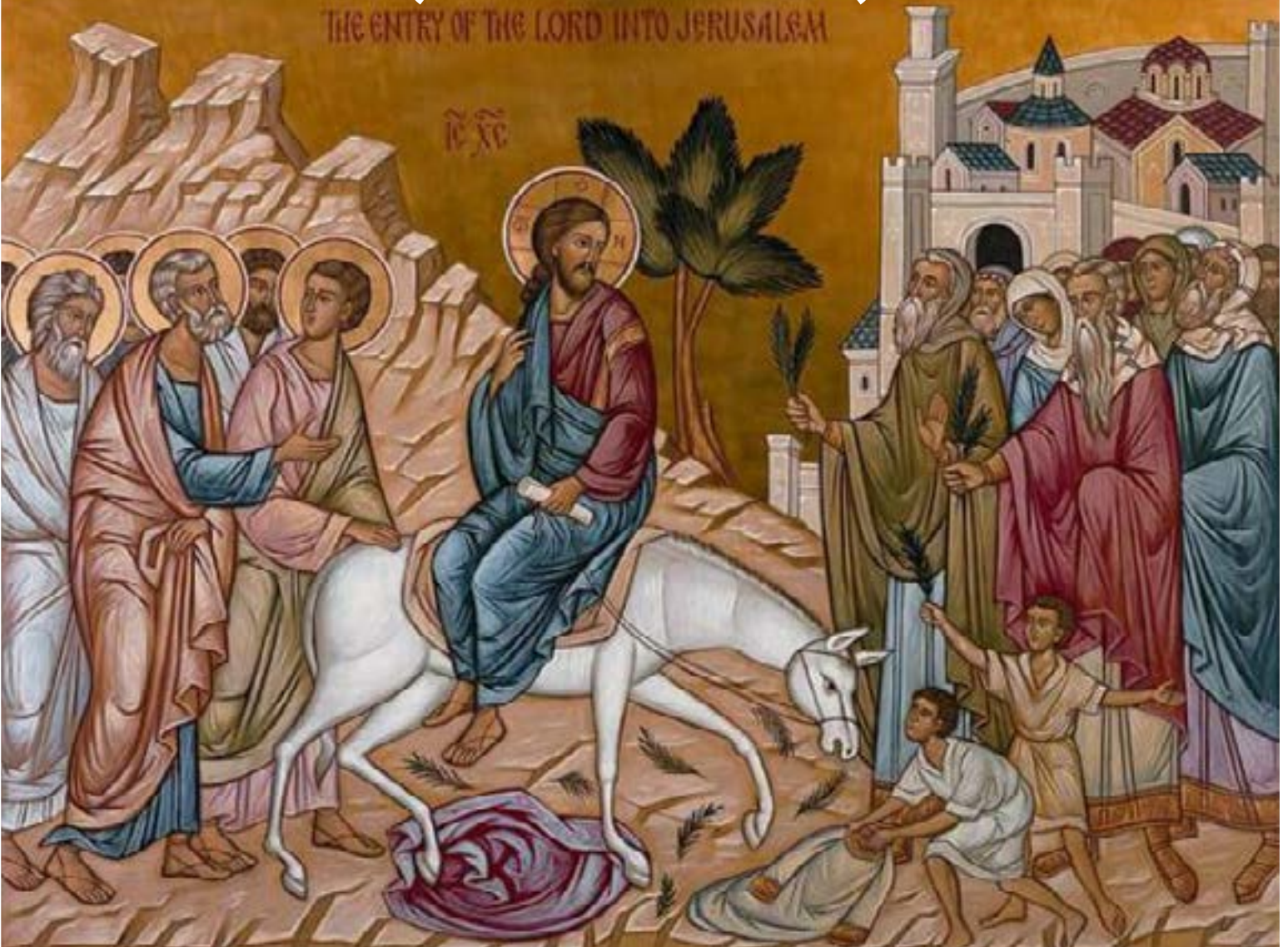


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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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!

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Palm Sunday, April 5, 2026

Beloved hierarchs, reverend clergy, esteemed faithful in Christ,

Christ is in our midst! As we enter the solemn and life-giving days of Holy Week, our hearts turn with love and filial devotion to our Mother Church of Antioch and to our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X. Each Palm Sunday, the Archdiocese takes up a special collection to support the Patriarchate in its sacred witness. This year, more than ever, your generosity is indispensable.

Our Mother Church continues to endure profound hardship. The ongoing war and strife throughout the Middle East have inflicted deep wounds upon the faithful, the clergy, and the parishes that have stood for centuries as living testimonies of the Gospel. Violence and economic instability have placed unbearable weight on families already struggling to survive. Many of our brothers and sisters face daily uncertainty, and entire communities that once flourished are now diminished.

Yet, the Patriarchate remains steadfast in its mission. With limited means, it tirelessly provides food, housing assistance, medical care, education, pastoral support, and the simple but essential reassurance that the Church has not abandoned her children. His Beatitude and those who labor beside him do all they can to help the faithful who remain, so that their lives may be stable, dignified, and rooted in hope and so that our Christian presence and witness remain steadfast.

For this reason, I ask each of you to give generously to the Palm Sunday collection in your churches for the Patriarchate. Your offering — no matter its size — becomes an act of solidarity, a gesture of compassion, and a tangible expression of love toward those who endure suffering with remarkable faith. Together, we help sustain our brothers and sisters and strengthen the apostolic mission entrusted to the Church of Antioch.

May the Lord Who entered Jerusalem in humility and love, grant you a solemn Holy Week and a joyous and grace-filled Feast of the Resurrection.

With paternal love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T. Saba".

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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، السَّمَاوِيِّ، 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 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 نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.

فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
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

FIRST ANTIPHON

I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of hell beset me.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

لَقَدْ اَمْتَلْتُ فَرَحًا لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ سَيَسْمَعُ صَوْتِ
تَضَرُّعِي. غَمَرَاتُ الْمَوْتِ اَكْتَفَقْنِي، وَأَهْوَالُ
الْجَحِيمِ أَدْرَكْتَنِي.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِي، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

أَقْبَيْتُ الضَّيْقَ وَالْأَسَى، وَدَعَوْتُ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، فَيَا
رَبُّ نَجِّ نَفْسِي. أَسْأَلُكَ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ فِي أَرْضِ الْأَحْيَاءِ

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِي، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ. الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِي، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

أَمَنْتُ وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ، لَكِنِّي كُنْتُ مَكْرُوبًا جِدًّا. بِمَاذَا
أُكَافِئُ الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانِي؟

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ جَلَسَ عَلَى جَحْشِ
ابْنِ آتَانَ، لِئُرْتَبَلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوبِيَا.

كَأْسَ الْخَلَّاصِ أَقْبَلُ، وَبِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعُو.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ جَلَسَ عَلَى جَحْشِ
ابْنِ آتَانَ، لِئُرْتَبَلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوبِيَا.

أُوفِي نُذُورِي لِلرَّبِّ أَمَامَ كُلِّ شَعْبِهِ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ جَلَسَ عَلَى جَحْشِ
ابْنِ آتَانَ، لِئُرْتَبَلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوبِيَا.

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدَ...



THIRD ANTIPHON

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

إِعْتَرِفُوا لِلرَّبِّ فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ هَارُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ خَائِفُو الرَّبِّ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ.

TROPARION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (TONE 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، لَمَّا أَقَمْتَ لِعَازَرَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ قَبْلَ الْأَمَلِكِ، حَقَّقْتَ الْقِيَامَةَ الْعَامَّةَ. لِذَلِكَ وَنَحْنُ كَالْأَطْفَالِ، نَحْمِلُ عَلَامَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ وَالظَّفَرِ، صَارِحِينَ نَحْوَكُ يَا غَالِبَ الْمَوْتِ: أَوْصَنَا فِي الْأَعَالِي، مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE FEAST

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، اللَّهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا. حَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ جَلَسَ عَلَى جَحْشِ ابْنِ آتَانَ، لِنُرْتَلِّ لَكَ: هَلْلُويَا.

TROPARION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (TONE 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، لَمَّا أَقَمْتَ لِعَازَرَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ قَبْلَ الْأَمَلِكِ، حَقَّقْتَ الْقِيَامَةَ الْعَامَّةَ. لِذَلِكَ وَنَحْنُ كَالْأَطْفَالِ، نَحْمِلُ عَلَامَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ وَالظَّفَرِ، صَارِحِينَ نَحْوَكُ يَا غَالِبَ الْمَوْتِ: أَوْصَنَا فِي الْأَعَالِي، مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

TROPARION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، لَمَّا دُفِنَّا مَعَكَ بِالْمَعْمُودِيَّةِ، اسْتَأْهَلْنَا بِقِيَامَتِكَ الْحَيَاةَ الْخَالِدَةَ. فَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُكَ هَاتِفِينَ: أَوْصَنَا فِي الْأَعَالِي، مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 6)

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

يَا مَنْ هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَرَاكِبٌ جَحْشًا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، لَقَدْ تَقَبَّلْتَ تَسَابِيحَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَتَمَاجِيدَ الْأَطْفَالِ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، هَاتِفِينَ إِلَيْكَ: مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ الْآتِي لِتُعِيدَ آدَمَ ثَانِيًا.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

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

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله * اكتبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةَ مُحامية * وأقدمُ لكِ الشُّكرَ كَمُنقذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدائد * لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَب * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشَّدائد * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Faraj Shahrstan

Today

Jameel Haddad

Matthew Ablan

Apr 11 (Apr 12)

Chadi Karam

EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the
Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of
Saint Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

مُباركُ الآتي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

إعترفوا للرَّبِّ فإنَّهُ صالحٌ وإنَّ إلى الأبدِ رحمتهُ.

فصلٌ من رسالةِ القديسِ بولسَ

الرسولِ إلى أهلِ فيلبي (4:4-9)

يا إخوة، أفرحوا في الرَّبِّ كُلَّ حينٍ وأقولُ أيضاً أفرحوا. وليظهِرْ جِلْمُكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الناسِ. فإنَّ الرَّبَّ قَريبٌ. لا تَهتَمُّوا البتَّة، بل في كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَلتَكُنْ طَلِبَاتُكُمْ مَعْلُومَةً لَدَى اللهِ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالتَّضَرُّعِ مَعَ الشُّكْرِ. وَلِيحْفَظْ سَلامُ اللهِ، الذي يَفوقُ كُلَّ عَقْلِ، قُلُوبَكُمْ وَبِصَائِرَكُمْ فِي يسوعِ المسيحِ. وَبَعْدُ أَيُّهَا الإخوة، مَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حَقِّ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَافٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَدْلِ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ طَهَارَةٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ صِفَةٍ مُحَبَّبَةٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حُسْنِ صِيَتٍ، إِنْ تَكُنْ فَضِيلَةً، وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مَذْحُجٌ، فَفِي هَذِهِ افْتَكِرُوا. وَمَا تَعَلَّمْتُمُوهُ، وَتَسَلَّمْتُمُوهُ، وَسَمِعْتُمُوهُ، وَرَأَيْتُمُوهُ فِيَّ، فَهَذَا اعْمَلُوا، وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel
according to Saint John (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يوحنا

الإنجيلي البشير، والتلميذ الطاهر (12:1-18)

قَبْلَ الْفِصْحِ بِسِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى بَيْتِ عَنِيَا حَيْثُ كَانَ لِعَازَرُ الَّذِي مَاتَ فَأَقَامَهُ يَسُوعُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَصَنَعُوا لَهُ هُنَاكَ عَشَاءً، وَكَانَتْ مَرْثَا تَخْدِمُ، وَكَانَ لِعَازَرُ أَحَدَ الْمُتَكَبِّينَ مَعَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْيَمُ فَأَخَذَتْ رَطْلَ طَيْبٍ نَارِدِينَ خَالِصٍ، كَثِيرِ الثَّمَنِ، وَدَهَنْتْ قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ وَمَسَحَتْ قَدَمَيْهِ بِشَعْرِهَا. فَامْتَلَأَ الْبَيْتُ مِنْ رَائِحَةِ الطَّيْبِ. فَقَالَ أَحَدُ تَلَامِيذِهِ، يَهُوذَا ابْنُ سَمْعَانَ الْأَسْخَرِيوُطِيِّ، الَّذِي كَانَ مُزْمِعاً أَنْ يُسَلِّمَهُ، "لِمَ لَمْ يَبْعَ هَذَا الطَّيْبُ بِثَلَاثِ مِئَةِ دِينَارٍ وَيُعْطَى لِلْمَسَاكِينِ؟" وَإِنَّمَا قَالَ هَذَا لِأَهْتِمَاماً بِالْمَسَاكِينِ، بَلْ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ سَارِقاً وَكَانَ الصُّنْدُوقُ عِنْدَهُ، وَكَانَ يَحْمِلُ مَا يُلْقَى فِيهِ. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "دَعُهَا، إِنَّمَا حَفِظْتُهُ لِيَوْمِ دَفْنِي، فَإِنَّ الْمَسَاكِينِ هُمْ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلَسْتُ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ". وَعَلِمَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ، فَجَاؤُوا، لَا مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ فَقَطْ، بَلْ لِيَنْظُرُوا أَيْضاً لِعَازَرَ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَأَتَمَرَ رُؤْسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ أَنْ يَقْتُلُوا لِعَازَرَ أَيْضاً، لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ كَانُوا بِسَبَبِهِ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيُؤْمِنُونَ بِيَسُوعَ. وَفِي الْعَدَدِ، لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ الَّذِينَ جَاؤُوا إِلَى الْعِيدِ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، أَخَذُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ وَخَرَجُوا لِلِقَائِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ قَائِلِينَ: "هُوَشَعْنَا، مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلِ". وَإِنَّ يَسُوعَ وَجَدَ جَحْشاً فَرَكَبَهُ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونَ. هَا إِنَّ مَلِكَكَ يَأْتِيكَ رَاكِباً عَلَى جَحْشِ ابْنِ أْتَانٍ". وَهَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءُ لَمْ يَفْهَمَهَا تَلَامِيذُهُ أَوَّلًا، وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا مُجِّدَ يَسُوعَ حِينَئِذٍ تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّ هَذِهِ إِنَّمَا كُتِبَتْ عَنْهُ وَأَنَّهُمْ عَمِلُوهَا لَهُ. وَكَانَ الْجَمْعُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعَهُ حِينَ نَادَى لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَشْهَدُونَ لَهُ. وَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا بِأَنَّهُ قَدْ صَنَعَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ

MAGNIFICATION HYMN FOR PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ; and with palms and branches let us raise our voices unto him with praise, saying, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord our Savior.

اللَّهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا، فَأَقِيمُوا الْعِيدَ وَابْتَهَجُوا، وَهَلِّمْنَا
نُعْظِمِ الْمَسِيحَ، وَبِسَعْفٍ وَأَغْصَانٍ نَهْتِفُ بِالتَّسَابِيحِ
قَائِلِينَ: مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مُخْلِصِنَا.

COMMUNION HYMN FOR PALM SUNDAY (TONE 8)

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. هَلِّلُويَا.

INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT” SING TROPARION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (TONE 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

أَيْهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ، لَمَّا أَقَمْتَ لِعَازَرَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ
قَبْلَ الْأَمِكِ، حَقَّقْتَ الْقِيَامَةَ الْعَامَّةَ لِذَلِكَ وَنَحْنُ
كَالْأَطْفَالِ، نَحْمِلُ عِلَامَاتِ الْعَلْبَةِ وَالظَّفَرِ، صَارِحِينَ
نَحْوِكَ يَا غَالِبَ الْمَوْتِ: أَوْصِنَا فِي الْأَعَالِي، مُبَارَكُ
الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

THE SYNAXARION

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

*He Who stretcheth out the firmament and sat on the foal,
Seeketh to release mortals from un-reason.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of “Hosanna” is, “We pray Thee, save.” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.



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Thu, Apr 9 – Anonymous

Sat, Apr 11 AM – **OPEN**

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

Apr 19 – Wisaf Ghanma and Family
– Juliette Mitri Khoury and
Family

Wed, Apr 22 – George and Ibtisam
Imreibe and Family

Apr 26 – Afaf Fino and Family
– The Hindeleh Family
– Sdn. Mazen and
Souzan Rihani and
Family



Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Matthew and Laila
Schut and Family

Apr 12 – **Paschal Breakfast**

Apr 19 – Juliette Mitri Khoury and
Family

Wed, Apr 22 – George and Ibtisam
Imreibe and Family

Apr 26 – Hanna and Tanya
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CHURCHINGS

Apr 19 ISMAIL, son of Andres Tiburcio and
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BAPTISMS

Apr 19 JACOB, son of Elias and Julia
Shiheiber.

Apr 26 MUNTHER, son of Jacob and Nicole
Rayyan.

May 2 JOSEPH, son of Dr. Awni and Sara
Sweis.

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.

May 3 40-Day Memorial Service for †HANNA FARAH SABA, offered by Siham Saba and family.

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PASCHAL BREAKFAST



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

***Saturday Night* FOLLOWING PASCHAL LITURGY**



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THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS – CICERO CHAPTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Apr 5	6TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – PALM SUNDAY	
	• 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. 18-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Mon, Apr 6	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	9:45 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• 2nd Bridegroom Service (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Tue, Apr 7	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	9:45 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• 3rd Bridegroom Service (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Wed, Apr 8	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	9:45 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• Service of the Sacrament of Holy Unction (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Thu, Apr 9	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	8:30 am
	• Orthros (Matins) Service for Holy Thursday (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	8:45 am
	• Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• Service of the 12 Passion Gospels (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 10	• All-Day Vigil for Great and Holy Friday (<i>see pgs. 16, 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• Royal Hours Service (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service for Taking Down from the Cross (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	3:00 pm
	• Service of Lamentations (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 11	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	9:45 am
	• Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 am
	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	9:45 pm
	• Rush Procession and Matins Service followed by Paschal Divine Liturgy (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	10:00 pm
Sun, Apr 12	Agape Vespers Service (<i>see pg. 18-19</i>)	1:00 pm
Mon, Apr 13	Antiochian Men (A-Men) Officers' Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm
Tue, Apr 14	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Apr 15	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Thu, Apr 16	• Safety and Security Protocol Committee Zoom Meeting	5:00 pm
	• Marriage Ministry Coordinators' Zoom Meeting	6:00 pm
Fri, Apr 17	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) General Meeting and Dinner (<i>see pg. 34</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Spiritual Sisters Circle Ministry (<i>see pg. 32</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 18	• Glory Club Social Event (<i>see pg. 28</i>)	12:00 pm
	• Great Vespers Service in Spanish (<i>see pg. 36</i>)	5:00 pm
	• Bible Study in Spanish (<i>see pg. 36</i>)	After Vespers

Dates to Remember!



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*Annual Legacy Ball
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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 (Mysterium 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."

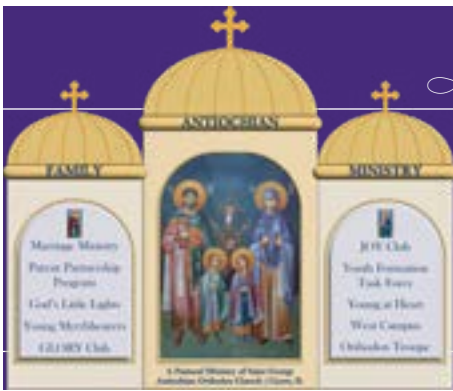
جدير بالذكر أن البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني أهدى البطريرك المسكوني ديمتريوس في العام 1979، في عيد القديس أندراوس الرسول شفيع الكنيسة القسطنطينية، (30 تشرين الثاني)، كأساً مذهبة نقش عليها باللاتينية: "نتطلع معاً إلى اليوم الذي نتناول فيه سوياً من الكأس الواحدة."

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



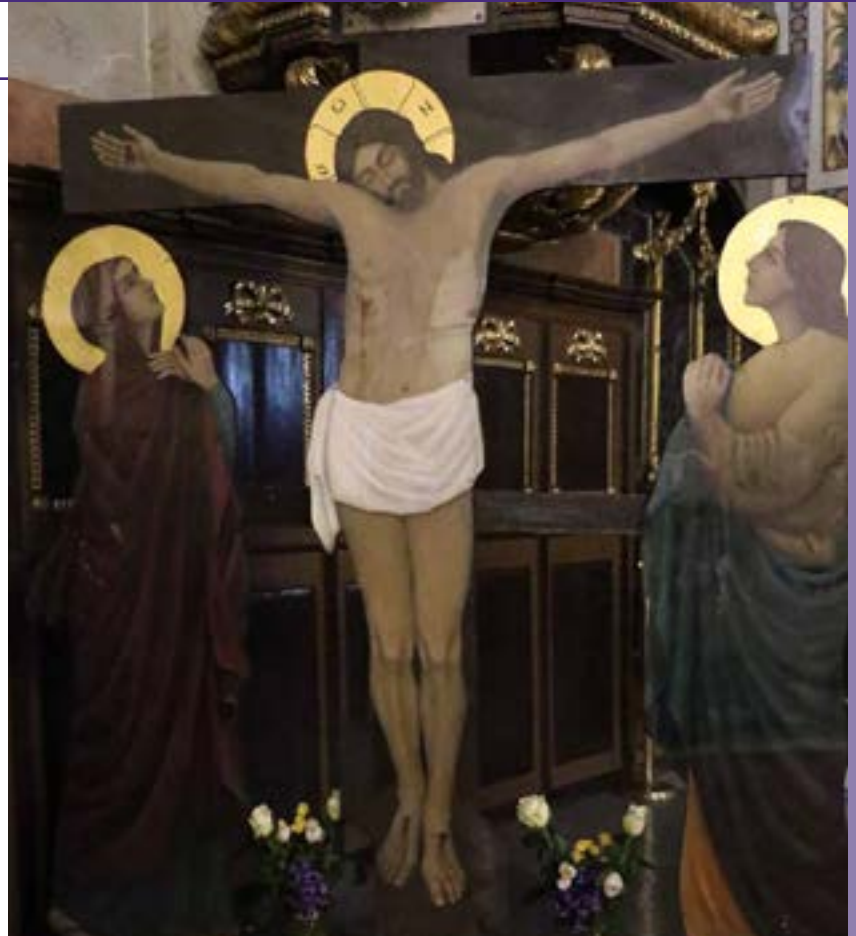
Antiochian Family Ministry presents...

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

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
<p>PALM SUNDAY! APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS</p> 	<p><i>GREAT and HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18</p>	<p>Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!</p>
<p>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 10th</p> 	<p><i>GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY</i> JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE</p>	<p>Refrain from TV, Internet, and Phones to honor Christ's Death.</p>
<p>Feast of Feasts! APRIL 12th NO FASTING!</p> 	<p><i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17</p>	<p>Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" and say it before good morning and goodnight!</p>



طريقنا إلى الفصح! 2026

كيفية المشاركة	الموضوع / الإنجيل	الأحد
<p>زِينُوا الأيقونات بِسُعْفِ النخْلِ فِي بَيْتِكُمْ وَسِيَّارَاتِكُمْ!</p>	<p>بدء الأسبوع العظيم المُقدَّس دخول السيد إلى اورشليم الرسالة: فليبي 4:4-9 الإنجيل: يوحنا 12:1-18 الجمعة العظيمة</p>	<p>أحد الشعانين 5 نيسان بدء الأسبوع العظيم</p>
<p>إمتنعوا عن التلفزيون والإنترنت وعن استخدام هواتفكم.</p>	<p>موت المسيح على الصليب تحقق من أوقات الصلوات في هذه الأيام المقدسة</p>	<p>الجمعة العظيمة 10 نيسان</p>
<p>القوا التحية قائلين "المسيح قام" عوضاً عن صباح الخير أو مساء الخير!</p>	<p>سبت النور الفصح المُقدَّس! (المسيح قام!) الرسالة: اعمال 1:1-8 الإنجيل: يوحنا 1:1-17</p>	<p>عيد الأعياد! 12 نيسان نهاية الصوم الكبير!</p>

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

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



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

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Rush Procession Candles

Saturday, April 11
10:00PM

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- 👉 Clothing (*new or gently used*)

Place items in appropriate cabinet



Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

An Organization of
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Cicero, IL

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^{PM}

Pre-Communion Prayers

7:00^{PM}

Evening Divine Liturgy
and Artoklasia



SUMMER BIBLE 2026 SCHOOL



Theme: "Around The World (CUP)"

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"
- John 9:5

Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 10

\$100/CAMPER
\$80/3RD SIBLING



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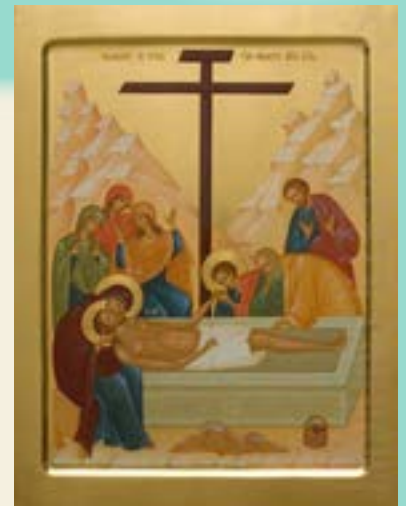


SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 26*: "Jesus is Questioned" through "The Burial of Jesus"

During the night Jesus was brought to stand trial before Caiaphas, the High Priest and the whole Council who judged matters for all Jews. The Chief Priest asked, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" (Mark 14:61). Jesus answered "I AM." He found Him guilty of blasphemy because He said He was the Son of God. In the morning, the whole Jewish council met again and agreed to take Jesus before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor. When they brought Jesus before Pilate, he asked, "Are You the King of the Jews?", and Jesus said, "It is as you say." The mob was now given a choice, which is the custom on a Feast Day to release a prisoner. The mob preferred to have the murderer, Barabbas, released rather than Jesus. They cried out "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" This was the second judgment. Pilate's wife sent him a message warning him to have nothing to do with this just man. He was a coward and feared going against the crowd, so he washed his hands of the matter and ordered the crucifixion. This was the third judgment.



When Judas saw what happened, he wished to return the money to the Jewish Priests saying, I have sinned and have betrayed this innocent man. The Jewish Priests did not care, they used Judas and got what they wanted.

The soldiers led Jesus into the great hall called the Praetorium. The mob mockingly clothed Him in purple, the color of a king's clothing. They braided thorns to make a mock crown to put on His head. They mockingly saluted Him, spat at Him. They forced Him to carry His own cross. When Jesus thirsted, they gave Him vinegar to drink.

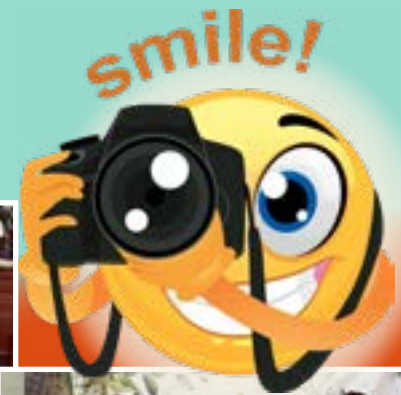
When the sixth hour came (noon), a darkness came over the land until the ninth hour (3:00 pm). Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" Even when Jesus asked God if there was some other way He could accomplish this task of taking away sin without having to endure pain and suffering, God let Him do the task He came to do. Jesus's mother was at the cross with the other devout women. Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit" and He died. There was a great earthquake, and the veil of the temple (the part that divided the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies) was torn from top to bottom.

** LESSON 26 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026.*

**BLESSED PALM SUNDAY
FROM THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND STAFF!**



CREATING MEMORIES

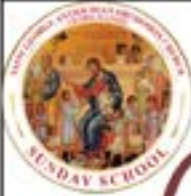


**2026
Confession
Retreat**

UPCOMING EVENTS...



Sundays after Communion	Sunday School Classes
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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Godparents' Sunday

*CELEBRATING THE SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
GODPARENTS AND GODCHILDREN IN THE CHURCH*

SUNDAY SCHOOL INVITES ALL

GODPARENTS AND **GODCHILDREN**

TO ATTEND LITURGY TOGETHER

SUNDAY

MAY
3
2026

AT 9:00 AM

KINDLY...SIT TOGETHER DURING LITURGY, RECITE THE BAPTISMAL VOWS TOGETHER, RECEIVE COMMUNION TOGETHER, AND JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS, SHORT PROGRAM, AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AFTER LITURGY!



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

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

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

SPRING CLEANING

Tasks available for
ALL skill levels!



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 8:00 AM
To Volunteer, Scan QR Code or
Email: Property@StGeorgeChi.org



**Work
together to
beautify the
Church!**





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

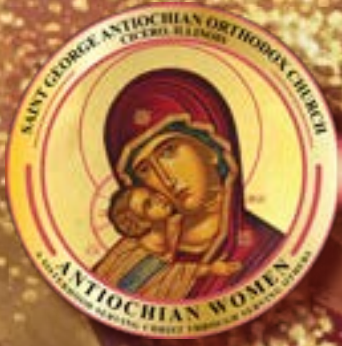
*"Let's Unlearn—So Christ
Can Rebuild in Us"*

What if we could unlearn how we were raised?

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN (AW)



a Ladies Spring Luncheon

Come Celebrate
the end of the 2025-2026 term!

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES

Honoring the outgoing officers and
a Tribute to the Service of the Outgoing President of four years,
Mrs. Abeer Kari!

2 MID AMERICA PLAZA SUITE 100
OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181



TUE | MAY 26
11:30^{AM} - 2:30^{PM}



RSVP by
Tue, May 19



SCAN ME

**\$45/
person**

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

Young Adult Fellowship

SAVE-THE-DATE

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 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

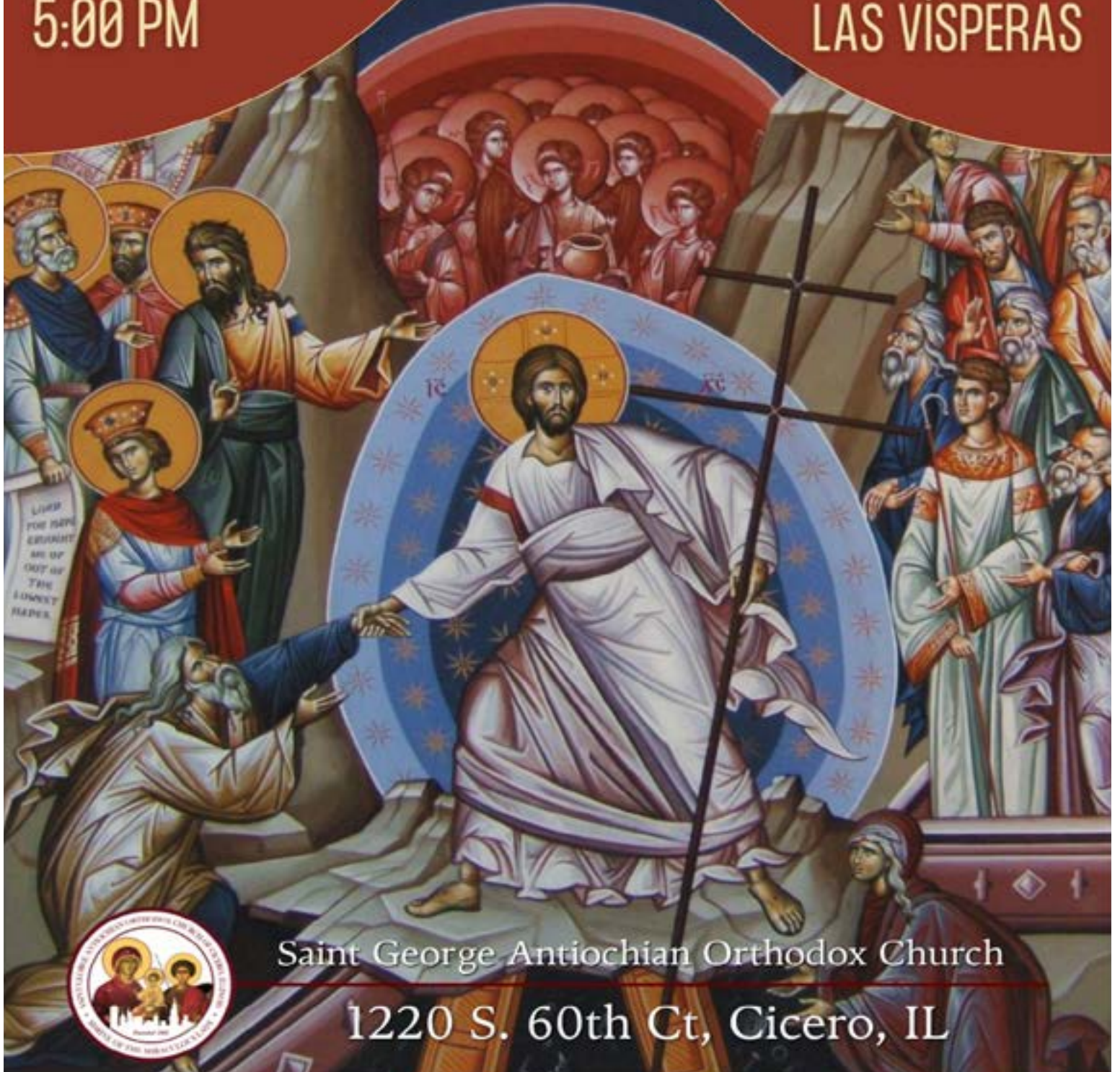
Thank you for your generosity!

All donations are greatly appreciated!

SÁBADO 18 DE ABRIL

GRANDES
VÍSPERAS
EN ESPAÑOL
5:00 PM

ESTUDIO
BÍBLICO
AL FINALIZAR
LAS VÍSPERAS



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1220 S. 60th Ct, Cicero, IL



Saint Katherine the Great Antiochian Orthodox Mission

SAVE THE DATE

With the Blessing of His Eminence **Metropolitan SABA**
Primate of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Saint Katherine Antiochian Orthodox Mission
in the Northern Suburbs of Chicagoland

Joyfully Announces

The Celebration of its Inaugural Divine Liturgy!

Come and Celebrate the very First Liturgy at the new Mission!

Saturday, May 16, 2026

8:45 a.m. Pre-Communion Prayers

9:00 a.m. Orthros (Matins) Service

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

*Celebratory Luncheon to Follow
Details Coming Soon!*

7313 Waukegan Road, Niles, Illinois 60714

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS—CICERO CHAPTER



WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

Live Entertainment

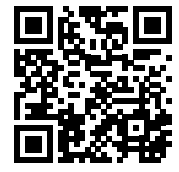
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 | 7:00 PM

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*



SCAN ME





Antiochian
Village

Pennsylvania



Registration
Opened
Wed | Feb 4

Registration Opened
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4th

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

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



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Camp St. George
I-OWA

June 28-July 4, 2026

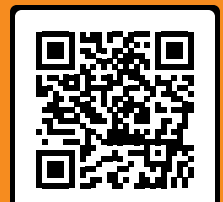
Summer
Camp



Registration is Open!

Secure your spot today!

<http://csgiowa.org/registration>



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NO CAMPER LEFT BEHIND!



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

SCHOLARSHIPS

available from

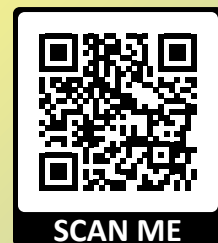
The Order of Saint Ignatius
Cicero Chapter and National!

No Camper Left Behind

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



DEADLINE TO APPLY
THU, APR 30



The Order of Saint Ignatius – Cicero Chapter

Summer Camp Scholarship – 2026

Application is DUE: Thursday, April 30, 2025

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

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

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

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

The Requirements:

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





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

FATHER ATHANASIOS EMMERT
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
2026 APPLICATION

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

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

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

The scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

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

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

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



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

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

2026 GRADUATES

ATTENTION ALL 2026 GRADUATES

8th Grade – High School – College (*Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate Degrees*) – Professional Certificate



Participate in the Eighth Annual **GRADUATION BLESSING CEREMONY**

Sunday, June 7 During Sunday Morning Services

Each participating graduate will be escorted down the Church aisle by their parents and receive a Blessing and Gift from Father Saba.
Sponsored by The Order of Saint Ignatius-Cicero Chapter.

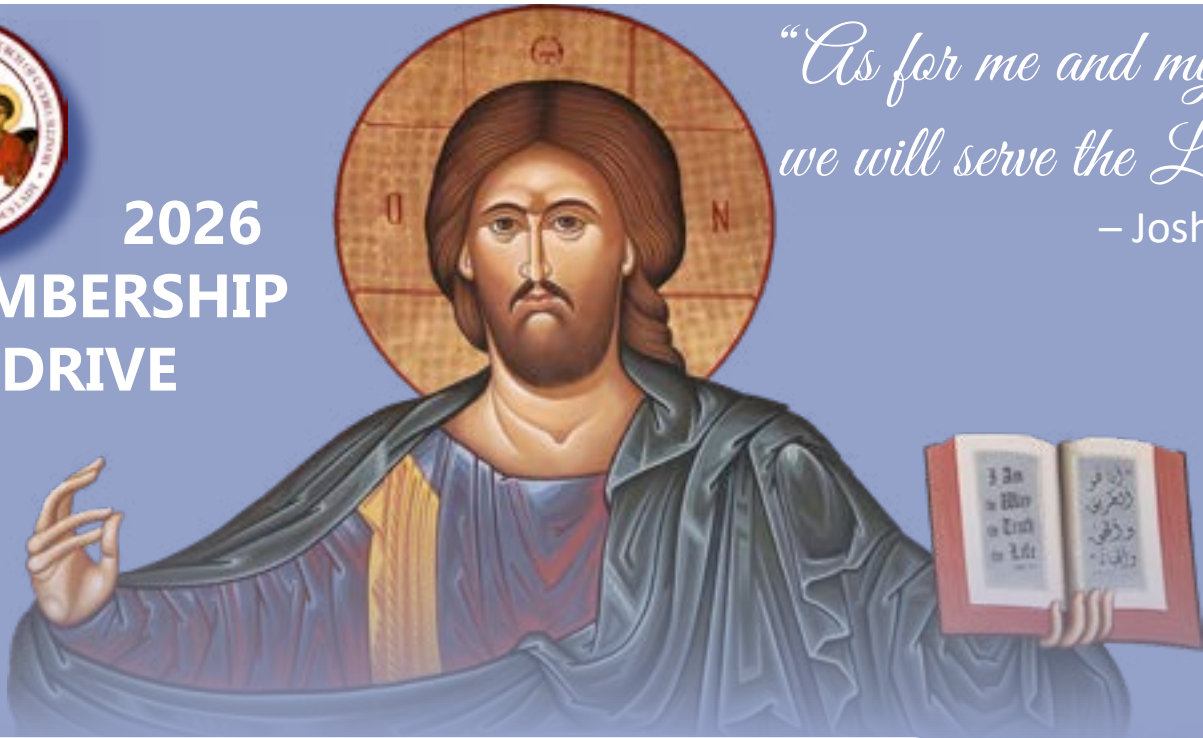
To participate in the ceremony, complete the **2026 Graduate Online Form** and submit with a high-resolution digital graduation photo (*cap and gown if available or formal attire headshot only*)
by SUNDAY, MAY 17TH.

Special Edition Graduation Bulletin will be published for the Ceremony. Non-participant 2026 Graduates may submit a graduation announcement for publication without a photo.





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,

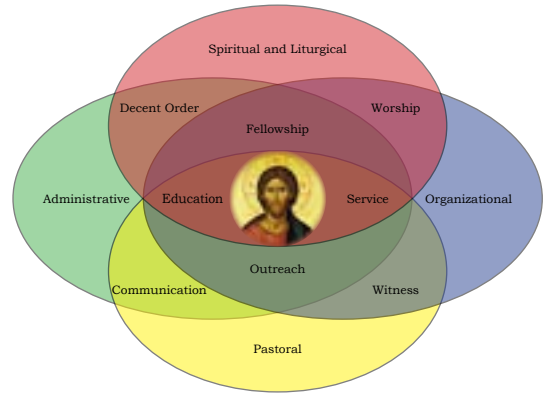
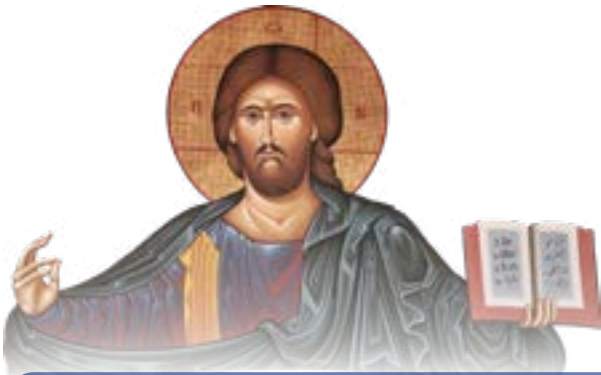
we are called to be one Body in Christ – united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- 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

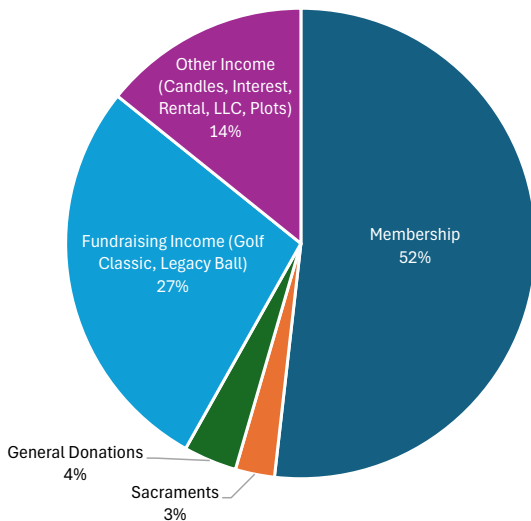
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

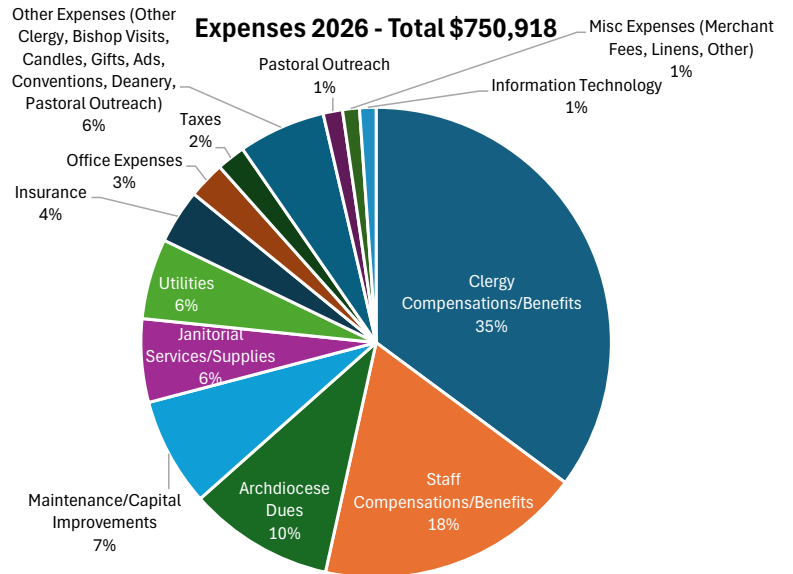
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

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

DIOCESE OF TOLEDO AND THE MIDWEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2026

JUNE 17-21, 2026

BEST WESTERN PLUS STRONGSVILLE/CLEVELAND

15471 ROYALTON RD, STRONGSVILLE, OH 44136

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP,
WORKSHOPS,
FELLOWSHIP AND
FUN!**

PLUS:

- BIBLE BOWL
- VBS
- TEEN EVENTS
- YOUNG ADULT
GROUP W/ FR.
ANTHONY YAZGE

**HOSTED BY:
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
(NORTH ROYALTON, OH)**



**GROUP RATE:
\$119.00
(DEADLINE MAY 18TH)**

**REGISTER
HERE:**



FR. JEREMY DAVIS
ARCH. VICAR OF THE
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO
& THE MIDWEST



FR. PAUL ABERNATHY
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



KRIS HOWARD
DIRECTOR OF
SACRED MUSIC



ROBERT SNYDER
DIRECTOR OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
MMXXVI

25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

Registration
Deadline

FRIDAY,
MAY 1



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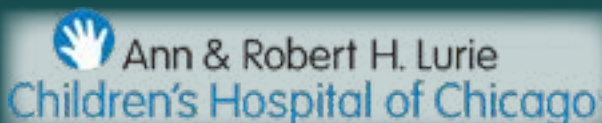
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH



RAFFLE
ON-COURSE
EXPERIENCES
SILENT
AUCTION

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

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit





SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
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)

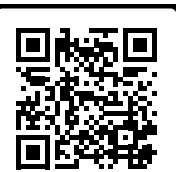
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*Registration Required for All-Day Admission
Admission includes network brunch, golf, and after-golf social
All 3 Events only available for purchase as a package; will not be sold separately

Golf Registration and Sponsorships Submission DEADLINE FRI | MAY 1

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

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Thursday, May 7, 2026

Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

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Please join us for an amazing evening of fellowship and learn how your generosity helps those in need in places like Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, and right here in the US. Please consider contributing to IOCC by becoming an IOCC Banquet Benefactor, Sponsor, Patron, or Friend.

\$125 per person | \$1,250 per table

RSVP by Friday, April 24



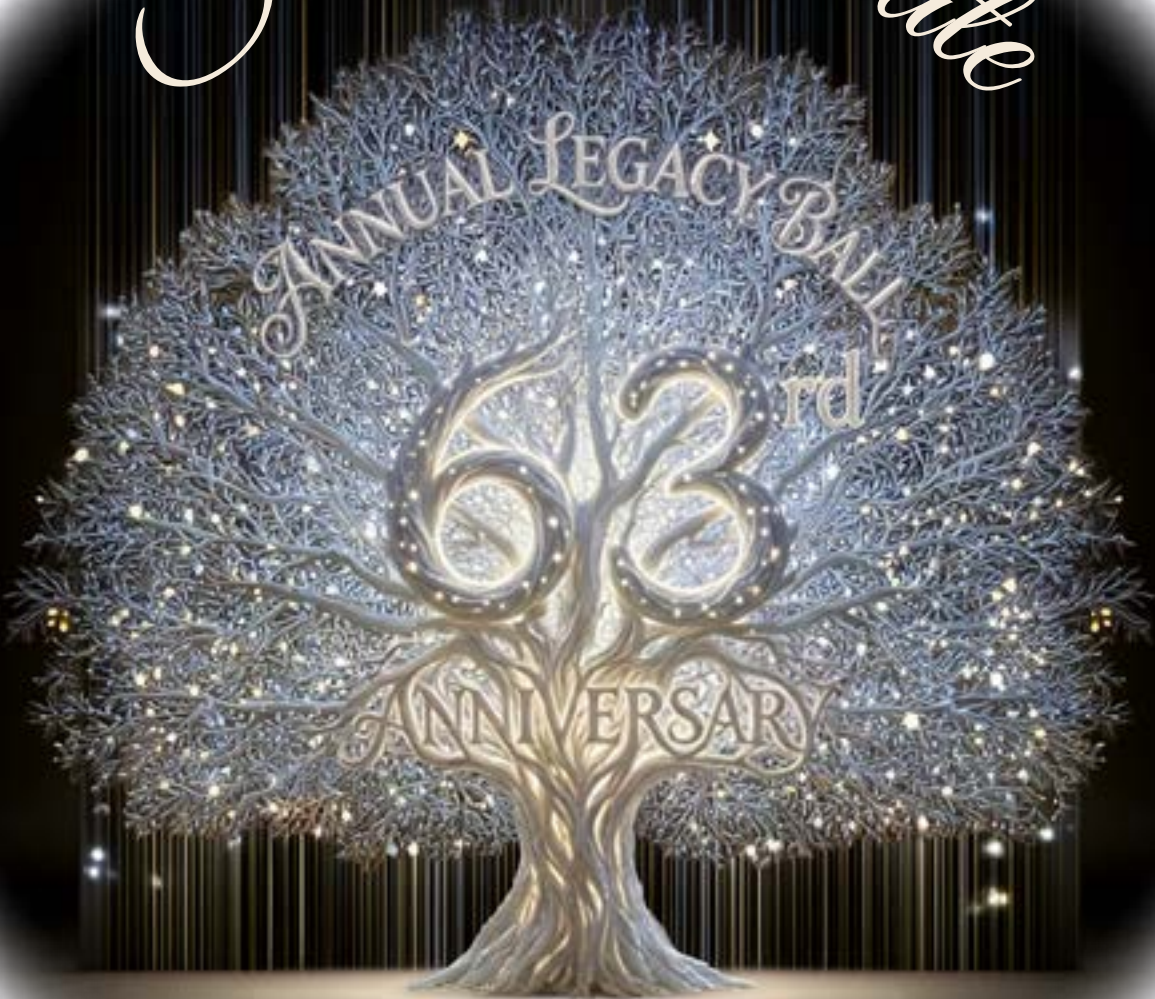
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The fair market value (FMV) for each ticket is \$70. Only the portion of the payment that exceeds the FMV is deductible as a charitable contribution.

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بدأ الصَّومُ الكَبِيرُ المُقَدَّسُ يَوْمَ الإِثْنَيْنِ 23 شباط،
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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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*.