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Monday-Friday: 8:30^{am}-5:00^{pm}

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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

10:20^{am} Divine Liturgy

Confession: By Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا و سهلا!

PASCHAL GREETING IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

ENGLISH: Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

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

ALBANIAN: Krishti Ungjall! Vertete Ungjall!

ARMENIAN: Christos harjav i merelotz! Orhniale harutjun Christosi!

BULGARIAN: Hristos voskrese! Vo istina voskrese!

BYELORUSSIAN: Khrystos uvaskros! Saprawdy uvaskros!

CHINESE: Helisituosi fuhuole! Queshi fuhuole!

COPTIC: Pikhirstof aftonf! Khen o methni aftonf!

CZECH: Kristus vstal zmrtvy'ch! Skutec ne vstal!

DUTCH: Christus is opgestaan! Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!

ESTONIAN: Kristus on surnuist ülestõusnud! Tõesti ülestõusnud!

ETHIOPIAN: Christos t'ensah em' muhtan! Exai' ab-her eokala!

FINNISH: Kristus nousi Kuolleista! Totisesti Nousi!

FRENCH: Le Christ est Ressuscité! En Vérité, Il est Ressuscité!

GAELIC: Erid Krist! G'deya! n erid she!

GEORGIAN: Kriste aghsdga! Cheshmaritad aghsdga!

GREEK: Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!

HEBREW: Ha Mashiyach qam! Ken hoo qam!

HUNGARIAN: Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!

ITALIAN: Cristo e' risorto! Veramente e' risorto!

JAPANESE: Harisutosu Fukkatsu! Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!

LATIN: Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit!

NORWEGIAN: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig opstanden!

POLISH: Khristus Zmartvikstau! Zaiste Zmartvikstau!

PORTUGUESE: Christo Ressuscitou! Em Verdade Ressuscitou!

ROMANIAN: Hristos a Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

RUSSIAN: Hristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!

SERBIAN: Hristos Vaskrse! Vaistinu Vaskrse!

SLAVONIC: Hristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

SLOVAK: Kristus vstal zmr'tvy'ch! Skutoc ne vstal!

SPANISH: Cristo ha resucitado! Verdaderamente ha resucitado!

SWEDISH: Kristus är uppstånden! Ja, Han är sannerligen uppstånden!

SYRIAC: Meshiha qam! Bashrira qam!

UKRANIAN: Kristos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers,
and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.
Amen.

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

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

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from generation
to generation. I said: Lord, be merciful unto me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

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

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

O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have
mercy on us. (thrice)

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

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.

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

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا عَلِيكَ.

مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)

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

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

لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايِنُ النُّورَ.

فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

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

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High.

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.

هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ يَا جَمِيعَ الْأَرْضِ، رَتِّلُوا لِاسْمِهِ أَعْطُوا
مَجْدًا لِتَسْبِيحَتِهِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
قُولُوا لِلَّهِ مَا أَزْهَبَ أَعْمَالَكَ، كُلُّ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ
يَسْجُدُونَ لَكَ وَيُرَتِّلُونَ لِاسْمِكَ أَيُّهَا الْعَلِيِّ.

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

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; 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...

لِيَتَرَأَفَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا وَيُبَارِكُنَا، وَلِيُضِيءَ بِوَجْهِهِ عَلَيْنَا
وَيَرْحَمَنَا.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

لِنُعْرِفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ طَرِيقَكَ، وَفِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ
خَلَاصِكَ. تَعْتَرِفُ لَكَ الشُّعُوبُ يَا اللَّهُ تَعْتَرِفُ لَكَ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

لِيُبَارِكُنَا اللَّهُ الْهُنَا، وَلِنُرْهَبَهُ جَمِيعُ أَقْصَايِ الْأَرْضِ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

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

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدَ...



THIRD ANTIPHON

† Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

† As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

† So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

† This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

† لِيَقُمْ اللهُ وَيَتَبَدَّدَ جَمِيعُ أَعْدَائِهِ، وَيَهْرُبُ مُبْغِضُوهُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِهِ.

اللازمة: الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ.

† كَمَا يُبَادُ الدُّخَانُ يُبَادُونَ، وَكَمَا يَذُوبُ الشَّمْعُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِ النَّارِ.

اللازمة: الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ.

† كَذَلِكَ تَهْلِكُ الْخَطَاةُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِ اللهِ، وَالصَّادِقُونَ يَفْرَحُونَ وَيَتَهَلَّلُونَ أَمَامَ اللهِ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُونَ بِالسُّرُورِ

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† هَذَا هُوَ الْيَوْمُ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ الرَّبُّ، لِنَفْرَحَ وَنَتَهَلَّلَ بِهِ.

اللازمة: الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF PASCHA

In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, **Who didst rise from the dead**, save us, who sing unto thee. Alleluia.

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللهَ، الرَّبَّ مِنْ يَنَابِيعِ إِسْرَائِيلِ. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبَا.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

عِنْدَمَا انْحَدَرْتَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ أَيُّهَا الْحَيَاةُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ، حِينَئِذٍ أَمَتَ الْجَحِيمَ بِبِرْقِ لَاهُوتِكَ. وَعِنْدَمَا أَقَمْتَ الْأَمْوَاتَ مِنْ تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوَكُ جَمِيعُ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاويِّينَ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مُعْطِي الْحَيَاةِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA (TONE 2)

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting to the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ يُوسُفَ الْمُتَّقِي، أَحْدَرَ جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ مِنَ الْعُودِ، وَلَفَّهُ بِالسَّبَانِي النَّقِيَّةِ، وَحَنَطَهُ بِالطَّيِّبِ، وَجَهَّزَهُ، وَأَضْجَعَهُ فِي قَبْرِ جَدِيدٍ. لَكِنَّكَ قُمْتَ لِثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، يَا رَبُّ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

TROPARION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN (TONE 2)

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting to the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ قَدْ حَضَرَ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ، قَائِلَاتٍ لِلنِّسْوَةِ الْحَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ: أَمَّا الطَّيِّبُ فَهُوَ لَائِقٌ بِالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ، فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ غَرِيباً مِنَ الْفَسَادِ. لَكِنْ اصْرُخْنَ قَائِلَاتٍ: قَدْ قَامَ الرَّبُّ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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 مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرَ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

وَلَيْنُ كُنْتَ نَزَلْتَ إِلَى قَبْرِ يَا مَنْ لَا يَمُوتُ، إِلَّا أَنْتَ دَرَسْتَ قُوَّةَ الْجَحِيمِ، وَقُتِمْتَ غَالِباً أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهِ، وَلِلنِّسْوَةِ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ قُلْتَ افْرَحْنَ، وَلِرُسُلِكَ وَهَبْتَ السَّلَامَ، يَا مَانِحَ الْوَاقِعِينَ الْقِيَامَ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

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

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

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Fadel Khoury

Today

Alice Saba

Celina Saba

May 3

Mariana Saba

Tamara Issam Maatouk

May 10

Mais Rihani

Fady M. Mseih

May 17

Hanan Mseih



The Lord is my strength and my song.

With chastisement has the Lord chastened me.

**The Reading from the Acts of
the Holy Apostles (6:1-7)**

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Tímon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

فُوتِي وَتَسْبِحَتِي الرَّبُّ. أَدَبًا أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبُّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ

الْقَدَيْسِينَ الْأَطْهَارَ (6:1-7)

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، لَمَّا تَكَثَّرَ التَّلَامِيذُ، حَدَّثَ تَذَمُّرٌ مِنَ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ عَلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ بِأَنَّ أَرَامِلَهُمْ كُنَّ يُهْمَلْنَ فِي الْخِدْمَةِ الْيَوْمِيَّةِ. فَدَعَا الْإِثْنَا عَشَرَ جُمُهورَ التَّلَامِيذِ وَقَالُوا: "لَا يَحْسُنُ أَنْ نَتْرِكَ نَحْنُ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ وَنَخْدُمَ الْمَوَائِدَ. فَانْتَخِبُوا أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ مِنْكُمْ سَبْعَةَ رِجَالٍ، مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ بِالْفَضْلِ، مُمْتَلِئِينَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ، فَتُقِيمَهُمْ عَلَى هَذِهِ الْحَاجَةِ. وَنُؤَاظِبُ نَحْنُ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ وَخِدْمَةِ الْكَلِمَةِ." فَحَسَّنَ الْكَلَامُ لَدَى جَمِيعِ الْجُمُهورِ. فَاخْتَارُوا إِسْتَفَانُوسَ، رَجُلًا مُمْتَلِئًا مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَفِيلِيبُسَ وَبِرُوخُورُسَ وَنِيكَانُورَ وَتِيْمُنَ وَبَرْمِنَاسَ وَنِيْقُولَاوُسَ دَخِيلاً أَنْطَاكِيَاً. وَأَقَامُوهُمْ أَمَامَ الرُّسُلِ. فَصَلُّوا وَوَضَعُوا عَلَيْهِمِ الْأَيْدِي. وَكَانَتْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ تَنْمُو، وَعَدَدُ التَّلَامِيذِ يَتَكَثَّرُ فِي أَوْرَشَلِيمَ جِدًّا. وَكَانَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْكَهَنَةِ يُطِيعُونَ الْإِيمَانَ

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint Mark (15:43-16:8)**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ مَرْقُسَ

الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ (15:43-16:8)

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، جاءَ يوسُفُ الذي مِنَ الرّامةِ، مُشيرٌ تقِيٌّ، وكانَ هوَ أيضاً مُتَظِراً مَلَكوتَ اللهِ. فَاجْتَرَأَ وَدَخَلَ على بِيلاطُسَ وَطَلَبَ جَسَدَ يسوعَ. فَاسْتَعْرَبَ بِيلاطُسُ أَنَّهُ قَدْ ماتَ هَكَذَا سَريعاً. وَاسْتَدْعَى قائِدَ المِئَةِ وَسأَلَهُ هَلْ لَهُ زَمانٌ قَدْ ماتَ. وَلَمَّا عَرَفَ مِنَ القائِدِ، وَهَبَ الجَسَدَ لِيوسُفَ. فَاشْتَرى كَتاناً، وَأَنزَلَهُ، وَلَقَّه في الكَتانِ، وَوَضَعَهُ في قَبْرِ كانَ مَنحوتاً في صَخْرَةٍ، وَدَحْرَجَ حَجَراً على بابِ القَبْرِ. وَكانتْ مَريمُ المَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَريمُ أُمُّ يوسُفَى تَنظُرانِ أينَ وَضِعَ. وَلَمَّا انقَضى السَّبْتُ، اشْتَرَتْ مَريمُ المَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَريمُ أُمُّ يَعقوبَ وَسالوَمَةَ حَنوطاً لِيأتينَ وَيَدُهِنَّ. وَبَكَرَنَ جِداً في أوَّلِ الأَسبوعِ وَأَتَيْنَ القَبْرَ وَقَدْ طَلَعَتِ الشَّمْسُ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فيما بَيْنَهُنَّ، "مَنْ يُدحرجُ لَنا الحَجَرَ عَن بابِ القَبْرِ؟" فَتَطَلَّعنَ، فَرايَنَ الحَجَرَ قَدْ دُحِرَجَ، لِأَنَّهُ كانَ عَظيماً جِداً. فَلَمَّا دَخَلنَ القَبْرَ، رَأيَنَ شاباً جالِساً عَنِ اليَمينِ، لِإِسْأ حُلَّةً بِيضاءَ، فَانذَهَلنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: "لا تَنذَهَلنَ. أَنتنَّ تَطَلُبْنَ يسوعَ الناصِرِيِّ المَصلوبِ. قَدْ قامَ، لَيسَ هوَ هَهُنا. هُوَذا المَوضِعُ الذي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. فَانذَهَبْنَ وَقُلْنَ لِتلاميذِهِ وَلِبَطْرُسَ إِنَّهُ يَسبِقُكُم إلى الجاليلِ، هُناكَ تَرَوْنَهُ كَما قالَ لَكُم." فَخَرَجْنَ سَريعاً وَفَرَرْنَ مِنَ القَبْرِ وَقَدْ أَحذَثَهُنَّ الرِّعْدَةُ وَالدهَشُ. وَلَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَئياً لِأَنَّهُنَّ كُنَّ خائِفاتِ

MAGNIFICATION HYMN FOR PASCHA (TONE 1)

The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

إِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ تَقَوَّةَ نَحْوِ الْمُنْعَمِ عَلَيْهَا، أَيَّتُهَا الْعَذْرَاءُ النَّقِيَّةُ
أَفْرَحِي، وَأَيْضاً أَقُولُ أَفْرَحِي، لِأَنَّ ابْنَكَ قَدْ قَامَ مِنَ
الْقَبْرِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ.

إِسْتَنْبِرِي، اسْتَنْبِرِي يَا أورشليم الجديدة، لأنَّ مَجْدَ
الرَّبِّ قَدْ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيْكَ. إِفْرَحِي الْآنَ وَتَهَلَّلِي يَا صِهْيُون،
وَأَنْتِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ النَّقِيَّةِ، إِطْرَبِي بِقِيَامَةِ وَادِّكَ.

COMMUNION HYMN OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

جَسَدَ الْمَسِيحِ خُذُوا. وَالْيَنبُوعَ الَّذِي لَا يَنْضُبُ ذُقُوا.

INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT” PASCHAL TROPARION (TONE 5)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*once*)

الْمَسِيحُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ،
وَوَهَبَ الْحَيَاةَ لِلَّذِينَ فِي الْقُبُورِ. (مَرَّةً)

THE SYNAXARION

On April 26th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea with Venerable Glaphyra; and Stephen, bishop of Perm.

On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women. And we also commemorate Joseph of Arimathaea, the secret disciple, and Nicodemus, the disciple by night.

*Christ is brought myrrh by the wise women disciples;
And to them, I bring a hymn as myrrh in offering.*

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only eight of these women: Mary the Theotokos, the "mother" of James and Joses, who were the sons of Joseph the Betrothed from his previous marriage (Matt. 27:56 and Mark 15:40); Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own new tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ.

By the intercessions of the holy Myrrh-bearers, Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus, and all Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Afaf Fino and Family
– Wisaf Ghanma and Family

– The Hindeleh Family
– Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and Family

May 3 – Siham Saba and Family
– The Awad Family

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COMMEMORATIONS

- Today**
- 5-Year Commemoration for †**JAMILEH RIHANI**, offered by Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and family.
 - 5-Year Commemoration for †**NASIEM RIHANI**, offered by Sdn. Mazen and Souzan and family.
 - 28-Year Commemoration for †**SALEEM FARES RIHANI**, offered by Sdn. Mazen and Souzan and family.
 - 34-Year Commemoration for †**JAMAL NEMEH RIHANI**, offered by Sdn. Mazen and Souzan and family.

CHURCHINGS

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

BAPTISMS

Today **MUNTHER**, son of Jacob and Nicole Rayyan.

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

BLESSING OF RINGS

May 3 **JABRA**, son of Alfred and Lisa Ghanayem, and **NATALIE**, daughter of George and Nadia Mseeh.

WEDDINGS

May 24 **LAWRENCE**, son of Rizkallah and Rania Butros, and **EVA**, daughter of Dr. Marwan and Sausan Baghdan.

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- Today**
- 9-Day Memorial Service for †**JANOUB JAMEEL KAKISH (FINO)**, offered by Afaf Fino and family.
 - 40-Day Memorial Service for †**ELIAS SHEHADA FINO**, offered by Afaf Fino and family.
 - 6-Month Memorial Service for †**YACOUB GHANMA**, offered by Wisaf Ghanma 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.
 - 1-Year Memorial Service for †**KARAM AWAD**, offered by the Awad family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Apr 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Communion Prayers 8:45 am • Orthros (Matins) 9:00 am • Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am • Great Doxology 10:15 am • Divine Liturgy 10:20 am • Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 16-17</i>) After Communion • God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 20</i>) After Communion • Coffee Hour After Liturgy • Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 22</i>) After Liturgy
Thu, Apr 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 35</i>) 6:30 pm • Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 36</i>) 6:30 pm
Fri, May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocol Committee Meeting 8:30 am
Sat, May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Vespers Service 5:00 pm • JOY Club Event (<i>see pg. 21</i>) After Vespers
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Mon, May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council Officers' Meeting 6:00 pm • Antiochian Men (A-Men) Officers' Monthly Zoom Meeting 9:00 pm

Thank You! to *Ibtessam Imreibe and Family*



for donating the Flowers for
The Patronal Feast of Saint George,
 for the good health of their husband and father,
George Imreibe!

Thank You! to *Sanaa Idaidany and Committee*

for decorating for
The Patronal Feast of Saint George

Dates to Remember!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



WED
MAY 20

**LITURGY FOR
FEAST OF ASCENSION**



SUN
MAY 31

GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST



MON-THU
JUN 8-11

Summer Bible School



SAT
JUN 13



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



WED-SUN
JUN 17-21

Parish Life Conference



SAT-SAT
AUG 1-15

DORMITION SEASON



SAT
SEP 26



*Annual Legacy Ball
- 63rd Anniversary*



MON-FRI
NOV 15-DEC 25

HOLY ADVENT SEASON



THU

Christmas Liturgy

May Your Humility Receive My Words, Elder Joseph

A Tribute to Elder Joseph of Roscoe

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

The monk is a man of prayer. The power of his prayer is shown by the outpouring of divine grace upon him. This is reflected in an inner peace unshaken by storms, and a warmth of welcome and hospitality surpassing the finest manners of the most polished social circles. It is the hospitality of Christ Himself, free from all human flattery and social formalities.

As for the radiant, cheerful countenance that reflects the clarity of heaven and the Kingdom of God on earth, He grants it to some of His faithful ones. I could see all these qualities in the face of Elder Joseph of St. Nektarios Monastery of Roscoe, New York, upon whom many graces from God were manifest. I dare to speak of them now, after he has gone to the dwellings of the Lord.

This is what I saw in you from the moment I met you for the first time, and it increased throughout three years, up to our last meeting. You did not change, nor were you altered. Even the grievous illness you endured in recent years was not an obstacle that prevented the heavenly light from shining on your face for a single moment; rather, it only increased. Nor did your physical pains conceal the gentle, transparent smile on your face!

How ashamed I felt when I learned that you had postponed receiving your chemotherapy by a day or two in order to hear my last confession, especially when I saw signs of fatigue upon you. I asked you then, “Are you in great pain, Father?” And so that I would not worry about you, you answered roundaboutly, with heavenly gentleness and a smile not of this world: “The chemotherapy dose tires me, and afterward, I spend several days as though I were dead!” Your answer was like an arrow that pierced me with the measure of love you carried!

By your conduct, you taught me the importance of faithfulness to the Lord until the final breath. Through you, I came to understand that faithfulness, and the deeds and labors that accompany it, are what draw forth the grace of God. This is what I had also learned from our Holy Fathers; yet in you, I saw it embodied.

From you, I learned that we struggle while knowing that our ascetical efforts do not grant us “merit” before God; yet He, glory to Him, sees our labors for His sake and grants us His grace, which sanctifies our lives and reflects His light within us. You also taught me, Father, that our God does not always grant this grace so that He may preserve us from pride. But what I witnessed in you was that He poured out His grace upon you abundantly and preserved it in you richly, after He saw your labors before Him and your faithfulness to Him.

His grace appeared in you through the joy that marked your face, which you transmitted to your striving monks. We know, Father, that with joy the Gospel of our Lord began: “I bring you good tidings of great joy” (Luke 2:10), and with joy it was also concluded: “And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy” (Luke 24:52). We know that this joy of which the Gospel speaks is joy from God, not from ourselves, yet we often seek it in the wrong places.

But you offered yourself wholly to the Lord of joy, and He in turn granted you this gift, which you tasted to the full. Therefore, we now await you asking it for us, in your love, from the Lord beside whom you have come to stand, that He, through your intercessions, might grant it to us, and especially to your monks, so that your joyful presence may continue among them and, through them, be conveyed to us. This is what consoles your children, Father. I am entirely hopeful that you will not withhold this request from us, knowing how greatly we all need true joy—and that there is no true consolation or gladness except in the presence of the Lord of joy in our midst. You tasted Him best. Your faithfulness to Him and your labors before Him drew His grace upon you in abundance, and your humility preserved it in you always.

O earthly angel, you were the greatest blessing God granted me after my coming to America. You were my greatest consolation in my new ministry. How I will miss you, and how I will miss your advice! Yet, I am confident that your presence in the fathers and monks of the monastery will remain; and within that family, through whom you granted me the blessing of being spiritually one of them, I will find what you always gave me.

Today, after you have been wholly set free and have become entirely His, we all have hope and confidence that He will speak to you His blessed word: “Enter into the joy of your Lord,” for you “were faithful over a little; I will set you over much” (Matt. 25:21). Our consolation for your departure from us is that you now dwell in the light that does not fade, a light whose brilliance will shine in you more and more.

From there, from the Kingdom of God, remember us, the unworthy. From there, I ask you to remember me and the flocks of Christ whose service He entrusted to me, and to forgive me for being unable to attend your funeral.

فليقبل تواضعك كلماتي يا أبت يوسف

المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

الراهب رجل صلاة. وفعالية صلاته تظهر بانسكاب النعمة الإلهية عليه، ما ينعكس فيه سلاماً داخلياً لا تهزّه العواصف، وفرحاً عميقاً لا تؤثر فيه الأحقاد، وحسن استقبالٍ وضيافةٍ يفوقان أرقى الأصول التي تتعاطاها الطبقة المخملية. إنَّها ضيافة المسيح ذاته، تلك التي تخلو من أيِّ مجاملةٍ بشريةٍ أو آدابٍ اجتماعية. أمَّا الوجه المنور والبشوش الذي يعكس صفاء السماء وملكوت الله على الأرض، فيمنحه الله لبعض الأمناء له،. كنت ترى هذه الصفات مجتمعةً في وجه الشيخ يوسف الذي تجلّت فيه نِعْمٌ من الله كثيرة. أتجراً على ذكرها الآن بعدما صار في ديار الرب.

هذا ما رأيته فيك منذ التقيتك للمرة الأولى وازداد خلال سنواتٍ ثلاث وحتى اللقاء الأخير. لم تتغيّر ولم تتبدّل ولم يشكّل المرض الأليم، الذي عانيت منه في السنوات الأخيرة، عائقاً يمنع النور السماوي من الإشراق في وجهك لحظة واحدة، لا بل كان إلى ازدياد. ولم تحجب آلامك الجسدية ابتساماً وجهك البالغة الرقة والشفافية!

كم خجلت من نفسي عندما علمت متأخراً بأنك أجّلت تأقّي علاجك الكيماوي يوماً أو اثنين من أجل أن تسمع اعترافي الأخير، وخاصة حينما رأيت علامات التعب بادية عليك. كان جوابك سهماً طعنني بكمّ المحبّة التي حملها! سألتك آنذاك: أتتوجع كثيراً يا أبت؟ ولئلا تقلقني عليك، أجبتني مداورةً، وبرقة سماوية وابتساماً ليست من هذا العالم، "تتعبني جرعة العلاج الكيماوي، فأقضي بعدها عدّة أيام وكأنتي ميت!"

علّمتني بسلوكك أهميّة الأمانة للربّ حتّى الرممق الأخير. ومن خلالك وعيت أنّ الأمانة وما يصحبها من أفعال وأتعاب هي التي تستجاب نعمة الله. هذا ما كنت قد تعلمته أيضاً من آباءنا القديسين، لكنّي، في شخصك، رأيته متجسداً. عرفتُ منك أنّنا نجاهد ونحن مدركون بأنّ أفعال جهادنا لا تعطينا استحقاقاً أمام الله، لكنّه له المجد يرى أتعابنا من أجله، فيمنحنا نعمته التي تقدّس حياتنا وتعكس نوره فينا. كذلك عرّفنتي يا أبت أن إلها لا يمنحنا هذه النعمة دوماً كي يحفظنا من الكبرياء. لكن ما لمستته فيك، أنّه أمطر نعمه عليك بغزارةٍ وأدامها فيك بوفرة، بعدما رأى أتعابك أمامه وأمانتك له.

ظهرت نعمته فيك في الفرح الذي تميّز وجهك به، ونقلته إلى رهبانك المجاهدين. نعرف يا أبت أنّه بالفرح بدأ إنجيل ربّنا "إني أبشركم بفرح عظيم" (لو 2: 10)، وبالفرح حُتم أيضاً "ورجعوا إلى أورشليم وهم في فرح عظيم" (لو 24: 52). ونعرف أنّ هذا الفرح الذي يتكلّم عليه الإنجيل فرحٌ من الله لا منّا. ومع ذلك كثيراً ما نبحت عنه في الأماكن الخطأ. أمّا أنت فأعطيت ذاتك بكأيتها لربّ الفرح، وهو بدوره منحك هذه العطية التي ذقتها بالملء، لذا فإننا ننتظر أن تطلبها لنا بمحبّتك، من الربّ الذي صرت إلى جواره، عساه، بطلباتك، يُنعم بها علينا وعلى رهبانك بالأخصّ، فيستمرّ حضورك الفرح فيما بينهم، وعبرهم ينتقل إلينا. هذا ما يعزّي أولادك يا أبت. كليّ رجاء بأنك لن تبخل علينا بهذا الطلب و أنت العالم بحاجتنا جميعاً إلى الفرح الحقيقي! وأن ما من عزاء وابتهاج حقيقيين سوى في حضور الرب الفرح وسطننا. أنت خير من ذاقه. أمانتك له وأتعابك أمامه استجلبتنا نعمته عليك بوفرة، وتواضعك حفظها فيك على الدوام.

أيها الملاك الأرضي، كنت البركة العظمى التي منحني الله إيّاها من بعد مجيئي إلى أميركا. كنت تعزيتي الكبرى في خدمتي الجديدة. كم سأفتقدك وسأفتقد نصائحك! ولو أنني واثق من أن حضورك في آباء الدير ورهبانه سيبقى مستمراً، وأنني في تلك العائلة التي منحتني بركة أن أكون بالروح واحداً منها، سأجد ما كنت تمنحني إيّاه دوماً.

اليوم، بعد أن تحرّرت بالكلية، وصرت له بالتمام، كلنا رجاء وثقة بأنّه سيُسمعك كلمته المباركة: "ادخل إلى فرح ربّك" لأنك "كنت أميناً في القليل سأقيمك على الكثير"... عزاؤنا عن رحيلك عنّا، أنّك الآن تقيم في النور الذي لا يخبو، ذاك الذي سيتألق لمعانه فيك أكثر فأكثر. من هناك، من ملكوت الله، اذكرنا، نحن غير المستحقين. من هناك أرجو أن تذكرني ورعايا المسيح التي سلّمني خدمتها، وأن تسامحني لأنني لم أتمكّن من المشاركة جسدياً في صلاة

تجنيزك



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 27*: The Resurrection of Jesus and Thomas Sunday

The Chief Priests and Pharisees were worried about the disciples faking a resurrection to fulfill prophecy. They went to Pilate and made sure the grave was secure with a large stone and sealed and two soldiers were set to watch. No amount of guards could have prevented what God had to do to make the unjust ruling and crucifixion of His Son right, and to fulfill what He had ordained and promised to make us new. God the Father and judge is loving, fair, and just. He turned the verdict upside down through the resurrection.



After the resurrection, the Gospel of John tells of Peter and the other disciple, who is not named, going to the tomb together after Mary Magdalene returns with the news that the stone had been moved and Jesus had been taken. Peter represents the Jews in this passage who must see to believe, and the other disciple who is purposely not named represents us. Peter finds the cloth that was wrapped around his face folded and left behind, to represent His power to leave behind the old ways and laws. This time Jesus is able to shed the cloth Himself. Therefore, He was resurrected unto power, Christ is the Lord of Heaven.

Belief in God is not supernatural; it is our trust and faith connecting everything we believe as well as trusting in God's power and strength. Pascha, which is to Christians, Christ's Passover from death to life, is our own assurance that we will pass from death to eternal life with Him if we believe and live according to His will.

** LESSON 27 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026.*



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

CREATING MEMORIES

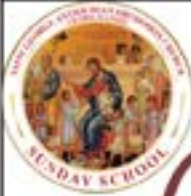
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UPCOMING EVENTS...



Sundays after Communion	Sunday School 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

_____ MAY _____
SUNDAY

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!



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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God's Little Lights



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

What is God's Little Lights?

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

When and Where

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

What Will Children Learn?

Our time together is flexible and fun, focusing on:

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



Why Join?

God's Little Lights is a wonderful way to:

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

ALL FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

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



Saint George 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!



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Teen SOYO



Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

TODAY

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

THU, MAY 7

34th Annual IOCC Chicago Grand Banquet

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



**FREE
EVENT!**

Teen SOYO

Mothers' Day Cupcake Bake!

**SAT | MAY 9
9:00 AM**

BAKE CUPCAKES FOR MOTHERS' DAY!

**RSVP by
Thu | May 7**



**BRING
CUPCAKE
TINS**

ALL TEENS AGES 13-18 WELCOME!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO *GOLF SOCIAL*



390 GOLF EXPERIENCE

1051 N. Prospect Ave., Ste. B, Wood Dale, IL



**390 GOLF
EXPERIENCE**



SAVE THE DATE

RSVP Coming Soon...

All Teens (13-18) Welcome!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Cicero, IL

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba, Pastor



Teen SOYO

April 26, 2026

Dear Members of Teen SOYO,

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the **Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections for Teen SOYO** to be held on **Friday, May 29, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m.

At this Teen SOYO General Assembly Meeting, the last meeting of the term, all members in good standing will be able to hear reports on the progress of the organization and participate in discussion on how to enhance the work which Teen SOYO does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2026-2027 term. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any teenager (ages 13-18) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba or Father Gabriel by Friday, May 22, 2026.

Per the Constitution, only members in good standing spiritually will be eligible to be nominated or vote on all decisions including Elections in the General Assembly Meeting. However, all are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Nominating Committee will receive nominations until Friday, May 22, 2026. A member of the Committee will then speak with the person nominated to get their acceptance (you can nominate yourself). ***Per the Constitution, there will be NO nominations accepted from the floor of the meeting on Friday, May 29, 2026.***

We look forward to a great meeting! See you all there! Until then, we remain

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

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Pastor

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel
Spiritual Advisor

Angelina Imseeh

Angelina Imseeh
Teen SOYO President



ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

SPIRITUAL SISTERS

Circle

MINISTRY

Complimentary
EVENT

Coffee, Tea,
and Cookies

RSVP by
Mon | May 11



Faith † Fellowship † Sisterhood

DATE / TIME

*Mon, May 11, 2026
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm*

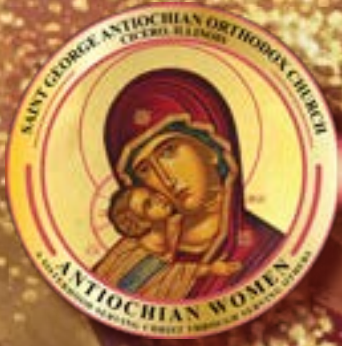
TOPIC

*"Let's Unlearn—Choosing
Christ Over Culture and
Tradition"*

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



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\$45/
person

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL



YAF SAVE THE DATE

Sun, May 3, after Liturgy	Coffee Hour - The YAF House
Sat, May 16	Saint Katherine the Great Antiochian Orthodox Mission - Inaugural Divine Liturgy and Luncheon
Sun, May 17, after Liturgy	YAF Café - Church Hall
Wed, May 20	Evening Divine Liturgy for Feast of Ascension
Sat, May 30	Social Outing - 390 Golf Experience, Wood Dale, IL
Sun, May 31	Great Feast of Pentecost
Sun, May 31, after Liturgy	Coffee Hour - The YAF House
Sat, June 13	25th Annual Golf Classic - Cantigny Golf Course
Sun, June 14, after Liturgy	YAF Café - Church Hall
Wed-Sun, June 17-21	Parish Life Conference - Cleveland, Ohio
Sun, June 28, after Liturgy	Coffee Hour - The YAF House
Sat, July 11	Deanery Family Picnic
Sun, July 12, after Liturgy	Elections and Welcome BBQ - Courtyard <i>General Meeting & Elections BBQ Lunch & Annual Softball Game</i>
Sat-Sun, August 1-15	Dormition Season
Sat, September 12	Feast of the Cross Annual Bonfire
Sat, September 26	Annual Legacy Ball - 63rd Anniversary
Thurs-Sat, October 15-17	YAF Pilgrimage to the Antiochian Village
Mon, Nov 15-Fri, Dec 25	Holy Advent Season

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:

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!



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-O-W-A

June 28-July 4, 2026

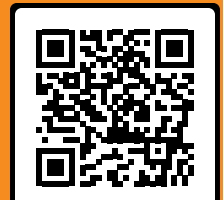
Summer
Camp



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

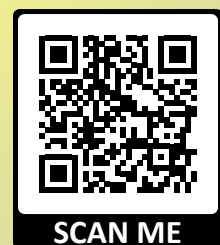
The Order of Saint Ignatius
Cicero Chapter and National!

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

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.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

West Campus Ministry

2026

Spring Session

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

THURSDAYS

Apr 30 — May 7 — May 14 — May 28 — Jun 4

PROGRAM

6:30PM - 9:00PM



COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS



PRAYER



BIBLE STUDY



GROUP ACTIVITY



KIDS ACTIVITY

LESSONS

APR 30 Gospel of Mark, Ch 1-3

MAY 7 Gospel of Mark, Ch 4-6

MAY 14 Gospel of Mark, Ch 7-9

MAY 28 Gospel of Mark, Ch 10-12

JUN 4 Gospel of Mark, Ch 13-16

ALL ARE WELCOME!

← West
Campus





SAINT KATHERINE THE GREAT
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX MISSION

Spring Program

THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM

APRIL

30

GOSPEL OF MARK: CHAPTERS 1-3

GOSPEL OF MARK: CHAPTERS 4-6

MAY

7

MAY

14

GOSPEL OF MARK: CHAPTERS 7-9

GOSPEL OF MARK: CHAPTERS 10-12

MAY

21

MAY

28

GOSPEL OF MARK: CHAPTERS 13-14

GOSPEL OF MARK: CHAPTERS 15-16

JUNE

4

Coffee & Refreshments, Evening Prayers, Bible
Study and Group Activity to Follow!

7313 WAUKEGAN RD. NILES, IL 60714



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

7313 Waukegan Road, Niles, Illinois 60714

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!**

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

PLUS:

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

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



**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

SAVE THE DATE



JOIN US FOR OUR
**34TH ANNUAL IOCC
CHICAGO GRAND BANQUET**

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

EMPRESS BANQUETS

200 E Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101

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



Register at iocc.org/Chicago

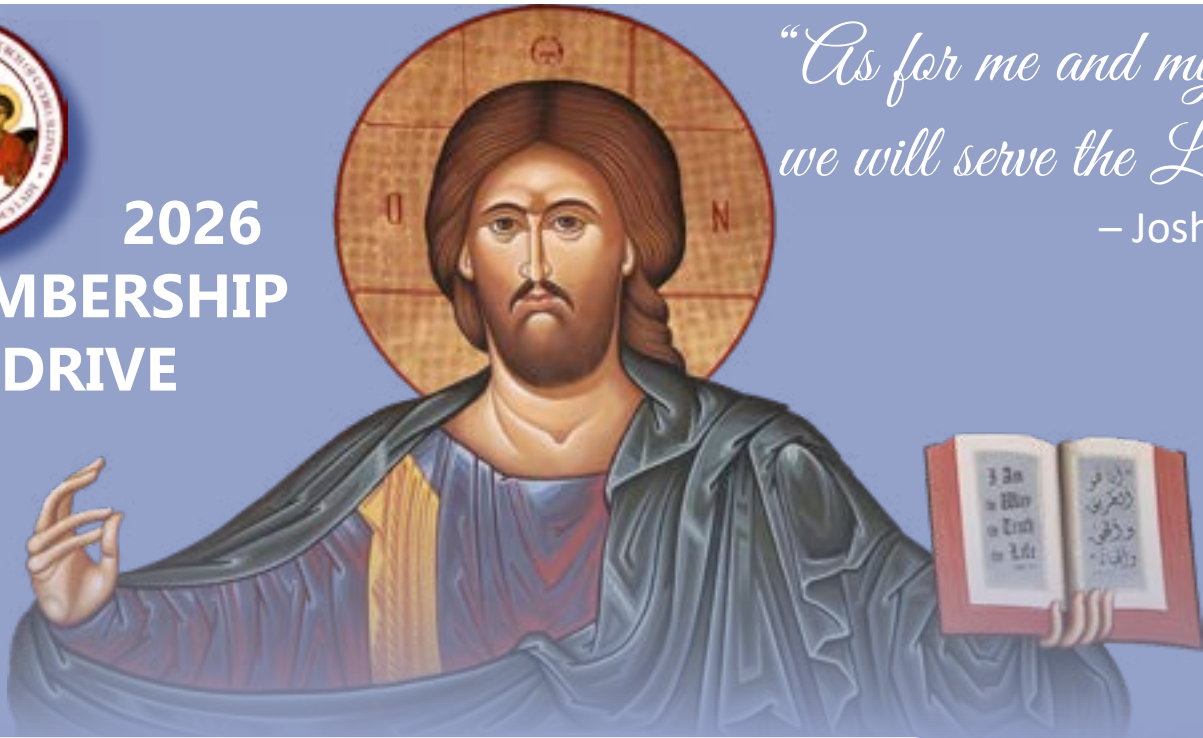


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The fair market value (FMV) for each ticket is \$70. Only the portion of the payment that exceeds the FMV is deductible as a charitable contribution.



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,

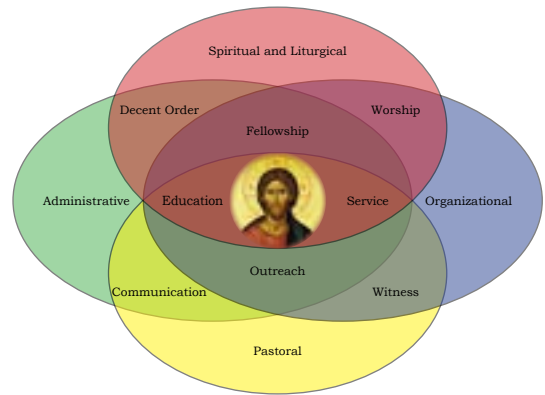
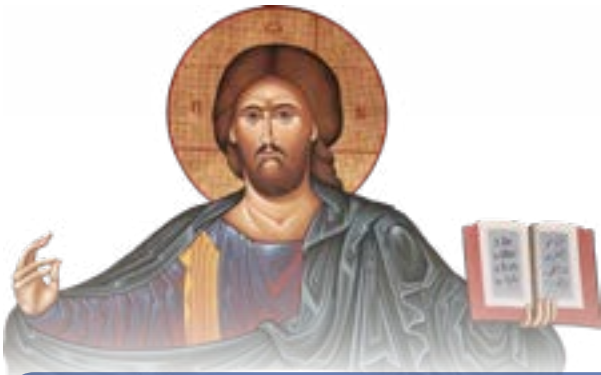
we are called to be one Body in Christ – united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- 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

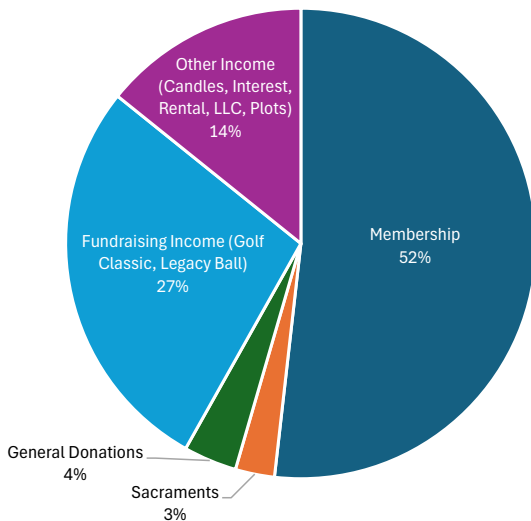
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

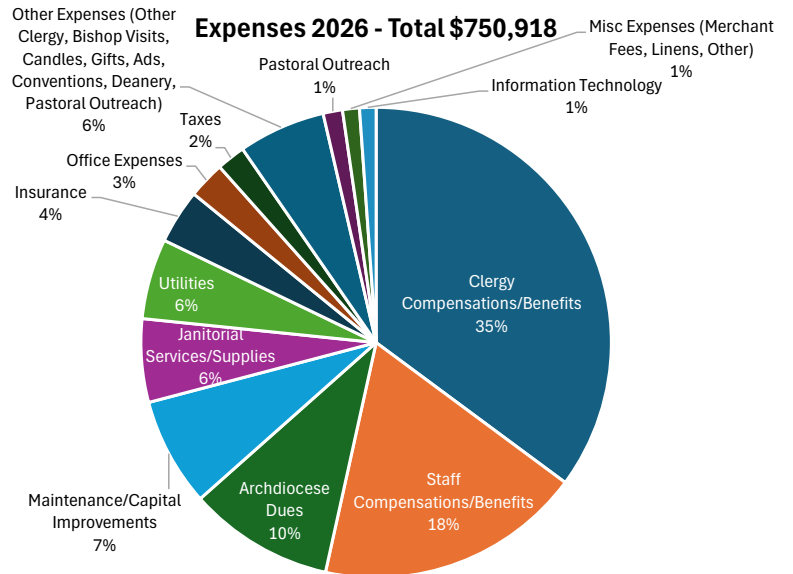
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

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



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SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
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25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Registration
Deadline

**FRIDAY,
MAY 1**

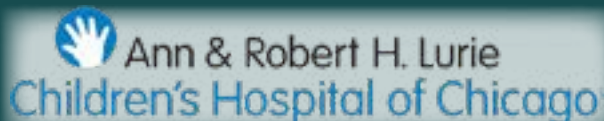


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- CANTIGNY GOLF COURSE
27W270 MACK RD, WHEATON, IL
- CHECK-IN 11:00 AM
- BRUNCH & PROGRAM
- PUTTING CONTEST
- SHOT GUN START
- AFTER-GOLF SOCIAL WITH AWARDS, RAFFLE DRAWING, AND COCKTAILS
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL-DAY ADMISSION*
**ADMISSION INCLUDES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



NEW FORMAT! GREAT PRIZES! WORTHY CAUSE!



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

**PORITION OF PROFITS
TO BENEFIT:**



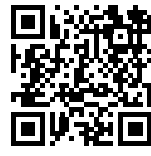
GRAND PRIZE: GOOOOAL! INCLUDES: 2 WORLD CUP TICKETS TO THE JORDAN VS ARGENTINA GAME IN DALLAS, TX, SAT, JUN 27 AT 9PM AND \$1,000 AIRFARE/HOTEL VOUCHER (\$3,500 VALUE)

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

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

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

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



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Purchase your Raffle Tickets today!

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

GOLFING FOR A PURPOSE

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



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

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

All-Day Admission for 4 Golfers*

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

All-Day Admission for 4 Golfers*

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

Golf Registration and Sponsorships Submission DEADLINE FRI | MAY 1



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Secure your sponsorship today!

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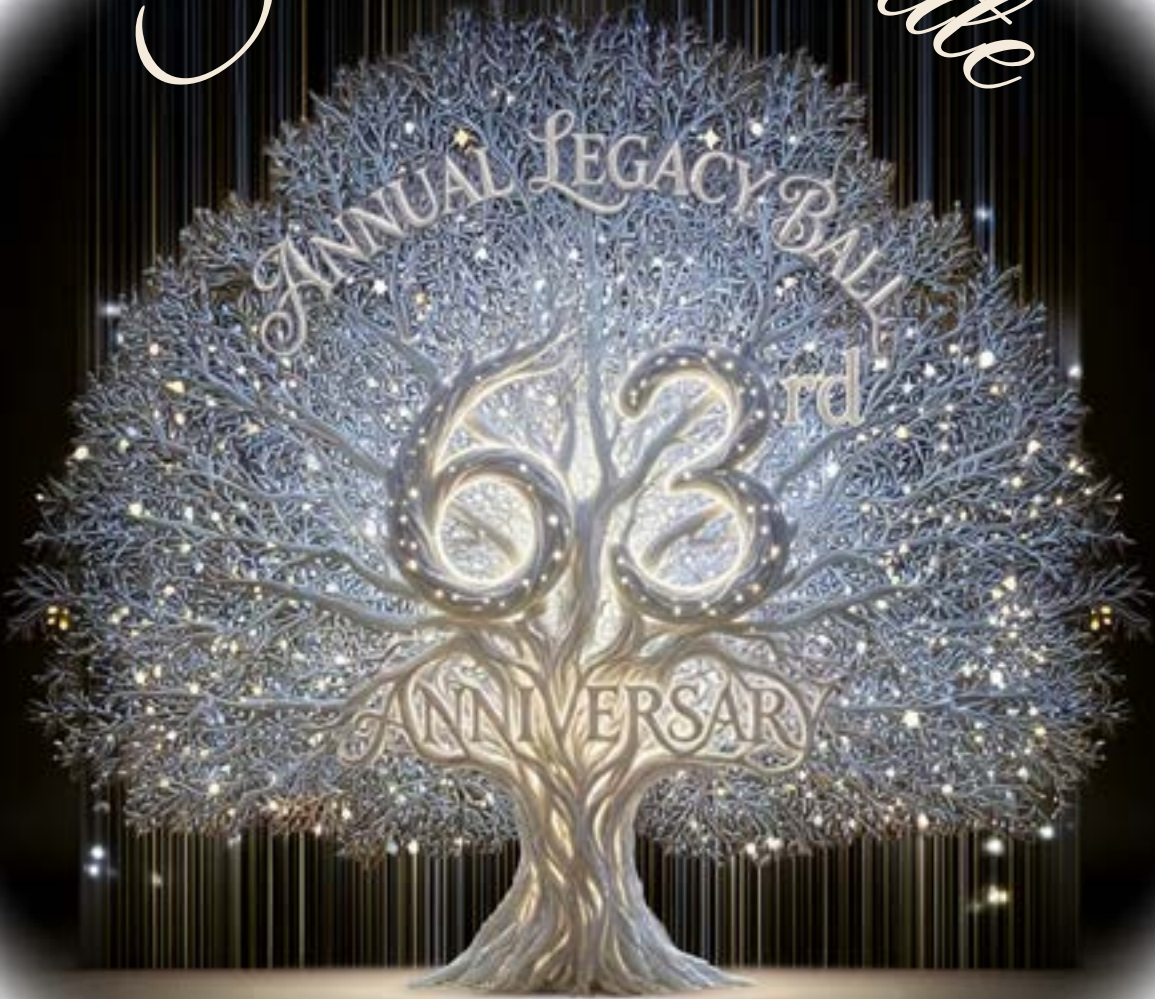
Community

- Genesis Wealth
- Wood Dale Bank and Trust, A Wintrust Community Bank

General

- ABT Electronics
- Anonymous
- Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago

Save the Date



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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Saturday of Souls

Saturday, May 30, 2026

9:45AM *Pre-Communion Prayers* | 10:00AM *Liturgy*
followed by *Memorial Service*

*To remember your departed loved ones on the Saturday of Souls,
please submit names of your departed loved ones to
Office@StGeorgeChi.org BY Thursday, May 27, 2026.*

The Clergy will Visit these Local Cemeteries:

To add another Cemetery to the list, contact the Church Office at office@StGeorgeChi.org

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

- Arlington Cemetery
- Assumption Cemetery
- Bethania Cemetery
- Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park
- Good Shepherd Cemetery
- Holy Sepulcher Cemetery
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery
- Wheaton Cemetery

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

- Acacia Cemetery
- All Saints Cemetery
- Elmwood Cemetery
- Maryhill Catholic Cemetery
- Mount Olive Cemetery
- Ridgewood Memorial Park Cemetery
- Rosehill Cemetery
- Saint Adalbert Memorial Park
- Town of Maine Cemetery

*To meet the Clergy at the grave of your loved one, kindly
contact the Church Office at Office@StGeorgeChi.org or
scan the QR Code below.*



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