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(SAINT JOHN OF THE LADDER)



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

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced
Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and
10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy
Confession by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic (Universal), and Apostolic Church. The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition, which express the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in **The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!** Receiving Holy Communion in this Church is to adhere and commit to the One True Church, the Orthodox Church.

Visitor(s), please feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your name(s) to the Ushers and introduce yourself to Father Saba at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who has shown us the Light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

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

O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, thou that takest away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in thee.

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

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (thrice)

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

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

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

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

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، 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 أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأَسْبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ،
وَالى أَبَدِ الأَبَدِ

أهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إلهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَالِنَا عَلَيْكَ.

مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأٌ كُنْتَ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّي قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمَنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ الإلهي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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المَجْدُ لِلأَبِّ وَالإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُّوسِ.
الآنَ وَكُلِّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
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TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 4)

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ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَزْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِتُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

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TROPARION FOR SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS (TONE 8)

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

لِلْبَرِّيَّةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمَرَةِ بِمَجَارِي دُمُوعِكَ أَمْرَعْتَ،
وَبِالْتَّنَهَّدَاتِ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأَعْمَاقِ أَثْمَرْتَ بِأَتْعَابِكَ
إِلَى مِئَةِ ضِعْفٍ، فَصِرْتَ كَوْكَبًا لِلْمَسْكُونَةِ مُتَلَأَلًا
بِالْعَجَائِبِ، يَا أَبَانَا الْبَارَّ يُوْحَنَّا، فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفُوسَنَا.

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
وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاوَرِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفْرَ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهُ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.



KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (TONE 8)

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

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

EPISTLE READERS

English		Arabic
Joseph Homsy	TODAY	Seham Imsaih
Amber Zayed	Apr 21	Dina Houry
Chadi Karam	Apr 28	Jameel Haddad

THE SYNAXARION

On April 14th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy.

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

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

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

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



O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of

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

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

ما أعظم أعمالك يارب، كلها بحكمة صنعت.

باركي يا نفسي الرب.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس

الرسول إلى العبرانيين (6:13-20)

يا إخوة، إن الله لما وعد إبراهيم، إذ لم يمكن أن يقسم بما هو أعظم منه، أقسم بنفسه. قائلاً: لأباركنك بركة وأكثرتك تكثيراً. وذلك إذ تأتى، نال الموعد. وإنما الناس يقسمون بما هو أعظم منهم، وتنقضي كل مشاجرة بينهم بالقسم للتثبيت. فلذلك، لما شاء الله أن يزيد ورثة الموعد بياناً لعدم تحول عزمه، توسط بالقسم حتى نحصل بأمرين لا يتحولان ولا يمكن أن يخلف الله فيهما على تعزية قوية، نحن الذين التجأنا إلى التمسك بالرجاء الموضوع أمامنا. الذي هو لنا كمرساة للنفس أمينة راسخة تدخل إلى داخل الحجاب، حيث دخل يسوع كسابق لنا وقد صار على رتبة ملكيصادق، رئيس كهنة إلى الأبد

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

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

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ
مَرْفُوسَ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ (9:17-31)

في ذلك الزمان، دنا إلى يسوع إنسانٌ وسَجَدَ له قائلاً: "يا مُعَلِّمُ، قَدْ أَتَيْتُكَ بِابْنِي، بِهِ رُوحٌ أَبْكَمٌ. وَحَيْثُمَا أَخَذَهُ يَصْرَعُهُ، فَيَزِيدُ وَيَصْرِفُ بِأَسْنَانِهِ وَيَبْيَسُ، وَقَدْ سَأَلْتُ تَلَامِيذَكَ أَنْ يُخْرِجُوهُ فَلَمْ يَقْدِرُوا." فَجَابَهُ قَائِلاً: "أَيُّهَا الْجِيلُ غَيْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِ، إِلَى مَتَى أَكُونُ عِنْدَكُمْ؟ حَتَّى مَتَى أَحْتَمِلُكُمْ؟ هَلُمَّ بِهِ إِلَيَّ." فَاتَوَّهُ بِهِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهُ لِلْوَقْتِ صَرَعهَ الرُّوحُ، فَسَقَطَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَتَمَرَّعُ وَيُزِيدُ. فَسَأَلَ أَبَاهُ: "مُنْذُ كَمْ مِنَ الزَّمَانِ أَصَابَهُ هَذَا؟" فَقَالَ: "مُنْذُ صِبَاهُ. وَكَثِيرًا مَا أَلْقَاهُ فِي النَّارِ وَفِي الْمِيَاهِ لِئُهْلِكَهُ. لَكِنْ إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ شَيْئًا، فَتَحَنَّنْ عَلَيْنَا وَأَعِنْنَا." فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ، فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُسْتَطَاعٌ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ." فَصَاحَ أَبُو الصَّبِيِّ مِنْ سَاعَتِهِ بِدُمُوعٍ وَقَالَ: "إِنِّي أَوْمِنُ يَا سَيِّدُ، فَأَعِثْ عَدَمَ إِيمَانِي." فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ أَنَّ الْجَمْعَ يَتَبَادَرُونَ إِلَيْهِ، انْتَهَرَ الرُّوحَ النَجِسَ قَائِلاً لَهُ: "أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْأَبْكَمُ الْأَصَمُّ، أَنَا أَمْرُكَ أَنْ أَخْرُجَ مِنْهُ وَلَا تَعُدْ تَدْخُلُ فِيهِ." فَصَرَخَ وَخَبَطَهُ كَثِيرًا وَخَرَجَ مِنْهُ، فَصَارَ كَالْمَيِّتِ، حَتَّى قَالَ كَثِيرُونَ إِنَّهُ قَدْ مَاتَ. فَأَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بِيَدِهِ وَأَنْهَضَهُ، فَقَامَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ بَيْتًا، سَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ: "لِمَاذَا لَمْ نَسْتَطِعْ نَحْنُ أَنْ نُخْرِجَهُ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "إِنَّ هَذَا الْجِنْسَ لَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَخْرُجَ بِشَيْءٍ إِلَّا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالصُّومِ." وَلَمَّا خَرَجُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ، اجْتَازُوا فِي الْجَلِيلِ، وَلَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يَدْرِيَ أَحَدٌ. فَإِنَّهُ كَانَ يُعَلِّمُ تَلَامِيذَهُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: "إِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ يُسَلَّمُ إِلَى أَيْدِي النَّاسِ، فَيَقْتُلُونَهُ، وَبَعْدَ أَنْ يُقْتَلَ، يَقُومُ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ."

MEGALYNARION FOR SAINT BASIL LITURGY

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 مُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً: مَحَافِلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَأَجْنَاسَ الْبَشَرِ. أَيُّهَا الْهَيْكَلُ الْمُتَقَدِّسُ، وَالْفِرْدَوْسُ النَّاطِقُ، فَخَرُ الْبَتُولِيَّةَ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا تَجَسَّدَ الْإِلَهُ، وَصَارَ طِفْلاً، وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ. لِأَنَّهُ صَنَعَ مُسْتَوْدَعَكَ عَرْشًا، وَجَعَلَ بَطْنَكَ أَرْحَبَ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. لِذَلِكَ يَا مُمْتَلِئَةَ 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, take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

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

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

صلاة القديس أفرام السرياني، بأجزائها الثلاثة
تُصنعُ مطانية (سجدة) كبيرة على كلِّ جزء

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ وَسَيِّدُ حَيَاتِي، أَعْتَقِنِي مِنْ رُوحِ الْبَطَالَةِ وَالْفُضُولِ وَحُبِّ الرِّئَاسَةِ وَالْكَلامِ الْبَطَالِ. (مَطَانِيَّة).

وَأَنْعِمْ عَلَيَّ أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الْخَاطِئِ، بِرُوحِ الْعِفَّةِ وَاتِّضَاعِ الْفِكْرِ وَالصَّبْرِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ. (مَطَانِيَّة).

نَعَمْ يَا مَلِكِي وَإِلَهِي، هَبْ لِي أَنْ أَعْرِفَ ذُنُوبِي وَعُيُوبِي، وَأَنْ لَا أَدِينَ إِخْوَتِي، فَإِنَّكَ مُبَارَكٌ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ. (مَطَانِيَّة).



Are you offering **CHURCH BREAD** and need **NAMES REMEMBERED** in the Liturgy?
Sign-Up online with the names by **TUESDAY** of that week
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Holy Bread Offered By:



Today – Zeyad and Yanal
Haddad and Family

– George and Ibtisam Imreibe
and Family

– Jeries and Kathy Kahoush and
Family

Apr 21 – Hani and Randa Fakhouri and
Family

– Nicola and Mary Habash and
Family

Sat, Apr 27 – **OPEN**

Apr 28 – Dr. Johnny and Dr.
Vera Kuttab and
Family



Thu, May 2 – **OPEN**

Coffee Hour Sponsors:



Today – George and Ibtisam
Imreibe and Family

Fri, Apr 19 – The Shahrstan and Nasef
Family

Apr 21 – Hani and Randa Fakhouri and
Family

Fri, Apr 26 – Frank and Reem Gambino
and Family

Apr 28 – Alex and Suha
Cerulli and Family



NEWBORNS

- ZAYNE CHRISTOPHER, son of Tamer and Nadine Alhusari.
- GIANNA, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Mufarreh.

CHURCHINGS

Today JACOB SAMER, son of Samer and Joanna Zanayed.

- Apr 21**
- ZAYNE CHRISTOPHER, son of Tamer and Nadine Alhusari.
 - GIANNA, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Mufarreh.

COMMEMORATIONS

Last Sunday

- 4-Year Commemoration for †ISSA ZANAYED, offered by Zarifeh Zanayed and family.

- 7-Year Commemoration for †RAMZI AZAR, offered by Muna Azar and family.

Today 2-year Commemoration for †SIHAM HADDAD, offered by Zeyad and Yanal Haddad and family.

↓ ↓ ↓ **NEW** ↓ ↓ ↓

YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

Apr 21 – Fares Bannourah

↳ May 12 – OPEN

↳ May 26 – OPEN

↳ Jun 9 – OPEN

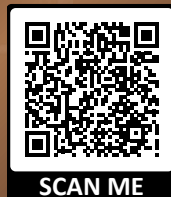
↳ Jun 23 – OPEN

↳ Jul 14 – OPEN

↳ Jul 28 – OPEN

↳ Aug 11 – OPEN

↳ Aug 25 – OPEN



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Apr 14	4th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint John of the Ladder	
	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal	After Liturgy
Tue, Apr 16	West Campus Ministry with Great Compline Service (<i>see pg. 20</i>)	6:00 pm
Wed, Apr 17	• Presanctified Liturgy	7:00 pm
	• Bible Study (7-Part Series): The Letters of the New Testament (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	After Liturgy
Thu, Apr 18	North Campus Ministry with Great Compline Service (<i>see pg. 21</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Apr 19	• Akathist (Madayeh) Service followed by Lenten Potluck Dinner	7:00 pm
	• Bible Bowl Study Session	8:30 pm
Sat, Apr 20	• Spring Cleaning (lunch will be provided) (<i>see pg. 22</i>)	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Sunday School Sacrament of Confession and Celebration (<i>see pg. 32</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Apr 21	5th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint Mary of Egypt	
	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 27</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Youth Choir Rehearsal	After Liturgy
	• Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph Meeting	After Liturgy
	• Bible Bowl Study Session (lunch will be provided)	1:00 pm
Mon, Apr 22	Vision and Development Committee Zoom Meeting	6:30 pm
Tue, Apr 23	West Campus Ministry with Great Compline Service (<i>see pg. 20</i>)	6:00 pm
Wed, Apr 24	• 2025 Antiochian Convention Meeting	10:00 am
	• Presanctified Liturgy	7:00 pm
	• Bible Study (7-Part Series): The Letters of the New Testament (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	After Liturgy
Thu, Apr 25	North Campus Ministry with Great Compline Service (<i>see pg. 21</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Apr 26	• Compline Service with Canon of Lazarus followed by Lenten Potluck Dinner	7:00 pm
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Spiritual Retreat (<i>see pg. 28</i>)	After Service
	• Bible Bowl Study Session and Potluck Dinner	8:30 pm
Sat, Apr 27	• Sunday School Staff Retreat	9:45 am
	• Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm

بدأ الصوم الكبير يوم الإثنين 18 آذار

بدأ الصَّوْمُ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُقَدَّسُ يَوْمَ الْإِثْنَيْنِ 18 آذار،
وَيَسْتَمِرُّ لِغَايَةِ عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ فِي 5 أَيَّار.

خِلَالَ هَذَا الْمَوْسَمِ الْمُبَارَكِ، يَجِبُ أَنْ يَتَرَافَقَ الصَّوْمُ
مَعَ الْفَضَائِلِ، وَخَاصَّةً قِرَاءَةَ الْإِنْجِيلِ، وَالْمُوَاطَّأَةِ
عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ، وَعَمَلِ الصَّدَقَةِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ لِلْغَيْرِ.
وَكُلَّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ.

يُمْكِنُكُمْ مِتَابَعَةُ الْجَدُولِ الْكَامِلِ لَخِدْمَاتِ الصَّوْمِ
فِي هَذِهِ النُّشْرَةِ الْأَسْبُوعِيَّةِ.

GREAT LENT BEGAN MONDAY, MARCH 18TH

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 May 5th.

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

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



Please pick up your

Food For Hungry People Coin Box

and 2-page Calendar Guide at the Candle Stand.

Return filled Coin Boxes *during Holy Week.*

*"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward him for what he has done."*

~ Proverbs 19:17

Saint George Church Families and Parishioners Support the Lenten Humanitarian Drive!

Please donate non-perishable foods, clothes, and toiletries between
March 18 - May 5 in the Church Office.

GET INVOLVED AND HELP THOSE IN NEED!



Blessed Lent!

Great Friday All-Day Vigil

Schedule 10AM-11PM

- Royal Service Hours—10AM
- Great Vespers Service Taking Down Body from the Cross—3PM
- Potluck Dinner—5PM
- Service of the Lamentations—7PM

✝ **Decorating the Tomb of Christ (Bier)**

✝ **Reading of the Psalms at the Tomb of Christ (Bier)**
(sign-up to read by contacting Teen SOYO Spiritual Committee Chair, Elias Rihani)

✝ **Cleaning of the Church/ Preparation for Pascha**

✝ **Confession**
(schedule your confession)

✝ **Spiritual Reflection**

✝ **Potluck Dinner at 5:30PM**
(no animal products, no oil)



**ALL Families, ALL Ages
— WELCOME! —**

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

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sat, Apr 6	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Apr 7	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent – Adoration of the Holy Cross الأحد الثالث من الصوم - أحد السجود للصليب المقدس		9:15 am
Tue, Apr 9	Great Compline Service AT WEST CAMPUS	صلاة النّوم الكُبْرَى	6:50 pm
Wed, Apr 10	Presanctified Liturgy for the 4 th Week of Great Lent خِدْمَة القُداس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسه لِأَسْبوع الرَّابِع من الصَّوم (البروجزميني)		7:00 pm
Thu, Apr 11	Great Compline Service AT NORTH CAMPUS	صلاة النّوم الكُبْرَى	6:50 pm
Fri, Apr 12	4 th Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خِدْمَة الرَّابِع وَالِدَة الإله الرَّابِعَة	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 13	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Apr 14	4 th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint John of the Ladder الأحد الرابع من الصوم - القديس يوحنا السلمى		9:15 am
Tue, Apr 16	Great Compline Service AT WEST CAMPUS	صلاة النّوم الكُبْرَى	6:50 pm
Wed, Apr 17	Presanctified Liturgy for the 5 th Week of Great Lent خِدْمَة القُداس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسه لِأَسْبوع الخَامِس من الصَّوم (البروجزميني)		7:00 pm
Thu, Apr 18	Great Compline Service AT NORTH CAMPUS	صلاة النّوم الكُبْرَى	6:50 pm
Fri, Apr 19	5 th Akathist (Madayeh) Service	خِدْمَة مَدِيح وَالِدَة الإله الخَامِسَة	7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 20	Great Vespers Service	صلاة الغروب	5:00 pm
Sun, Apr 21	5 th Sunday of Great Lent – Saint Mary of Egypt الأحد الخامس من الصوم - القديسة مريم المصرية		9:15 am
Tue, Apr 23	Great Compline Service AT WEST CAMPUS	صلاة النّوم الكُبْرَى	6:50 pm
Wed, Apr 24	Presanctified Liturgy for the 6 th Week of Great Lent خِدْمَة القُداس السَّابِق تَقْدِيسه لِأَسْبوع السَّادِس من الصَّوم (البروجزميني)		7:00 pm
Thu, Apr 25	Great Compline Service AT NORTH CAMPUS	صلاة النّوم الكُبْرَى	6:50 pm
Fri, Apr 26	Compline Service with Canon of Lazarus خِدْمَة صلاة النّوم و كانون لعازر		7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 27	• Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday • Great Vespers Service for Palm Sunday	• سبت اليعازر • صلاة الغروب لأحد الشعانين	10:00 am 5:00 pm

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sun, Apr 28	Palm Sunday – Glorious Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem أحد الشعانين – دخول السيد الى اوراشليم	9:15 am
	• 1 st Bridegroom Service • صلاة الختن الأولى	7:00 pm
Mon, Apr 29	2 nd Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن الثانية	7:00 pm
Tue, Apr 30	3 rd Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن الثالثة	7:00 pm
Wed, May 1	Service of the Sacrament of Holy Unction صلاة الزيت المقدس	7:00 pm
Thu, May 2	Great and Holy Thursday الخَميسِ المُقَدَّسِ • Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil • Service of the 12 Passion Gospels • خدمة الأثني عشر انجيل والصلب	10:00 am 7:00 pm
Fri, May 3	Great and Holy Friday الجمعة العظيمة المقدسة	
	• 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 ويليه	7:00 pm
Sat, May 4	Great and Holy Saturday سبت النور	
	• Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil • قداس باسيليوس العظيم	10:00 am
	• Rush Procession and Matins Service • سحرية العيد، الهجمة و قداس القيامة (عيد الفصح المجيد)	10:00 pm
Sun, May 5	GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA (EASTER) عيد الفصح المجيد	
	• Agape Vespers Service • صلاة الباعوث	1:00 pm



Christ is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!

Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!
المسيح قام! حقاً قام!



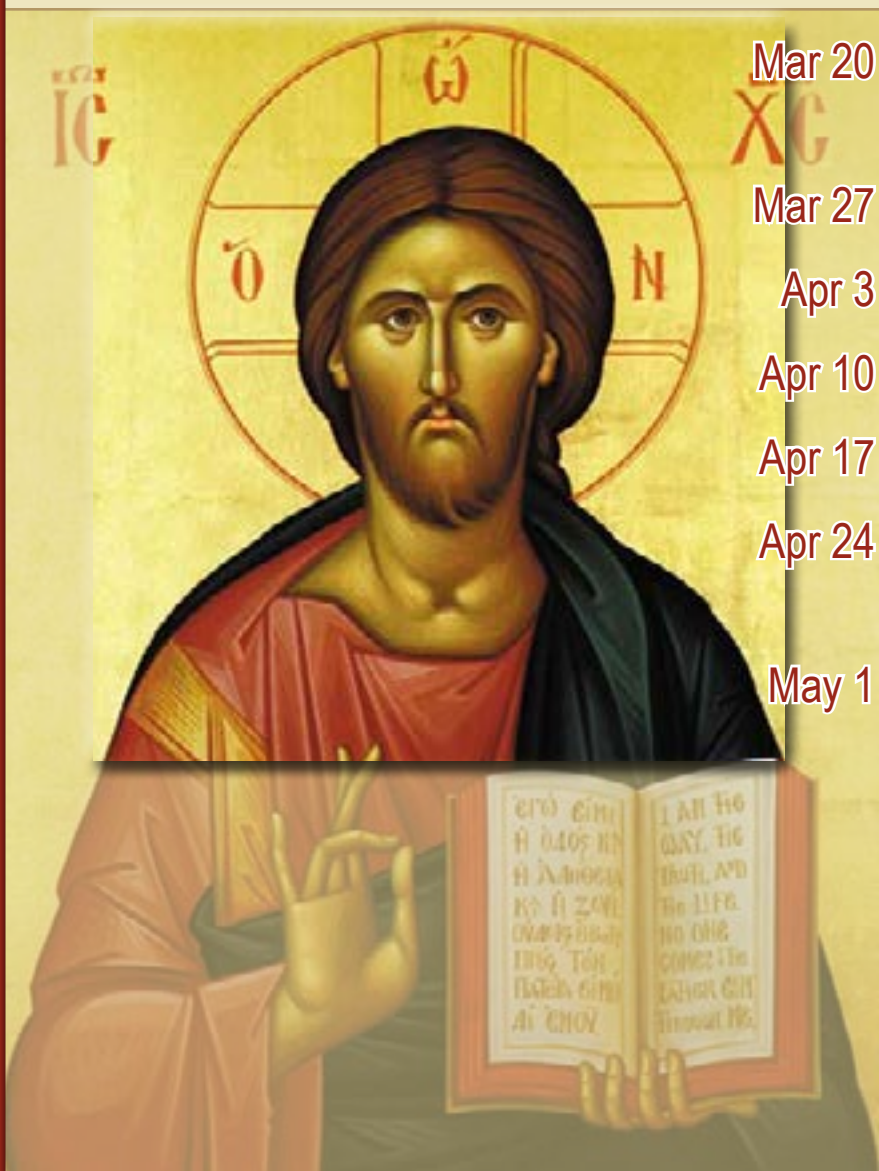
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Mar 27 PART II: *Book of Ephesians*

Apr 3 PART III: *Book of Philippians*

Apr 10 PART IV: *Book of James*

Apr 17 PART V: *Book of 1 John 1*

Apr 24 PART VI: *Books of 2 John and 3 John*

May 1 PART VII: *Conclusion and Teachings of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*

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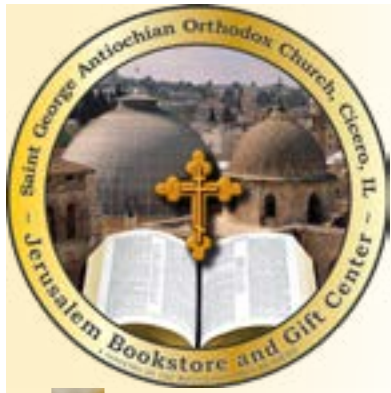
Sunday
April 21, 2024

Brief Prayer
Supplication to the
Virgin Mary
at the end of Liturgy
Commemorating the

30th Anniversary

of this
Blessed Miracle
bestowed on
Saint George Church!



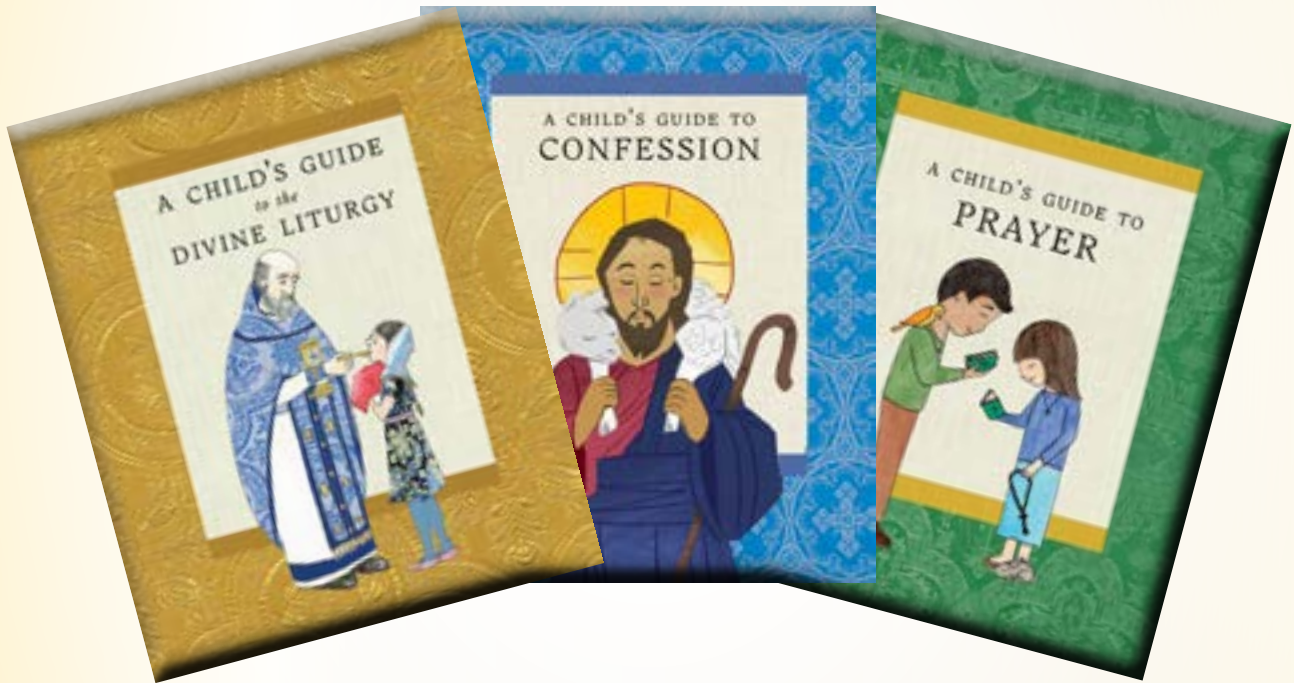


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2024

GRADUATES

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

Participate in the Sixth Annual

GRADUATION BLESSING CEREMONY

Sunday, June 9th

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

To participate in the ceremony, complete the 2024 Graduate Form (online) and submit with a digital graduation photo (*cap and gown if available or formal attire headshot only*) by Friday, May 24th.

A Special Edition Graduation Bulletin will be published for the Ceremony. Non-participant 2024 Graduates may submit a graduation announcement for publication without a photo.



Pastoral Outreach Program

The *FUTURE* is Now...

...The *CHURCH* is Coming to You!

SAINT GEORGE WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Kingswood Academy | 133 Plainfield Road | Darien, IL 60561

Tuesdays

- March 19, 2024
- March 26, 2024
- April 2, 2024
- April 9, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- April 23, 2024

Program*

6:00-6:40 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner (6:00-6:40 PM)**

6:50 PM

- Great Compline Service

8:00 PM

- "Repentance" (ages 18+)
- Kids' Club (ages 3-8)
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)

For Questions or More Information, please contact:

- Fr. Fouad Saba (312) 877-4770
- Fr. Gabriel Coronel (773) 746-1893
- Dn. George Nassief (925) 699-3893
- Karen Nawas (630) 536-7429
- Alexandra Zanayed (630) 442-2473
- Nathaniel Humphrey (630) 442-9803

* Program subject to change.

** Due to a generous anonymous donor, dinner will be offered complimentary at every session.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Pastoral Outreach Program

The *FUTURE* is Now...

...The *CHURCH* is Coming to You!

SAINT GEORGE NORTH CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Zion Lutheran Church | 8600 W. Lawrence | Norridge, IL 60706

Thursdays

- March 21, 2024
- March 28, 2024
- April 4, 2024
- April 11, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- April 25, 2024

Program*

6:00-6:40 PM

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- Complimentary Dinner (6:00-6:40 PM)**

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 9:00 AM
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Email: Property@StGeorgeChi.org



**Work together
to beautify the
Church in time
for Pascha!**





GREAT LENT PROJECT



"... Jesus said, 'Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me.' " -Matthew 25:40

IT'S TIME TO DONATE GAZA TENT SPONSORSHIPS

We have partnered with an aid agency that is providing tents for families whose homes have been destroyed amid the ongoing atrocities in Gaza. Tents are furnished and can house a whole family.

Help us to reach our target of 100 tents throughout the Lenten season

\$350.00 PER TENT

Checks can be mailed to our office, payable to St. Mary Church- Gaza Tent Project. Or donate online at the link below, or by scanning the QR code

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Cicero, IL

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN



GREAT FRIDAY MEMORIAL BULLETIN

On Great and Holy Friday, as the Church commemorates the suffering, crucifixion, and burial of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Church anticipates the Resurrection of the Lord and those whom God will raise up – all your loved ones departed this life.

On this Great and Holy Friday (celebrated on May 3rd), the Antiochian Women of the Church will publish the **Great Friday Memorial Bulletin** commemorating the names of all your loved ones departed this life and who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

To have the names of your departed loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord included in the **Great Friday Memorial Bulletin**, please complete the information below and return it to the Church Office with your donation **no later than Sunday, April 28th**.

*****Your departed loved ones, whose names you include below, will be remembered at the Holy Saturday morning Liturgy on Holy Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.*****

All proceeds of this Bulletin will benefit the **Ministries** of the **Antiochian Women**.

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250+ Other: _____



Family Name: _____

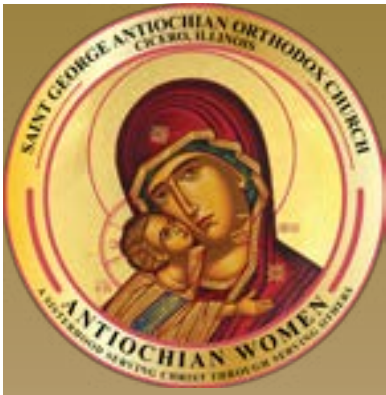
Please print the names of your departed loved ones below
as you wish them to appear in the **Great Friday Memorial Bulletin**:

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Saint George Church, 1220 South 60th Court, Cicero, IL 60804 – (708) 656-2927 – Office@StGeorgeChi.org

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Cicero, IL



ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

\$50/
Gift Box



Proceeds to Benefit
the **AWK Fund**
(*Antiochian Women
Kitchen Fund*)

Order Deadline
Sunday | Apr 28

PASCHAL GIFT BOX SALE

Online Orders...



*(gift boxes include: Yeast Bread, Wine, Cheese, Sausage,
Sweet Treats, Red-Colored Eggs, and an Icon of the Resurrection)*



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (*A-MEN*) SOCCER CLUB

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday | May 19

12:30^{PM}

Orthodox
Club (NADI)



ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

SAVE THE DATE

SUN, Apr 14	4th Sunday of Great Lent	9:15 am
TUE, Apr 16	Great Compline Service and West Campus Program	6:00 pm
WED, Apr 17	Bible Study following Presanctified Liturgy	7:00 pm
THU, Apr 18	Great Compline Service and North Campus Program	6:00 pm
FRI, Apr 19	Akathist (Madayeh) Service followed by Potluck Dinner	7:00 pm
SAT, Apr 20	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
SUN, Apr 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th Sunday of Great Lent YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP 	9:15 am After Liturgy
TUE, Apr 23	Great Compline Service and West Campus Program	6:00 pm
WED, Apr 24	Bible Study following Presanctified Liturgy	7:00 pm
THU, Apr 25	Great Compline Service and North Campus Program	6:00 pm
FRI, Apr 26	YAF LENTEN RETREAT following Compline Service with Canon to Lazarus	7:00 pm
SAT, Apr 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday Great Vespers Service for Palm Sunday 	10:00 am 5:00 pm
SUN, Apr 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm Sunday 1st Bridegroom Service 	9:15 am 7:00 pm
MON, Apr 29	2nd Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
TUE, Apr 30	3rd Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
WED, May 1	Service of the Sacrament of Holy Unction	7:00 pm
THU, May 2	Great and Holy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil Service of the 12 Passion Gospels 	10:00 am 7:00 pm
FRI, May 3	Great and Holy Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Hours Service 10:00 am Great Vespers Service 3:00 pm Service of Lamentations 7:00 pm 	10:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm
SAT, May 4	Great and Holy Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespereal Liturgy of Saint Basil Rush Procession and Matins Service followed by Paschal Liturgy 	10:00 am 10:00 pm
SUN, May 5	Great and Holy Pascha (Easter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agape Vespers Service 	1:00 pm
FRI, May 10	YAF SOCIAL OUTING (390 GOLF EXPERIENCE)	7:00 pm
SUN, May 12	YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP	After Liturgy
FRI, May 24	YAF HUMANITARIAN EVENT	
SUN, May 26	YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP	After Liturgy
SUN, Jun 9	YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP	After Liturgy

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) **SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

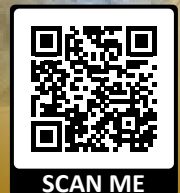
**Friday
April 26,
2024
7:00 PM**



Compline Service
with Canon of Lazarus
followed by Dinner,
Discussion, and Fellowship

**RSVP by
Wed | Apr 24**

**FREE
EVENT!
BRING A LENTEN
DISH FOR A
POTLUCK**



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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) **SOCIAL OUTING**

390 Golf Experience

1051 N Prospect Ave Site B, Wood Dale, IL 60191

**Friday | May 10
7:00 PM**

\$40/PERSON

INCLUDES 3 HOURS OF GOLFING,
DINNER, AND FELLOWSHIP!

**RSVP by
Mon | May 6**

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE



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





SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

MON-THURS
JUNE 17-20

9:00AM
-
5:30PM



AGES 6-12

MUST BE 6 BEFORE
JUNE 17, 2024

"I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT. I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE.
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH." -2 TIMOTHY 4:7

~~\$160~~ \$100/CAMPER
\$80/3RD SIBLING ❖

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
SUNDAY, MAY 19

REGISTER NOW



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THE SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL IS A MINISTRY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION





The Order of Saint Ignatius – Saint George Chapter

2024 SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application DUE April 30, 2024

Send Completed Application to TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org

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 summer 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 the parish.

Scholarship Amounts:

- **Antiochian Village (Pennsylvania)** – \$400 scholarship. Parents are responsible for transportation to the camp.
- **Camp Saint George (Iowa)** – \$400 scholarship. Group transportation to the camp will be provided.

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 prior to April 30, 2024.
8. MUST participate in a short presentation about your camp experience.

**Scan for Online
Application**





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confession Program for 3rd – 12th Grades

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."
~ James 5:16



Sacrament of Confession Sermon

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Retreat Registration Deadline

→ SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 ←

Confession Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

3rd Grade and older are all welcome!

Parents attending please register yourself as well.

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

First Confession

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

Confession and Celebration

Communion Recognition for

First Confessors

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE YOU BELONG!



YOU BELONG ON THE **TREE OF LIFE**

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matthew 6:21

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**PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE
IN THE CHURCH HALL TODAY!**



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba, Pastor

March 22, 2024

Dear Saint George Church Parishioners,

Greetings to you during this most Holy Season of Great Lent!

The Saint George Parish Council would like to inform you of an important decision made by the Parish Council regarding our collection practices during Church services. After much prayerful consideration and discussion, the Parish Council has unanimously decided to remove the collection tray from all our services.

This decision was made with the intention of enhancing our liturgical services and encouraging all parishioners to embrace the practice of tithing through membership and online giving. By transitioning away from the physical collection tray, we aim to streamline our giving process and foster a deeper sense of commitment to supporting our parish community.

We believe that this change will not only simplify our administrative procedures but also align more closely with the modern preferences and lifestyles of our parishioners. Online giving provides a convenient and secure way to contribute to the financial needs of our parish, allowing for regular and consistent support even when unable to attend services in person.

We understand that change can sometimes be challenging, but we trust that this decision will ultimately strengthen our community and our shared mission of spreading the love of Christ. Your continued support and generosity are vital to the ongoing success of our parish, and we are grateful for your commitment to our shared journey of faith.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the Parish Council or our Clergy. We are here to support you and ensure a smooth transition as we move forward together.

In addition, please see the enclosed letter sent to your homes earlier this month concerning the 2024 Membership Drive. Kindly review that letter and we pray that all of us will come together with a new effort this year regarding the well-being of our Church. You may scan the code on that letter to register online or see the Membership table on Sundays.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to serve our parish community with excellence and integrity. Have a blessed Lenten Season!

Your servants in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Elias Akkari

Elias Akkari
Parish Council Chairman

Dr. Johnny Kuttal

Dr. Johnny Kuttal
Parish Council Vice-Chairman

Victor Imreibe

Victor Imreibe
Parish Council Secretary

Amir Rihani

Amir Rihani
Parish Council Treasurer

Mina Rantisi

Mina Rantisi
Parish Council Financial Secretary

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)



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March 22, 2024



Annual Membership Drive 2024: Make Your 2024 Commitment TODAY!

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ as we approach the Holy Season of Great Lent!

Membership / Stewardship is an important part of our Christian lives. It is a reflection of our faith, gratitude and love for God by sharing our time, talent, and treasure. It is recognizing that our entire life is a gift from God. It is our commitment to give back some portion of that which we have received.

Saint George Church is truly blessed with a faithful family of members who together serve God through many ministries and formed organizations. Most importantly, gathering at Sunday Services: Orthros (Matins) Service begins at 9:15 am and the Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy at 10:20 am.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to register as a Member this year and make your annual commitment for Membership Giving. Registering as a Member annually is more than a formality; it signifies your commitment to a shared mission. If you are currently giving but not registered, thank you, you registering today will *help keep your contact information up-to-date, allows the Church to better serve you, and to make your annual Giving commitment with a prayerful increase.*

Enclosed, please find the 2024 Membership Brochure describing what the Church does, how to get involved, what are the Membership privileges, and how my Giving is used. You may register using the QR Code above or in the Brochure. Online registration offers the convenient and secure Automatic Giving Program to help streamline your giving on a weekly or monthly basis.

Committed Membership Giving in the Orthodox Christian Church is vital to continue the good work of the Church and makes a difference in continuing the mission and spreading of the Gospel. May God bless you and multiply His blessings to serve Him as good managers! We remain

Yours in Christ's Service,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

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Pastor

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Parish Council Chairman

Karen Nawas

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Membership Committee Chairlady

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SAVE THE DATE



2024 DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

All Saints and Holy Transfiguration invite you to join us for a few days of Christian fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Whether you are new to the Diocese or have been attending PLCs for many years, we welcome each of you and your families. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you at the Toledo Diocese Parish Life Conference in Chicago-Land in June 2024!

DATE

June 26-29
Wednesday - Saturday

LOCATION

Chicago Marriott Oak Brook
1401 W 22nd St, Oak Brook, IL 60523



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Golf Outing

Golfing for a purpose

Raffle

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
23rd Annual GOLF OUTING
RAFFLE

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2ND PRIZE: A DAY IN THE CITY! INCLUDES: 1-NIGHT STAY AT TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, DINNER GIFT CARD, CRUISE ON LAKE MICHIGAN (\$1,000 VALUE)

3RD PRIZE: A DAY AT THE PARK! INCLUDES: 4 TICKETS TO WHITE SOX GAME, YANKEES VS WHITE SOX ON AUG 12, 2024, PARKING INCLUDED, AND DINNER GIFT CARD (\$500 VALUE)

\$25 per ticket / 5 tickets for \$100

*Drawing on Saturday, June 15, 2024 during After-Golf Social
(winner need not be present to win)*

To Purchase Raffle Tickets...

- Scan the QR Code
- Contact Church Office: Office@StGeorgeChi.org or 708.656.2927
- Contact Golf Outing Committee: Golf@StGeorgeChi.org





GOLF OUTING

Golfing for a purpose
Cantigny Golf Course - Wheaton, IL

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

CANTIGNY GOLF COURSE
27W270 MACK RD, WHEATON, IL

REGISTRATION & CHECK IN: 11:00AM

BRUNCH & PROGRAM: 11:30AM

SHOT GUN START

AWARDS, RAFFLE DRAWING, AND COCKTAILS

\$600 PER FOURSOME*
INDIVIDUAL SPOTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST ONLY

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

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MEMORABILIA
SILENT
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Sponsorships

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

GOLFING FOR A PURPOSE

Saint George Church is committed to supporting local and national nonprofits through fundraising efforts. This year, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital will be the charity of choice for our 23rd Annual Golf Outing.

Premier \$20,000	Presenting \$10,000	Platinum \$5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Golf outing tickets • Promo material in golf bags • Premier banner position • Acknowledgement during brunch • Advertisement in golf program • <i>Weekly Bulletin</i> recognition • Company recognition on the 1st, 9th, & 18th hole • Weekly social media "Shout Out" • Weekly email blasts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Golf outing tickets • Promo material in golf bags • Highlighted banner position • Acknowledgement during brunch • Advertisement in golf program • <i>Weekly Bulletin</i> recognition • Company recognition on the 1st, 9th, & 18th hole • Weekly social media "Shout Out" • Weekly email blasts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Golf outing tickets • Promo material in golf bags • Spotlitged banner position • Advertisement in golf program • <i>Weekly Bulletin</i> recognition • Weekly social media "Shout Out" • Weekly email blasts
Corporate \$3,500	Patron \$2,000	Brunch \$1,000
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Beverage
\$600 - limited spots

- Logo on beverage cart
- Table tents at bar
- Spotlitged banner position
- Recognition on church website
- Recognition in *Weekly Bulletin*

Email questions to: golf@stgeorgechi.org



2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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2024 Membership Giving Goals



Committed 2024 Membership Giving of the Total Needed to Fulfill 2024 Budget

*Join
Today*



"It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding; And to the open-handed the search for one who shall receive is joy greater than giving. And is there sight you would withhold? All you have shall some day be given; Therefore give now, that the season of giving be yours and not your inheritors'."

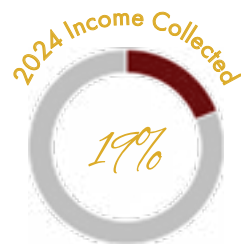
- Kahlil Gibran, "The Prophet"

AS OF 04/11/2024,

136 FAMILIES

HAVE PLEDGED THEIR COMMITMENT TO

**SAINT GEORGE
CHURCH!**



Collected Income to Date of the Budgeted Income Needed for 2024



Expenses to Date of the Expenses Budgeted for 2024