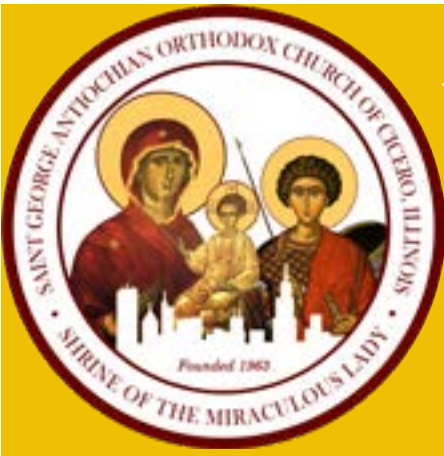




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10:20^{am} Divine Liturgy

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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 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 الْعَلَاءِ،
وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وَفِي النَّاسِ الْمَسَرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْمَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيُّ، إِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلَّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ، يَا حَمَلَ اللَّهِ يَا ابْنَ الْآبِ، يَا رَافِعَ
خَطِيئَةِ الْعَالَمِ ارْحَمْنَا، يَا رَافِعَ خَطَايَا الْعَالَمِ
تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنَا أَيُّهَا الْجَالِسُ عَنْ يَمِينِ الْآبِ
وَارْحَمْنَا

لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ
يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ، فِي مَجْدِ اللَّهِ الْآبِ، آمِينَ.
فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ،
وَالْإِلَهِي إِلَى الْأَبَدِ

أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَلَانَا عَلَيْكَ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حَقُوقَكَ. (ثَلَاثًا)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأُ كُنْتُ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّنِي قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

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

قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا. (ثَلَاثًا)

المَجْدُ لِلْآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.
الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

O clap your hands, all ye peoples; shout unto God with the voice of exultation.

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

For the Lord Most High is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. He hath subdued the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

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.

يَا جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ صَفِّقُوا بِالْأَيْدِي. هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ بِأَصْوَاتِ الْإِبْتِهَاجِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا. لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ مُتَعَالٍ وَمَرْهُوبٌ، وَمَلِكٌ عَظِيمٌ عَلَى الدُّنْيَا بِأَسْرِهَا. أَخَضَعَ الشُّعُوبَ لَنَا وَالْأُمَمَ تَحْتَ أَقْدَامِنَا.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا. الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in His holy mountain.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

God is known in her palaces when He cometh to our aid.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; 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...

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جَدًّا فِي مَدِينَةِ إِلَهِنَا عَلَى جَبَلِ قُدْسِهِ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صَعِدَ عَنَّا بِمَجْدٍ إِلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي قُصُورِهَا بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيرُهَا.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صَعِدَ عَنَّا بِمَجْدٍ إِلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

هَآ إِنِّ مُلُوكَ الْأَرْضِ قَدْ اجْتَمَعُوا وَأَقْبَلُوا مَعًا.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صَعِدَ عَنَّا بِمَجْدٍ إِلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدَ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

إِسْمَعُوا هَذَا يَا كُلَّ الْأُمَمِ، أَصْغُوا يَا سُكَّانَ الْأَرْضِ أَجْمَعِينَ. إِنَّ فَمِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْحِكْمَةِ، وَقَلْبِي يُلْهَجُ بِالْفَهْمِ. أَمِيلُ أُذُنِي إِلَى الْأَمْثَالِ، وَأَكْشِفُ الْغَايَ عَلَى الْقِيثَارِ

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF ASCENSION (TONE 4)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

لَقَدْ صَعَدْتَ بِمَجْدٍ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، وَفَرَّحْتَ تَلَامِيذَكَ بِمَوْعِدِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، إِذْ أَيْقَنُوا بِالْبَرَكَاتِ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، الْمُنْقِذُ الْعَالَمِ.

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 وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهُنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُويَا

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ الْقَوَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرْيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَّيْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجَرَّبْ مِنْهَا، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF ASCENSION (TONE 4)

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لَقَدْ صَعَدْتَ بِمَجْدٍ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، وَفَرَّحْتَ تَلَامِيذَكَ بِمَوْعِدِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، إِذْ أَيْقَنُوا بِالْبَرَكَاتِ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، الْمُنْقِذُ الْعَالَمِ.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (TONE 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْفَائِقُ التَّسْبِيحِ، يَا مَنْ أَسَّسْتَ آبَاءَنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ كَوَاكِبَ لَامِعَةٍ، وَبِهِمْ هَدَيْتَنَا جَمِيعاً إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ الْحَقِيقِيِّ، يَا جَزِيلَ الرَّحْمَةِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.



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.

بما أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جُيُوشِ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF ASCENSION (TONE 6)

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

لَمَّا اكْمَلْتَ التَّدْبِيرَ الَّذِي مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، وَجَعَلْتَ الَّذِينَ عَلَى
الْأَرْضِ مُتَّحِدِينَ بِالسَّمَاوِيِّينَ، صَعَدْتَ بِمَجْدٍ أَيُّهَا
الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهَنَا، غَيْرَ مُنْفَصِلٍ مِنْ مَكَانٍ، بَلْ ثَابِتاً بِغَيْرِ
اِفْتِرَاقٍ وَهَاتِفاً بِأَحْبَابِكَ: أَنَا مَعَكُمْ، وَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ عَلَيْكُمْ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

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

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

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Joelle Boulos

Today

Dr. Manal Ibrahim

Katherine Conopeotis

May 31

Sally Esber



Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

**The Reading from the Acts of the
Holy Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)**

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.

فَإِنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ أَعْمَالِ الرُّسُلِ

الْقَدِيسِينَ الْأَطْهَارِ (20:16-18, 28-36)

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، ارْتَأَى بُولُسُ أَنْ يَتَجَاوَزَ
أَفَسُسَ فِي الْبَحْرِ لِنَلَّا يَعْرضَ لَهُ أَنْ يُبْطِئَ فِي
أَسِيَةِ. لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَعْجَلُ حَتَّى يَكُونَ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ
يَوْمَ الْعَنْصَرَةِ إِنْ أُمَكَّنَهُ. فَمِنْ مِيلْيُتُسَ بَعَثَ إِلَى
أَفَسُسَ، فَاسْتَدْعَى قُسُوسَ الْكَنِيسَةِ. فَلَمَّا وَصَلُوا
إِلَيْهِ قَالَ لَهُمْ: احْذَرُوا لَأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَلِجَمِيعِ الرَّعِيَةِ
الَّتِي أَقَامَكُمُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ فِيهَا أَسَاقِفَةً، لِتَرْعَوْا
كَنِيسَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي اقْتَنَاهَا بِدَمِهِ فَإِنِّي أَعْلَمُ هَذَا، أَنَّهُ
سَيَدْخُلُ بَيْنَكُمْ بَعْدَ ذَهَابِي ذُنَابٌ خَاطِفَةٌ لَا تُشْفِقُ
عَلَى الرَّعِيَةِ وَمِنْكُمْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ سَيَقُومُ رِجَالٌ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ
بِأُمُورٍ مُلْتَوِيَةٍ لِيَجْتَذِبُوا التَّلَامِيذَ وَرَاءَهُمْ لِذَلِكَ
اسْهَرُوا، مُتَذَكِّرِينَ أَنِّي مُدَّةَ ثَلَاثِ سِنِينَ لَمْ أَكْفُفْ
لَيْلاً وَنَهَاراً أَنْ أَنْصَحَ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ بِدُمُوعٍ. وَالْآنَ
أُسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ، يَا إِخْوَتِي، اللَّهَ وَكَلِمَةَ نِعْمَتِهِ الْقَادِرَةِ
أَنْ تَبْنِيَكُمْ وَتَمْنَحَكُمْ مِيرَاثاً مَعَ جَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ.
إِنِّي لَمْ أَشْتِهِ فِضَّةً أَوْ ذَهَباً أَوْ لِبَاسَ أَحَدٍ. وَأَنْتُمْ
تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ حَاجَاتِي وَحَاجَاتِ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ خَدَمْتُهَا
هَاتَانِ الْيَدَانِ. فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَيَّنْتُ لَكُمْ أَنَّهُ هَكَذَا
يَنْبَغِي أَنْ نَتَعَبَ لِتُسَاعِدِ الضُّعَفَاءَ، وَأَنْ نَتَذَكَّرَ كَلَامَ
الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنَّهُ قَالَ: إِنَّ الْعَطَاءَ هُوَ مَغْبُوطٌ
أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الْأَخْذِ. وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا، جَثَا عَلَى رُكْبَتَيْهِ
مَعَ جَمِيعِهِمْ وَصَلَّى

**The Reading of the Holy Gospel
according to Saint John (17:1-13)**

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

**فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ يوحنا
الإنجيليِّ البَشِيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهر (17:1-13)**

في ذلك الزمان، رَفَعَ يسوعُ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتِ قَدْ أَتَتْ السَّاعَةُ، مَجِّدِ ابْنَكَ لِيُجِجِدَكَ ابْنُكَ أَيْضاً. كَمَا أُعْطِيتَهُ سُلْطَاناً عَلَى كُلِّ بَشَرٍ لِيُعْطِيَ كُلَّ مَنْ أُعْطِيتَهُ لَهُ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ، أَنْ يَعْرِفُوكَ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهَ الْحَقِيقِيَّ وَحْدَكَ، وَالَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَهُ يسوعَ الْمَسِيحَ. أَنَا قَدْ مَجَّدْتُكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ. قَدْ أَتَمَمْتُ الْعَمَلَ الَّذِي أُعْطِيتَنِي لِأَعْمَلُهُ. وَالْآنَ مَجِّدْنِي أَنْتَ يَا أَبَتِ عِنْدَكَ بِالْمَجْدِ الَّذِي كَانَ لِي عِنْدَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ كَوْنِ الْعَالَمِ. قَدْ أَعْلَنْتُ اسْمَكَ لِلنَّاسِ الَّذِينَ أُعْطِيتَهُمْ لِي مِنَ الْعَالَمِ. هُمْ كَانُوا لَكَ، وَأَنْتَ أُعْطِيتَهُمْ لِي، وَقَدْ حَفَظُوا كَلَامَكَ. وَالْآنَ قَدْ عَلِمُوا أَنَّ كُلَّ مَا أُعْطِيتَهُ لِي هُوَ مِنْكَ. لِأَنَّ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي أُعْطِيتَهُ لِي أُعْطِيتَهُ لَهُمْ. وَهُمْ قَبِلُوا وَعَلِمُوا حَقّاً أَنِّي مِنْكَ خَرَجْتُ، وَأَمَنُوا أَنَّكَ أَرْسَلْتَنِي. أَنَا مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ أَسْأَلُ. لَا أَسْأَلُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْعَالَمِ، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِ الَّذِينَ أُعْطِيتَهُمْ لِي، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَكَ. كُلُّ شَيْءٍ لِي هُوَ لَكَ، وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ هُوَ لِي، وَأَنَا قَدْ مُجِّدْتُ فِيهِمْ. وَلَسْتُ أَنَا بَعْدُ فِي الْعَالَمِ، وَهُؤُلَاءِ هُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ، وَأَنَا آتِي إِلَيْكَ. أَيُّهَا الْآبُ الْقُدُّوسُ احْفَظْهُمْ بِاسْمِكَ، الَّذِينَ أُعْطِيتَهُمْ لِي، لِيَكُونُوا وَاحِداً كَمَا نَحْنُ. حِينَ كُنْتُ مَعَهُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ، كُنْتُ أَحْفَظُهُمْ بِاسْمِكَ. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُعْطِيتَهُمْ لِي قَدْ حَفَظْتُهُمْ، وَلَمْ يَهْلِكْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا ابْنُ الْهَلَاكِ، لِيَتِمَّ الْكِتَابُ. أَمَّا الْآنَ فَإِنِّي آتِي إِلَيْكَ. وَأَنَا أَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَذَا فِي الْعَالَمِ لِيَكُونَ فَرَحِي كَامِلاً فِيهِمْ

INSTEAD OF “WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT” TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF ASCENSION (TONE 4)

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

لَقَدْ صَعِدْتَ بِمَجْدٍ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهَنَا، وَفَرَّحْتَ تَلَامِيذَكَ
بِمَوْعِدِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُّسِ، إِذْ أُيْقِنُوا بِالْبَرَكَةِ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ ابْنُ
اللَّهِ، الْمُنْقِذُ الْعَالَمَ.



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THE SYNAXARION

On May 24th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; Venerable Vincent of Lerins .

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

O ye light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament, enlighten my mind with your rays.

Calling the Son a stranger to the Father's essence, Arius proved to be a stranger to God's glory.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—"The Creed"—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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no later than **Monday by 10:00 PM**. Thank you!**

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Naheel, Norma, and Mina Rantisi

– Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and Family

– Renee Saba and Family

May 31 – OPEN

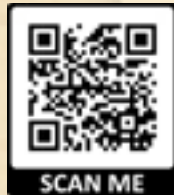
Jun 7 – Adel Alfakhori and Family

Jun 14 – Reimoon and Jumana Imsaih and Family

– The Khoury Family

– Kathy Tingwald and Family and Adn. Saed Rihani

– Kamal and Etihad Rihani and Family



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Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and Family

May 31 – Hector Rodriguez and Family

Jun 7 – OPEN

Jun 14 – OPEN

Jun 21 – OPEN

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CHURCHINGS

- May 31** • **JAMES**, son of Bryan and Dena Zarou.
• **NATALIE**, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Mufarreh.

CHRISMATIONS

May 26 BRIANNA Sommer.

BLESSING OF RINGS

May 30 DEMETRI Katsiavelos and **MARY** Fakhouri.

WEDDINGS

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

Jun 27 EMIL, son of Imad and Sanaa Natour, and **REEM**, daughter of George and Famia Habeeb.

COMMEMORATIONS

Today 12-Year Commemoration for †**FAREED SABA**, offered by Renee Saba and family.

- Jun 7** • 6-Month Commemoration for †**SHEILIA ALFAKHORI**, offered by Adel Alfakhori and family.
• 33-Year Commemoration for †**JAMEELEH ALFAKHORI**, offered by Adel Alfakhori and family.
• 44-Year Commemoration for †**SAED ALFAKHORI**, offered by Adel Alfakhori and family.

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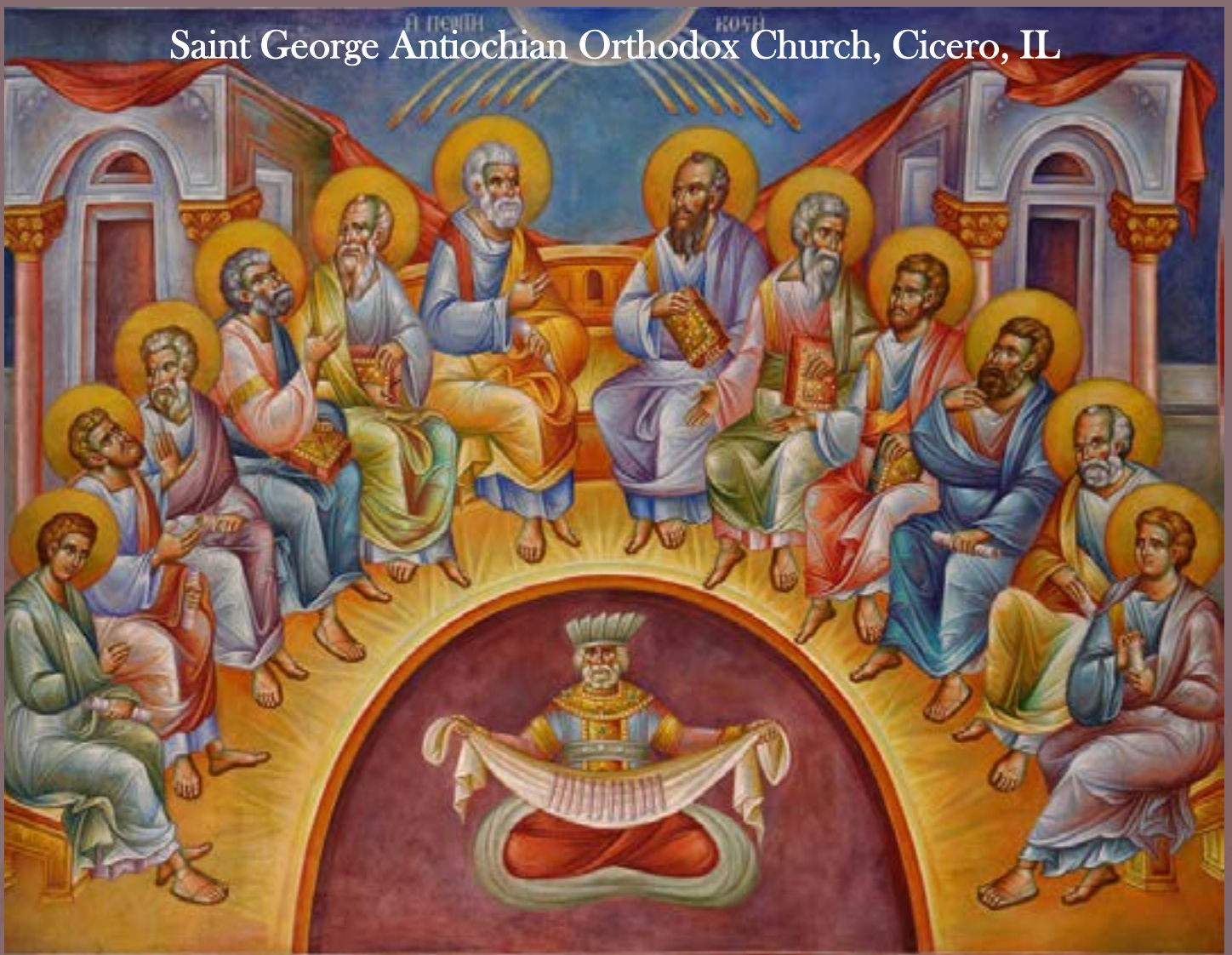
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Feast of Pentecost ~ أحد العنصرة

Sunday, May 31

8:45AM Pre-Communion Prayers

9:00AM Matins

10:15AM Great Doxology and Liturgy

Kneeling Prayers immediately following Liturgy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

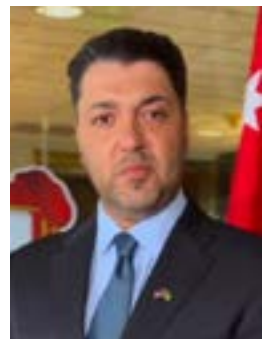
Sun, May 24	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 18-19</i>)	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 22</i>)	After Liturgy
Mon, May 25	OFFICE CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	
Tue, May 26	• West Campus Zoom Meeting	8:30 am
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Spring Luncheon (<i>see pg. 30</i>)	11:30 am
	• Legacy Ball Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Thu, May 28	• West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 34</i>)	6:30 pm
	• Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 35</i>)	6:30 pm
Fri, May 29	Teen SOYO End-of-Term Summer Bash and Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (<i>see pgs. 20-21</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, May 30	• Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	9:45 am
	• Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	10:00 am
	• Visit to Cemeteries (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Bible Bowl Study Session	1:00 pm
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Social Event (<i>see pg. 28</i>)	After Vespers
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Social Event (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	6:30 pm
Sun, May 31	GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST (<i>see pg. 11</i>)	
	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes (<i>see pgs. 18-19</i>)	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	After Communion
	• Kneeling Prayers for the Great Feast of Pentecost	After Liturgy
	• Sunday School Recognition Sunday (<i>see pgs. 18-19</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee Hour (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Visit to Cemeteries (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	1:30 pm



Congratulations

to Mr. **ODIE FAKHOURI**, the new Honorary Consul in the state of Michigan for the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Washington, D.C.

Best wishes to him and God bless his efforts!



Dates to Remember!



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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
DEC 24

Christmas Liturgy

The Church Fathers and Us
By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

There are two opposing currents regarding the Church Fathers, often clashing heatedly. One advocates following the Fathers' teachings in all matters, considering any deviation from them, any new interpretation of their pronouncements, or even any confrontation with new doctrinal challenges, as a form of heresy and a departure from Orthodoxy. Some adherents of this current even accuse those who disagree of heresy. The other current, however, considers itself modern and contemporary, seeing no need for the Fathers. It views them as something antiquated, outdated, from the past, or a mere bright spot in history. Followers of this current focus on the present, its realities, and its challenges. They embrace the theological teachings of other churches, disregarding the rich ecclesiastical heritage of ours.

One current venerates the Fathers while the other disregards their importance. Which is correct? In truth, both are mistaken, for they proceed from incorrect premises, confining the Church Fathers to the past alone and neglecting the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit and His sanctifying action in the purified, the enlightened, and the divine.

The teachers among the Church Fathers linked the life of holiness with theological knowledge. They were not theorists, even though they explained and interpreted, and some of them went to extremes in one area or another. They were not founders of philosophical or even theological schools of thought. They did not start from the philosophical thought they had mastered, but rather placed it at the service of faith, adapting it to express the truth they found in Christ. They spoke in language appropriate to their time. The Church needs to explain and interpret the faith to each generation in language it understands, and the Fathers excelled at this.

We may find among some, especially those distant in a time from us, a language we find difficult, a style we do not appreciate, or positions that do not align with our current scientific, social, or political understandings. This stems from the differences in methods, theories, concepts, and challenges between our time and theirs. In truth, we cannot speak of them collectively, for they are not a monolithic entity in every respect. Each carries the language, concepts, sciences, customs, and culture of their own era. They may differ in their stance on a particular ecclesiastical issue, as has happened repeatedly throughout church history, but they do not differ in the fundamentals of the faith. Let us recall the differing positions taken by the Apostles Paul and Peter, and how they resolved them at the Apostolic Council (Acts 15).

In fifteenth-century Russia, a major debate took place between Saints Joseph and Nilus, to the point that monks of that period were called either Josephites or Nilusites. The point of contention centered on the ownership of monasteries. Should monks have the right to own land and institutions? The Josephites argued for their right to ownership in order to dedicate it to serving the poor, while the Nilusites rejected this out of respect for the spirit of monastic poverty and the complete detachment they had vowed.

The brilliance and holiness of the Fathers lay in preparing themselves for God's work within them and in their ability to re-evangelize the people of their time with the true Gospel, or what we call today "evangelization." This word, derived from "Gospel," means planting the Gospel in the present society, or applying theology in the "here and now." The Church is called, in every time and place, to use the language of the people to whom it proclaims the Gospel and to explain it to them.

Some limit the era of the Church Fathers to the first eight centuries. This is not Orthodox teaching, to say the least, for it implies that the Holy Spirit ceased to work after the eighth century. This is not true. God remains present in His Church and will continue to be active in it for all eternity. God has never failed to provide His Church with Holy Fathers who nourish humanity with sound teaching and true spiritual sustenance. Thus, we see the chain of transmission continuing from the days of the Apostles and St. Ignatius of Antioch in the first century, up to St. Sophrony the Athonite (of Essex).

If we study each Father individually and compare the teachings of any two of them who lived in different eras, we will find a single core of faith expressed in different ways. Certainly, a Father in our current century will face challenges that were not faced by the Fathers of previous centuries. The issues raised today were not relevant in previous centuries. Consider, for example, the relationship between the Bible and ancient cultures, the issues of the biological sciences, political and social theories, changes in moral values, and so on. After the 17th century, humanity began a new approach to intellectual inquiry, and science has developed significantly since then. This scientific progress has instilled in the human mind a critical approach to everything. Those concerned with education must take these factors into account in order to safeguard the faith, protect believers, and guide those who are far from it.

Should the Church refrain from addressing contemporary challenges simply because the early Church Fathers did not discuss them since they were not relevant in their time?

The problem lies not so much in the theological approach itself, but rather in the way we approach theology. Theological discourse has never been separated from divine vision in the Orthodox Church specifically. Therefore, its fundamental tenet is "the theologian is the one who prays." When people are sanctified, pass through the stage of purification, and attain enlightenment, God dwells within them, and they draw from His light, which illuminates their mind, enabling them to express Him in a manner appropriate to their time. And if they teach those who are not yet enlightened, they rely on the teachings of the sanctified and follow their path of holiness. Theological teaching is not a particular intellectual framework. The Church is not a philosophical school. It is similar to someone who speaks of love because they have tasted it, known it, and experienced it.

For the Fathers, the ascetic life and prayer were intertwined with the gift of teaching, guidance, and interpretation. What they offered, and continue to offer, to the Church and the world is the product of lived experience, not intellectual theorizing influenced by this or that philosophical school.

Fidelity to the Fathers requires us not to cherry-pick their teachings, that is, not to take a saying here and another there to prove a preconceived notion or refute a position we deem deviant. Rather, we should engage with them through what our Church theologians call "the patristic mind" or "patristic consciousness." The Church is "patristic" in the sense that the teachings of its Fathers are fundamental to understanding its theology, spirituality, and mentality, and therefore it cannot do without them. Living in the company of the Fathers means emulating their relationship with Christ and the virtuous lives they led, drawing deeply from their teachings.

When you live according to the true spirit of the Church, you acquire an Orthodox, or "patristic," sensibility through which you perceive everything, which also alerts you to errors. But you don't acquire this alone; rather, it comes within the church community with which you live in unity of faith. The community protects you from extremism or excess and thus helps you to remain upright.

نحن وآباء الكنيسة (المتروبوليت سابا (أسير))

نَمَّة تياران، بخصوص آباء الكنيسة، يتساجلان هنا وهناك، وقد يعنف السجال أحياناً. واحد يقول باتباع تعليم الآباء في كل أمر، ويعتبر أي خروج عن تعليمهم، أو تفسير جديد لأقوالهم، وحتى مواجهة التحديات الإيمانية الجديدة، ضرب من الانحراف الإيماني، والخروج عن استقامة الرأي والأرثوذكسية. لا بل يصل بعض أتباع هذا التيار إلى اتهام من يخالفونهم بالهرطقة. أما التيار الآخر، فيعتبر نفسه حداثياً، عصرياً، لا حاجة به إلى الآباء، ينظر إليهم كما إلى شيء عتيق، بال، من الماضي، أو علامة مضيئة في التاريخ. يركّز أتباع هذا التيار على الراهن، ومعطياته، وتحدياته. ويفتح على التعليم اللاهوتي في الكنائس الأخرى، ضارباً بالتراث الكنسي الثري عرض الحائط.

تيار يعظم الآباء، وآخر لا يعطيهم أهمية. ترى أيهما الصحيح؟ في الحقيقة، الاثنان مخطئان، لأنهما ينطلقان من مسلمّات غير صحيحة، ويقصران آباء الكنيسة على الماضي فقط، ويهملان استمرار عمل الروح القدس، واستمرار فعله التقديسي في المتنقيين والمستنيرين والمتألهين. قرن آباء الكنيسة المعلمين حياة القداسة بالعلوم اللاهوتية، وما كانوا منظرين، وإن شرحوا وفسروا، وغالى بعضهم في هذا المجال أو ذاك. وما كانوا أصحاب مدارس فكرية فلسفية، ولا لاهوتية حتى. ما انطلقوا من الفكر الفلسفي الذي أتقنوه، بل وضعوه في خدمة الإيمان، وطوّعوه للتعبير عن الحقيقة، التي وجدها في المسيح. تكلموا بلغة تناسب زمانهم. فالكنيسة بحاجة إلى أن تشرح الإيمان وتفسره، لكل جيل باللغة التي يفهمها، وهذا ما برع فيه الآباء.

قد نجد عند بعضهم، خاصة البعيدين زمنياً عنّا، لغة نستصعبها، أو أسلوباً لا نستسيغه، أو مواقف لا تتناسب مع مفاهيمنا العلمية أو الاجتماعية أو السياسية الحاضرة. وهذا يعود إلى اختلاف الأساليب، والنظريات، والمفاهيم، والتحديات، بين زمننا وزمنهم. والحقيقة أننا لا نستطيع التكلم عنهم بالجمع، لأنهم ليسوا كتلة واحدة في كل شيء. فكلّ منهم يحمل لغة زمنه، ومفاهيمه، وعلومه، وعاداته، وثقافته. وقد يختلفون في موقفهم من قضية كنسية ما، وهذا حدث مراراً في التاريخ الكنسي، لكنهم لا يختلفون في أساسيات الإيمان. لنتذكّر الموقفين المختلفين اللذين اتخذهما كل من بولس وبطرس الرسولين، وكيف وجدا الحلّ له في المجمع الرسولي (أع 15).

حصل في روسيا القرن الخامس عشر، سجال كبير بين القديسين يوسف ونيلس، إلى درجة دُعي رهبان، تلك الفترة فيها، إمّا يوسفون أو نيلسيون. وكانت نقطة الاختلاف متمحورة حول ملكية الأديرة. هل يحقّ للرهبان أن يملكوا أراضي ومؤسسات أم لا. اليوسفيون قالوا بحقّ التملك، من أجل وضعه في خدمة المجتمع الفقير، أمّا النيلسيون فرفضوا، حرصاً على روح الفقر الرهباني، والتجرد الكامل الذي نذروه!

تكمّن براعة الآباء وقداستهم في تأهيل ذواتهم لعمل الله فيهم، وفي قدرتهم على إعادة تبشير أهل زمنهم بالإنجيل الحقّ، أو في ما نسمّيه اليوم بـ”الأنجلة”. وهي كلمة مشتقة من ”الإنجيل”، وتعني غرس الإنجيل في المجتمع الحالي، أو ما اصطليح على تسميته باللغة اللاهوتية، هنا والآن. فالكنيسة مدعوة، في كل زمان ومكان، إلى أن تستعمل لغة القوم، الذين تبشّرهم بالإنجيل، وتفسّره لهم.

يقصر بعضهم زمن الآباء على القرون الثمانية الأولى. ليس هذا هو التعليم الأرثوذكسي على الأقل. لأنّه، ببساطة، يعني أنّ الروح القدس توقف عن العمل بعد القرن الثامن. وهذا ليس صحيحاً. فالله لا يزال حاضراً في كنيسته، وسيبقى فاعلاً فيها إلى دهر الداهرين. ولم يبخل الله على كنيسته مرّة بآباء قديسين يفتقدون البشر بالتعليم القويم والغذاء الروحي الحقيقي. وهكذا نرى السلسلة مستمرة من أيام الرسل والقديس أغناطيوس الأنطاكي، في القرن الأول، وصولاً إلى القديس المعلم صفرونيوس الأثوسي (أسكس).

وإذا ما درسنا كلّ أب على حدة، وقارنّا بين تعليم اثنين، عاشا في زمنين مختلفين، سوف نجد مضموناً إيمانياً واحداً، وأسلوبين مختلفين في التعبير عن هذا المضمون الواحد. بالتأكيد سوف يواجه أب في قرننا الحالي ما لم يواجهه آباء القرون السابقة من تحديات. فالقضايا المطروحة اليوم، ما كانت كذلك في القرون السابقة، ولناخذ أمثلة عليها: علاقة الكتاب المقدس بالثقافات القديمة، وقضايا العلوم الإحيائية، والنظريات السياسية والاجتماعية، والمتغيرات في القيم الأخلاقية، وما إلى ذلك. لقد بدأت البشرية، بعد القرن السابع عشر، طريقة جديدة في التعاطي العقلي، وتطوّر العلم كثيراً منذ ذلك الوقت وحتى الآن، وطبع هذا التطوّر العلمي العقل الإنساني بأسلوب نقدي في التعاطي مع أي شيء. ومن يهتم بالتعليم يتوجب عليه أن يأخذ هذه المعطيات بعين الاعتبار، لكي يصون الإيمان، ويحفظ المؤمنين، ويهدي البعيدين.

أوجب ألا تتعاطى الكنيسة مع التحديات المعاصرة، فقط لأنّ الآباء القدماء ما تكلموا عنها، كونها ما كانت مطروحة في أيامهم؟

ليست المشكلة هنا، بقدر ما هي في طريقة التعاطي مع اللاهوت. ما انفصل الكلام اللاهوتي عن المعاينة الإلهية في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية تحديداً. لذلك فإنّ مقولتها الأساس هي أنّ ”اللاهوتي هو الذي يصلّي“. فعندما يتقدّس الإنسان، ويجتاز مرحلة التنقية، ويبلغ الاستنارة، يسكن الله فيه، ويعبّ من نوره، الذي يضيء ذهنه، لكي يعبر عنه بالأسلوب المناسب لزمانه. وإذا ما علم من لم يستنر بعد، فإنّه يستند إلى تعليم المتقدّسين، ويسير على دربهم التقديسي. ليس التعليم اللاهوتي نمطاً فكرياً خاصاً. فالكنيسة ليست مدرسة فلسفية. الأمر مشابه لمن تكلم عن الحب، لأنّه ذاقه، وعرفه، واختبره.

لقد اقترنت حياة النسك والصلاة، عند الآباء، بموهبة التعليم والإرشاد والتفسير، فكان ما قدّموه، ومازوا يقدّمونه للكنيسة والعالم، نتاج خبرة حيّة، وليس تنظيراً فكرياً، متأثراً بهذا المذهب الفلسفي أو ذاك.

فالأمانة للآباء تقتض بنا أن لا نلجأ إلى ”تفقيش“ تعليمهم، أي لا نأخذ، من تعليمهم، قولاً من هنا وآخر من هناك، لكي نثبت فكرة نعتقد بها، أو ندحض موقفاً نعتبره منحرفاً، بل نتعاطى معهم بما يسمّيه لاهوتيو كنيستنا ”الذهن أو الوجدان الأبائي“. فالكنيسة ”آبائية“ بمعنى أنّ تعاليم آباءها قاعدة أساسية لفهم لاهوتها وروحانيّتها وطريقة تفكيرها، ولذلك لا غنى لها عنهم. عشرة الآباء تعني التمثّل بعشرتهم للمسيح وحياة الفضيلة، التي عاشوها، والعَبّ الكثيف من تعليمهم.

عندما تحيا بحسب روح الكنيسة الحقّ تكتسب حسّاً أو نفساً أرثوذكسياً، أو سمّه ”آبائياً“، إن شئت، تنظر بواسطته في كل شيء، وهو يندرك بخطأ هنا أو هناك. لكن هذا لا تكتسبه بمفردك، بل ضمن الجماعة الكنسية التي تحيا وإياها الوحدة الإيمانية. فالجماعة تحفظك من التطرّف أو الإفراط، وتالياً تساعدك كي تبقى على الاستقامة.

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
- Elm Lawn Cemetery
- Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park
- Good Shepherd Cemetery
- Holy Sepulcher Cemetery
- Naperville 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.***



SCAN ME

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 31*: Stephen and Saul

When the Church was still young, it was having a problem. The Church was growing and the Apostles were stretched thin trying to teach and feed the widows and ministers. When this problem came to the attention of the Apostles, they told the Church to choose seven men who were of good report and full of the Holy Spirit. Among the seven chosen and ordained was a young man named Stephen. We don't know much about Stephen other than he was a wonderful preacher because he completely defeated the Jews who argued with him about Jesus that they decided to kill him. The Jewish Council was called together, and Stephen was brought before them. Then the high priest asked him if all the things these men had said about him were true. Stephen preached a long sermon showing them how their ancestors had always been unfaithful to the Law of Moses. They stopped their ears so they would not have to hear any more of Stephen's preaching. Then they dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. He was condemned on the evidence of false witnesses and now killed by evil men. But he remembered the example of Jesus. Instead of railing against his enemies, he knelt down and prayed for them. Saul was one that was consenting to his death. He is the one that is now aggressively taking the lead to persecuting and killing the Christians. Stephen was only the first of many thousands of Christians who would be called up to give their lives rather than reject Jesus. We do not know how many died in the first three centuries, but it must have been very high since for the next three hundred years the Church was suffering persecution.

** LESSON 31 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026.*



Last Day of class May 31!

On Sunday, May 31st, come celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with a Jeopardy game reviewing the New Testament Curriculum we have been learning all year! We will also have **Recognition Sunday** this day.



CREATING MEMORIES



UPCOMING EVENTS...



Sundays after Communion

Sunday School Classes

Sun | May 31

Recognition Sunday – LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Sun | Jun 7

Annual Graduation Blessing Ceremony

Mon-Thu | Jun 8-11

Summer Bible School (SBS)

Wed-Sun | Jun 17-21

Parish Life Conference (PLC)



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 7:00 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

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel
Spiritual Advisor

Angelina Imseeh

Angelina Imseeh
Teen SOYO President



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

TEEN SOYO

END-OF-TERM SUMMER BASH!

AND ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AND ELECTIONS

FRIDAY, MAY 29 / 7:00^{PM} – THE NAWAS HOME

**complimentary
event!**

- Dinner
- Outdoor Games
- Seniors' Farewell
- Elections

**RSVP by
Wed | May 27**



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ALL Teens Ages 13-18 Welcome!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

SUN, MAY 24

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, MAY 29

Teen SOYO End-of-Term Summer Bash and
Annual General Assembly with Elections

TUE, JUN 2

OCMC Mission Team Chicago Benefit

SUN, JUN 21

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, JUN 26

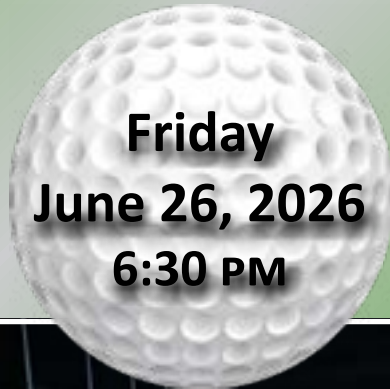
Teen SOYO Golf Event

ALL TEENS (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



**Limited Space!
Don't Miss Out!**

**\$35/
person**
**INCLUDES 2 HOURS
OF GOLF, DINNER,
AND FUN!**

RSVP by
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026



All Teens (13-18) Welcome!

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL



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</i> <i>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 - 63 rd Anniversary
Thurs-Sat, October 15-17	YAF Pilgrimage to the Antiochian Village
Mon, Nov 15-Fri, Dec 25	Holy Advent Season

REMINDER...

Sunday, May 31 is the Last Day to bring in FFHP (Food for Hungry People) Coin Boxes. Thank you for your donations and support!



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:

February 15



June 14



Inviting ALL Young Professionals, Young Married Couples, and College Students (ages 18+) to join us the night before for Vespers, baking, and fellowship!

Want to Sponsor?

Please contact Nina Ghanayem at (630) 418-6901

Acceptable forms of payment include cash, checks, and Zelle

Thank you for your generosity!

All donations are greatly appreciated!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

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

390 Golf Experience

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

Sat | May 30
7:00 PM

\$40/PERSON

INCLUDES 3 HOURS OF GOLFING,
DINNER, AND FELLOWSHIP!

RSVP by
Sat | May 23

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE



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





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, MAY 30/2026: Social Event

Sat, JUL 25/2026: A-Men General Assembly

Sat, AUG 22/2026: End of Summer Family Bash (All Parishioners)
hosted by A-Men

Sat, SEP 19/2026: Social Event

Sat, NOV 7/2026: Social Event

Sat, DEC 12/2026: Advent Spiritual Retreat

Sat, JAN 9/2026: Annual Shawerma Night

ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-Men)



SOCIAL EVENT

SAT | MAY 30TH
5:00^{PM}

\$25/
Person



Great Vespers Service
Dinner
Cards / Games

All Gentlemen
18+ Invited

RSVP

by Fri,
May 29



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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church,
Cicero, IL



Antiochian Men (*A-Men*) Present...

END OF SUMMER *Family Bash*

Sat,
AUG
22

STARTS
5 PM

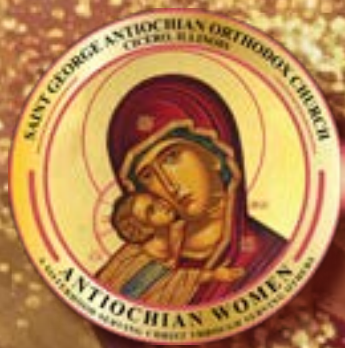
RSVP COMING
SOON!

SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE

★ PARISHIONERS OF ALL AGES AND THEIR FAMILIES INVITED! ★

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

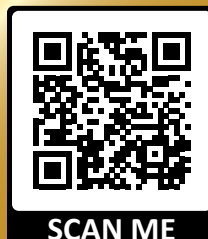


TUE | MAY 26
11:30^{AM} - 2:30^{PM}



**\$45/
person**

**RSVP by
Tue, May 19**



ALL WOMEN 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



Antiochian Women

May 3, 2026

Dear Members of the Antiochian Women,

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 the Antiochian Women (AW)** to be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2026**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Lunch will be provided.

At this Antiochian Women 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 Antiochian Women 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 Public Relations. If any woman (age 18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee by Sunday, May 31, 2026. The members of the Nominating Committee are Father Saba, Father Gabriel, and Deacon John.

Per the Constitution, only members in good standing, both spiritually and financially, 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 Sunday, May 31, 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 Sunday, June 7, 2026.***

The Antiochian Women Membership Dues are \$30.00 annually for each member. If you haven't already done so, please see the Antiochian Women Treasurer, Kathy Kahoush, or pay online at www.StGeorgeChi.org/Pay, to submit your dues prior to the meeting date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of the Officers.

Lastly, we also request that you RSVP by Saturday, June 6, 2026, using the QR Code to the right, for lunch purposes.

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

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel
Spiritual Advisor

Abeer Kari

Abeer Kari
AW President





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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I-OWA

June 28-July 4, 2026

Summer
Camp



Registration is Open!

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<http://csgiowa.org/registration>



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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!

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. Saint George Church in Cicero, Illinois, currently has an active chapter of The Order.

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

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

The scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

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

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

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



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

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

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

West Campus Ministry

2026 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

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JUNE 17-21, 2026

BEST WESTERN PLUS STRONGSVILLE/CLEVELAND

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PLUS:

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- **TEEN EVENTS**
- **YOUNG ADULT
GROUP W/ FR.
ANTHONY YAZGE**

HOSTED BY:

**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
(NORTH ROYALTON, OH)**



GROUP RATE:

\$119.00

(DEADLINE MAY 18TH)

**REGISTER
HERE:**



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



FR. PAUL ABERNATHY
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Mission Team Chicago Benefit

***Reflections of the Mission Center's Emeritus Director
on a Life of Ministry to the Four Corners of the World***



**Come to hear Fr. Martin Ritsi's firsthand accounts
from a life spent in missions, and to learn about
OCMC's next chapter**

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Social Hour 6 PM | Dinner & Discussion 7 PM

Ss. Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church

1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025

RSVP by May 29
Tables of 8 may be reserved
Sponsorship opportunities available

For questions contact:

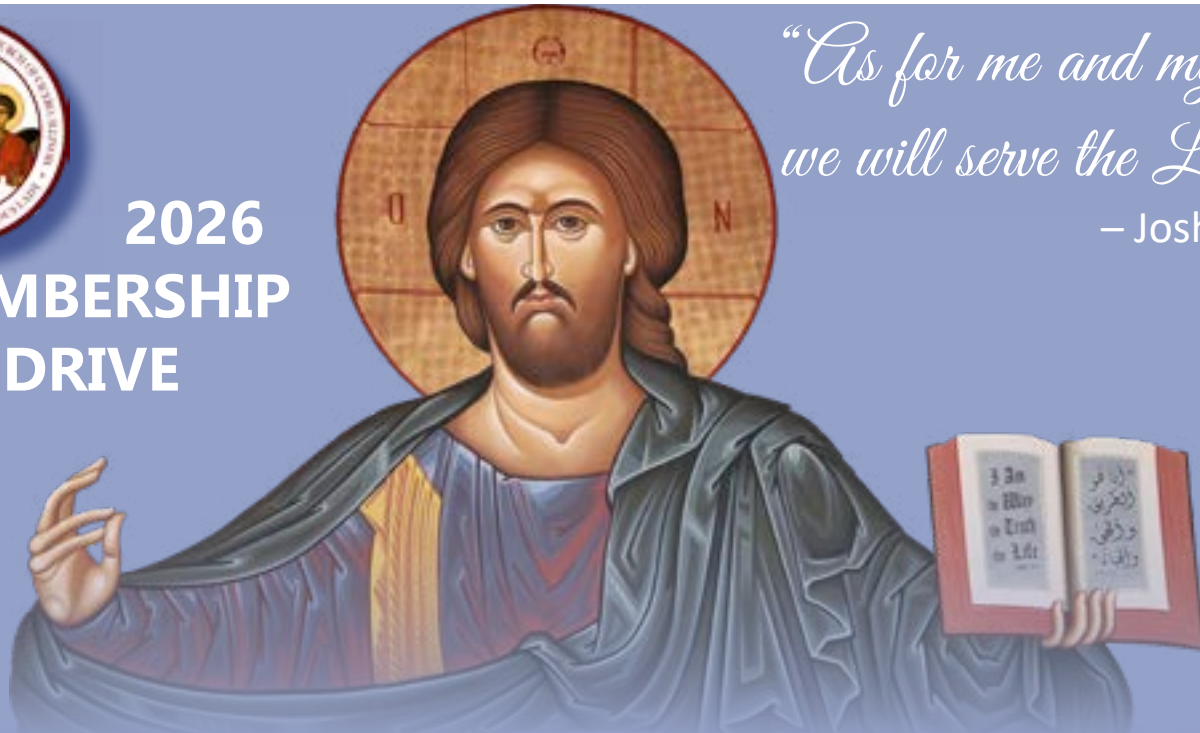
Mission Team Chicago at
MissionTeamChicago@gmail.com or 317-709-0168
Or OCMC Events at events@ocmc.org

**Learn more and secure your tickets for \$40
using the QR code on the right or at:**
OCMC.org/MTC-2026





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,

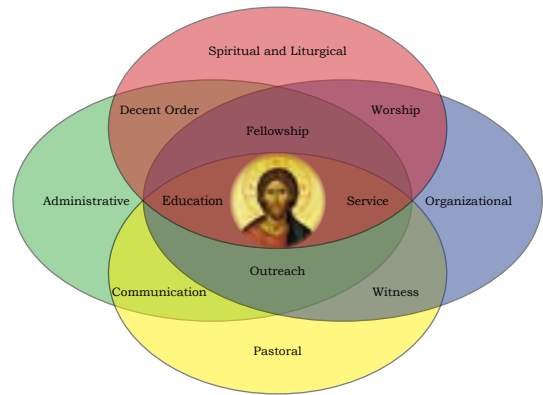
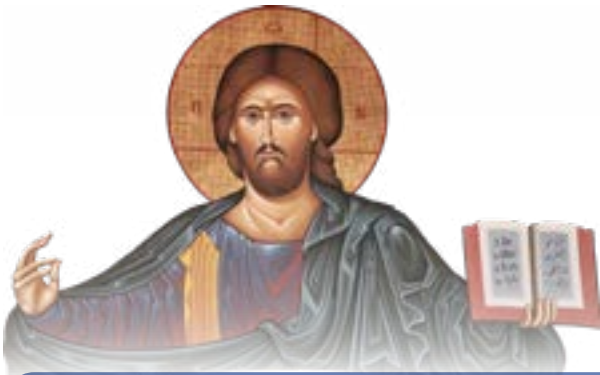
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united
in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- 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

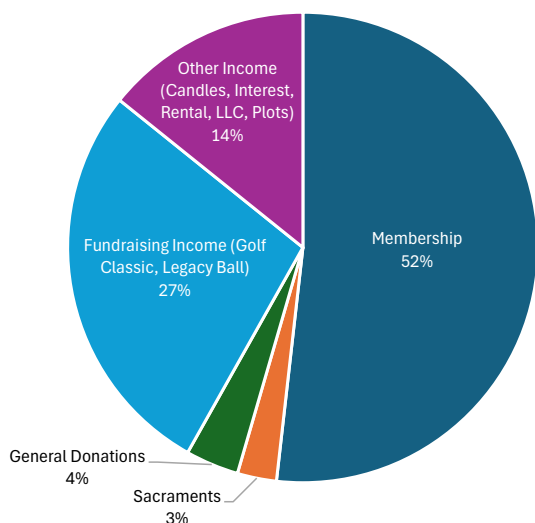
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

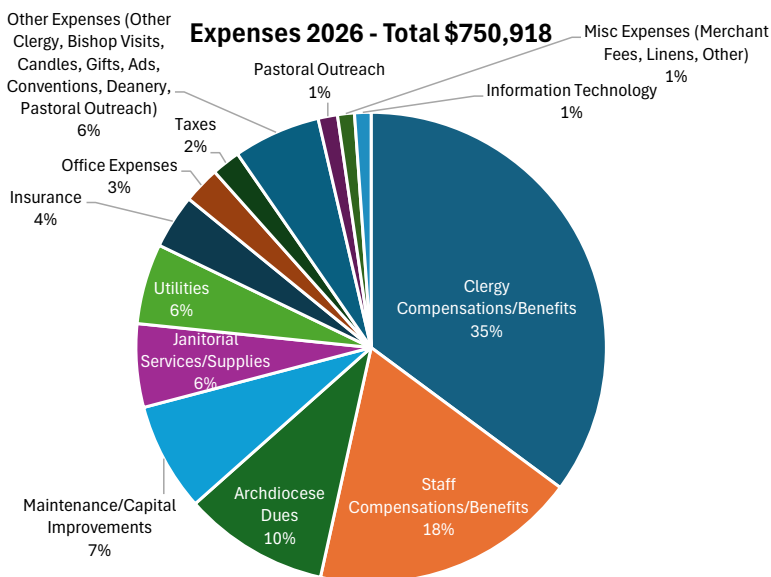
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

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
☐	Seraphim Steward	\$25,000+	\$2000+	\$500+	\$68+
☐	Cherubim Steward	\$18,000+	\$1500+	\$345+	\$49+
☐	Thrones Steward	\$15,000+	\$1250+	\$285+	\$41+
☐	Powers Steward	\$12,000+	\$1000+	\$230+	\$32+
☐	Dominions Steward	\$9,000+	\$750+	\$172+	\$24+
☐	Authorities Steward	\$6,000+	\$500+	\$115+	\$16+
☐	Preserver Steward	\$4,800+	\$400+	\$92+	\$13+
☐	Guardian Steward	\$3,600+	\$300+	\$68+	\$9+
☐	Protector Steward	\$2,400+	\$200+	\$46+	\$6+
☐	Archangel Steward	\$1,800+	\$150+	\$35+	\$5+
☐	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



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SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

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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

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Drawing on Saturday, June 13, 2026 during After-Golf Social
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	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)
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Signage	Prime	Key-location	Shared	Shared	Shared	Shared	Shared
Website Recognition	●	●	●	●	●	●	—
Speaker Opportunity	●	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hole Sponsorship	●	●	●	●	—	—	—
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- ServiceMax
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- America's Community Council (ACC)
- Anonymous
- Anonymous
- George and Donna Conopeotis
- Michael and Diane Moukheiber and Family
- Fady and Jenna Mseih (FM Accounting, CPAs)
- In Memory of †Matuk and †Ramona Rantisi
- Omar and Lillian Rihani and Family
- Eddy and Veve Shaheen (Veritas Management, LLC)
- Topel Forman L.L.C., Darlene N. Haddad and Fahad J. Haddad, members/partners
- Malik Zayed

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- Dr. Marwan and Rana Zayed and Family

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- Anonymous
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- DJ's Sports Bar and Grill
- Chef Rudy Galindo
- Humidor of Westmont
- IRC Chiropractic
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*Enjoy a summer cookout with your
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12:00 PM – 06:00 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 11

Great Vespers at 5:00 PM in the park!

Entry is free, but bring cash/card for food to
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Sign up to
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