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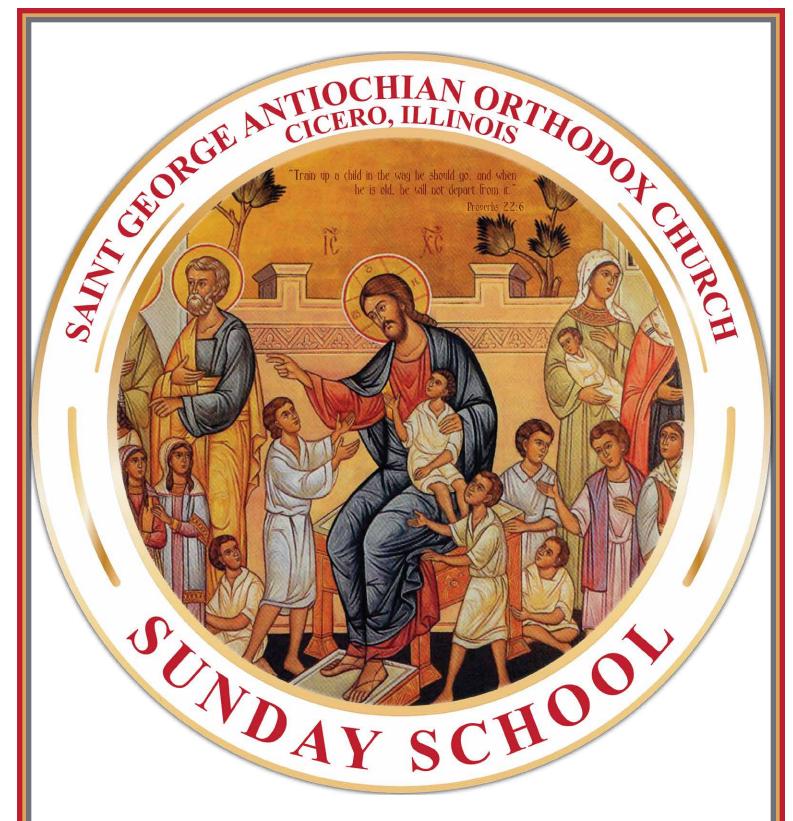
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May is Sunday School Month



Be the Bee, Not the Fly

By Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

There are many good things in this world, and there are also many bad things. Perhaps the media, which is so powerful and influential, contributes to shifting people's thinking toward the negative and spreading the impression that there is more evil than good, due to its focus on conveying bad news more than good news.

Believers see everything through the lens of their faith. "If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light" (Matt. 6:22). When believers see what is good, they give glory to God. However, when they see the bad through the lens of faith, they extract what is good from it. For example, consolation can emerge from pain, acts of love can arise from poverty, experiences of communion can emerge from hardship, and so on. This is embodied in the words of the Apostle Paul: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God" (Rom. 8:28).

When bad news spreads, many rush to hear it, circulate it, and talk about it, making it the focus of society for a few days, until another bad news item comes along and makes them forget about the first one. If you ask, "What is the importance of spreading and discussing this news?" you won't receive a helpful answer. People circulate bad news without knowledge, scrutiny, or verification, and they add to it to make it more attractive and interesting. How many people have been wronged and deeply hurt by rumors! How many individuals have been shattered by exaggerated and fabricated rumors!

There are those who only see the bad things. If you present them with a significant achievement, they only notice a few minor flaws in the way it was accomplished. Their internal eyes are only accustomed to seeing, caring about, and being drawn to the negatives. Isn't the popularity of tabloid newspapers evidence of the demand for them? What about the unreliable news that social media, in all its forms, bombards us with today?

Once it is heard that someone has fallen into a mishap, the news spreads rapidly, and everyone becomes aware of it. But when a good person does something

virtuous, only a few individuals hear about it! What can we conclude? Those who are interested in the negatives outnumber those who are interested in the positives. Consequently, those who harbor negativity within themselves, knowingly or unknowingly, tend to be drawn to it and slyly make it known in order to justify themselves and obscure the bad within themselves. However, their interest in spreading negativity exposes them.

There is something even more dangerous: interpreting events in a negative manner. It's like seeing an evil face in a good deed. You accuse a benevolent and generous person of seeking to enhance his image, while it is actually envy that drives you, perhaps unbeknownst to you. Or you hear about a bad action and immediately assume someone unfavorable is behind it, without acknowledging the possibility that there might be another explanation. Negative thinking leads to many sins.

You can be either negative or positive in your life. If you are a believer, you should choose the positive path, in which you see the good in the outward appearance of things and in their essence. This way, you strengthen yourself and others, contribute to the spread of virtue, and discover various ways for edification, progress, and development. You join those who strive for goodness, those who light a candle instead of cursing the darkness.

St. Paisios of Athos, of blessed memory, once said: "Some people told me that witnessing many mistakes in the church caused them to stumble. I answered them: If we asked a fly, 'Are there flowers in this area?' its answer would be, 'I don't know, but I know that there are empty cans, filth, and dirt in the hole.' The fly would go into great detail describing the filth in which it finds comfort. However, if we asked a bee about the dirt in the area, it would be amazed by your question, deny the existence of filth, and confirm that the place is filled with fragrant flowers. The bee would then go into great detail describing those flowers from which it extracts nectar. The fly informs you about garbage, while the bee informs you about lilies and roses."

So, which one would you prefer to be: the bee or the fly?

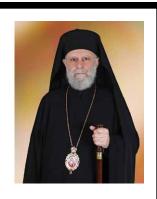
يُسمع بسوء وقع فيه أحدهم فيتمّ تناقل الخبر بسرعة، ويعرفه القاصي والداني. ويقوم إنسان خيّر بعمل خيّر لا يتناقله إلا بضعة أناس!! ماذا نستنتج؟ إنّ المهتمّين بالسيّئات أكثر من المهتمّين بالحسنات، وتالياً من يختزن السوء في ذاته، عن معرفة أو عن عدم معرفة، يميل إليه ويُخرِجُه بصورة غير مباشرة، ليبرّر نفسه بأنّه ليس سيّئاً. لكن اهتمامه بنقل السوء يكشفه.

هناك ما هو أخطر، أن تفسِّر الحدث بشكل سيء. كأن ترى في عمل صالح وجهاً شرّيراً. فتتّهم محسناً كريماً بالسعي إلى تلميع صورتِه، بينما تحرّكك الغيرة ضدّه، وقد تكون غير مدركٍ لغيرتك. أو أن تسمع بتصرّف سيّء، فتتّهم مسؤولاً، لا تهضمه، بأنّه وراءه. الفكر السيّء يولّد خطايا كثيرة.

لك أن تكون سلبياً أو إيجابياً في حياتك. إنْ كنت مؤمناً عليك أن تسلك الطريق الإيجابي، فترى الوجه الحَسَن في ظاهر الأمور وباطنها. هكذا تتقوّى وتقوّي غيرك، وتساهم في نشر الفضيلة، وتكتشف سبلاً وطرقاً عديدة للبناء والتقدّم والتطوّر. تكون من الساعين إلى الخير، من أولئك الذين يشعلون شمعة بدل أن يلعنوا الظلام.

يقول الشيخ باييسيوس: "قال لي بعض الأشخاص إنّ مشاهدتهم أخطاء كثيرة في الكنيسة سببت لهم معثرة، فأجبتهم: لو سألنا ذبابة: "هل هناك أزهار في هذه المنطقة؟" لكان الجواب: "لا أعلم، إنّما أنا أعلم أنّ هناك، في الحفرة، علباً فارغة وروثاً وقذارة". وتروح تصف بإسهاب القذارات التي ترتاح بقربها. أمّا إذا سألت نحلةً عن قذارة ما في المنطقة، فإنّها تتعجّب من سؤالك، وتنفي وجود قذارات، وتؤكّد على أنّ المكان تملؤه الأزهار العطرة، وتروح تصف بإسهاب تلك الأزهار التي تمتصّ منها الرحيق. النبابة تخبرك عن القمامة، والنحلة تخبرك عن الزنابق والسوسن."

فأيّهما تفضِّل أن تكون: نحلة أم ذبابة؟



كُن نَحلة لا ذُبابة

المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

كثيرة هي الأشياء الحسنة في هذا العالم، وكثيرة هي الأشياء السيّئة، أيضاً.

ولعلّ وسائل الإعلام الطاغية والمؤثرة على البشر، وبسبب تركيزها على نقل الأخبار السيئة أكثر من الحسنة، تساهم في شدّ تفكير البشر نحو السيّئات، وتنشر الانطباع بأنّ السيّئات أكثر من الحسنات.

يرى المؤمن كلّ شيء بعين إيمانه. "إن كانت عينك شرّيرة فجسدك كلّه يكون مظلماً" (مت٦/٦٢). فالحَسَن حَسَن ويُمجَّد الله عليه، والسيّء سيّء ويَستخرِجُ منه، بإيمانه، ما هو حَسَن. هكذا، على سبيل المثال، يستخرج من الألم تعزية، ومن الفقر أعمال محبّة، ومن الضيق مناسبة للمشاركة، وهكذا دواليك. شعاره، كلمات بولس الرسول: "كلّ شيء يؤول للخير عند الذين يحبّون الله" (رو٨/٨٠).

عندما ينتشر خبر سيّء يتهافت كثيرون على سماعه وتناقله والتحدّث عنه، ويصبح شغل المجتمع الأيّام معدودة، إلى أن يأتي خبر سيء آخر، ينسيهم الأوّل. وإذا ما سألت: ما أهميّة تناقل هذا الخبر والتحدّث فيه؟ لا تلقى جواباً مفيداً. يتناقل الناس الأخبار السيّئة دونما معرفة أو تمحيص أو تدقيق، ويزيدون عليها حتّى يبدو الحديث جذّاباً ومحبّباً. وكم وكم من الأشخاص الذين ظلمتهم هذه الأحاديث، وآذتهم في الصميم!! كم من الناس تحطّموا بفعل شائعات مضخّمة ومزيّفة!

هناك من لا يرون إلا الأشياء السيّئة. وإذا ما عرضتَ أمامهم إنجازاً مهمّاً فإنّهم لا يرون إلا بضعة تفاصيل صغيرة، في طريقة إتمامه، لم تكن موفقة. لم تعتد عيونهم الداخلية أن ترى وتهتم وتنجذب إلا إلى السيّئات. أليس انتشار الجرائد الصفراء دليل إقبال على طلبها؟ فكيف الحال مع الأخبار غير الموثوقة التي تتحفنا بها اليوم وسائل التواصل المسماة اجتماعية على اختلاف أنواعها؟

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

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

- We praise thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory.
- O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.
- O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, thou that takest away the sins of the world.
- Receive our prayer, Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.
- For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.
- Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever.
- Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
- Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.
- Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in thee.
- Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes. (thrice)
- Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
- Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.
- For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.
- O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee.
- Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (thrice)
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
- Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
- Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

المجدلية الكبري

المَجْدُ لَكَ يا مُظهِرَ النور، المَجْدُ للهِ في العَلاءِ، وعلى الأرْضِ السَّلامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسرّة.

نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ أَجِلِ عظيم جَلالِ مَجْدِك.

أيُّها الرَّبُ المَلِكُ، السَّماويُّ، الإلهُ، الآبُ الضابِطُ الكُلّ. أيُّها الرَّبُ الإِبْنُ الوَحيدُ، يا يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، ويا أيُّها الرّوحُ القُدُس.

أيُّها الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يا حَمَلَ اللهِ يا ابنَ الآبِ، يا رافِعَ خطيئةِ العالَم ارْحَمْنا، يا رافِعَ خطايا العالَم.

تَقبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنا أَيُّها الجالِسُ عَنْ يمينِ الآبِ وارْحَمْنا.

لْأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، في مَجْدِ اللهِ الآبِ، آمين.

في كُلِّ يَومٍ أُبارِكُكَ، وأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إلى الأبَدِ، وإلى أبَدِ الأبَد.

أهِلْنا يا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ في هذا اليَومِ بِغيرِ خَطيئةٍ.

مُبارَكٌ أَنْتَ يا رَبُّ إِلهَ آبائِنا، وَمُسَبَّحُ ومُمَجَّدُ اسْمُكَ إِلى الأبدِ، آمين.

لِتَكُنْ يا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ علَيْنا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكالِنا عَليك.

مُبارَكٌ أَنْتَ يا رَبُّ عَلِّمْني حُقوقَك. (ثلاثاً)

يا رَبُّ مَلْجاً كُنْتَ لنا في جيلٍ وجيلٍ، أنا قلْتُ يا رَبُّ ارْحَمْني واشْفِ نَفسي لأنَّني قد خَطِئتُ إليك.

يا رَبُّ إليكَ لجأتُ فَعَلِّمْني أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رضاكَ، لأنَّكَ أنتَ هُوَ إلهي.

لأنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحياةِ، وبنورِكَ نعاينُ النور.

فابسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ على الذين يعرِفونك.

قُدّوسٌ الله، قُدّوسٌ القويّ، قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يموتُ ارحَمْنا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوح القُدُسِ.

الآنَ وكُلَّ أوانِ وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارحَمْنا.

قُدّوسٌ الله، قُدّوسٌ القَويّ، قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارْحَمْنا.

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 جَميع الأُمَمِ صَفَّقُوا بِالأَيادِي، هَلِّلُوا للهِ بأَصْوَاتِ الإِبْتَهَاج.

اللازمة: بِشَفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ، يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصنا.

لأن الرَّبَّ مُتَعَالٍ وَمَرْهُوب، وَملِكُ عَظِيمٌ عَلَى الدُّنْيَا بِأَسْرِها. أَخْضَعَ الشُّعُوبَ لنَا وَالأُمَمَ تَحْتَ أَقْدَامِنَا.

اللازمة: بِشَفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ، يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنا. المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوحِ القُدُسِ. الآنَ وكُلَّ أوانٍ وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

اللازمة: بِشَفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ، يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنا.

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 وَمُسَبَّحُ جِداً في مدِينَةِ إِلهِنَا، علَى جَبَل قُدْسِه.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ صَعِدَ عَنّا بِمَجْدٍ اللهِ السَّماوات، لِنُرَبِّلَ لَكَ. هللويا.

الله معروف في قُصُورِها بِأَنَّهُ نَصِيرُها.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ صَعِدَ عَنّا بِمَجْدٍ اللهِ السَّم اللهِ المِلْمُلِمُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ المَالِمُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ المَالِمُ المِلْمُلْمُلْمُ ال

هَا إِنَّ مُلُوكَ الأرْضِ قَدِ اجْتَمَعُوا وَأَقْبَلُوا مَعاً.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ صَعِدَ عَنّا بِمَجْدٍ اللهِ السَّم اللهِ المِلْمُولِ اللهِ اللهِ

المجدُ للآبِ والإبنِ والروحِ القدس، الآنَ وكلَّ أوانٍ والى دهرِ الدآهرينَ. آمين.

يا كُلمةَ اللهِ الإبنَ الوحيدَ...

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 هذَا يَا كُلَّ الأُمَمِ، أَصْغوا يَا سُكَّانَ الأَرْضِ أَجْمَعِين. إِنَّ فَمِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِالحِكْمَةِ، وَقَاْبِي يَلْهَجُ بِالْفَهْم. أُجْمَعِين أَذُني إلى الأَمتَال، وَأَكْشِفُ أَلْغَازِيَ علَى القِيثَار.

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.

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ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

هَلُمّوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأموات، لِنُرَبِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوبيا.

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 القُوّاتِ المَلائكِيَّةِ ظَهَروا على قَبْرِكَ الْمُوَقَّرِ، والحُرّاسَ صاروا كالأمواتِ، ومَرْيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ القَبْرِ طالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطاهِرَ، فَسَبَيْتَ الجَحيمَ ولَمْ تُجَرَّبْ مِنْها، وصادَفْتَ البتولَ مانِحاً الحياة. فيا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بين الأمواتِ، يا ربُّ المَجْدُ لَكَ.

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TROPARION OF THE SUNDAY 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 الْمَسيحُ إِلهُنا الْفائِقُ التَّسْبيح، يا مَنْ أُسَّسْتَ آباءَنا الْقِدِيسينَ على الأرْضِ كَواكِبَ لَامِعَة، وبِهِمْ هَدَيْتَنا جميعاً إلى الإيمانِ الحَقيقيّ، يا جَزيلَ الرَّحْمَةِ، الْمَجْدُ لَك.



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 أنَّكَ للمأسُورينَ مُحَرِرٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقَراءِ والمَسَاكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضَى طبيبٌ وشَافٍ وعنِ المؤمنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاورجيوسُ اللَّبِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيح الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

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.

لمَّا اكْمَلْتَ التَّدْبِيرَ الذي مِنْ أَجْلِنا، وجَعَلْتَ الذينَ على الأَرْضِ مُتَّحِدِينَ بِالسَماويِّين، صَعِدْتَ بِمَجْدٍ أَيُّها الْمَسيحُ إلهُنا، غيرَ مُنْفَصِلٍ مِنْ مَكانٍ، بَلْ ثَابِتاً بِغَيْرِ الْفُتِراقِ وهاتِفاً بِأَحِبَّائِكَ: أنا مَعَكُمْ، وليسَ أحدُ عَلَيكم. افْتِراقِ وهاتِفاً بِأَحِبَّائِكَ: أنا مَعَكُمْ، وليسَ أحدُ عَلَيكم.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEEPING ICON (TONE 8) Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

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

إني أنا عبدُكِ يا والدةَ الإله * اكتُبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةً مُحامية * وأُقدمُ لكِ الشُكرَ كَمُنقذةٍ منَ الشَّدائد * لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَةَ التي لا تُحَارَب * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشدائد * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

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Lilliən Rihəni	TODAY	Sandy Eseed	
Azzam Barhoumeh	Jun 4	Marwan Jamalieh	
Fadel Khoury	Jun 11	Faraj Shahrstan	
Michael Moukheiber	Jun 18	Seham Imsaih	
Alice Zayed	Jun 25	Amanda Imseih	,



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.

مبُارِكُ أنتَ يا ربُ إلهَ أبائِنا. فإنَّكَ عَدْلُ في كُلِّ ما صَنعْتَ بِنَا. فصلُ مِنْ أعمالِ الرُسُلِ القِدِيسينَ الأطْهار (36-28, 28-20:16)

في تلكَ الأيَّام، ارْبَّأَى بولُسُ أنْ يَتَجاوَزَ أَفْسُسَ في البَحْرِ لِئَلاَّ يَعْرِضَ لَهُ أَنْ يُبْطِئَ في آسِية. لأنَّهُ كَانَ يَعْجَلُ حَتَّى يكونَ في أُورَشِليمَ يوْمَ الْعَنْصَرَة إِنْ أَمْكَنَهُ. فَمِنْ مِيليتُسَ بَعَثَ إلى أَفَسُسَ، فاسْتَدْعى قُسوسَ الكَنيسة. فَلَمَّا وَصَلُوا إِلَيْهِ قَالَ لَهُمْ: احْذَرُوا لأنفُسِكُمْ ولِجَميع الرَّعيةِ التي أقامَكُمُ الروحُ القُدُسُ فيها أساقِفَةً، لِتَرْعَوْا كنيسةَ اللهِ التي اقْتَنَاها بدَمِهِ فإنِّي أَعْلَمُ هذا، أنَّهُ سَيَدْخُلُ بِينَكُم بَعِدَ ذَهابِي ذِئابٌ خاطِفَةٌ لا تُشْفِقُ على الرَعيَّة ومنْكُمُ أَنْفُسِكُمْ سَيَقومُ رجالٌ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِأُمُورِ مُلْتَوبِةٍ لِيَجْتَذِبُوا التلاميذَ وراءَهُم لذلك اسْهَرُوا، مُتَذَّكِرِينَ أنّى مُدَّةَ ثَلاثِ سِنينَ لَمْ أَكْفُفْ لَيْلاً ونَهاراً أَنْ أَنْصَحَ كُلَّ واحِدٍ بدمُوع والآنَ أَسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ، يا إِخْوَتِي، اللهَ وكَلِمَةَ نِعْمَتِهِ القادِرَةَ أَنْ تَبْنيَكُمْ وتَمْنَحَكُمْ ميراثاً مَعَ جميع القديسين. إنِّي لَمْ أَشْتَهِ فِضَّةَ أُو ذَهَبَ أُو لِبِاسَ أُحَدٍ. وأَنتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ حاجاتِي وحاجاتِ الذينَ معِي خَدَمَتْها هاتان اليَدان. في كُلِّ شيءٍ بَيَّنْتُ لكُمْ أنَّهُ هَكَذا يَنْبَغي أَنْ نَتْعَبَ لِنُساعِدَ الضُّعفاءَ، وأَنْ نتذَكَّرَ كلامَ الرَّبِّ يسوعَ. فإنَّهُ قالَ: إِنَّ العَطاءَ هُوَ مَغْبُوطٌ أَكثَرَ مِنَ الأَخْذِ. ولَمَّا قَالَ هذا، جَثَا على رُكْبَتَيْهِ مَعَ جَميعِهمْ وصَلَّى.

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."

فَصْلٌ شريفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القدّيسِ يوحَنا الإنجيليّ البَشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهر (13-17:1)

في ذلكَ الزمان، رَفَعَ يسوعُ عينيهِ إلى السَّماءِ وقال: يا أبَتِ قَدْ أَتَتِ الساعَة، مَجّدِ ابنَكَ لِيُمَجّدَكَ ابنُكَ أيضاً. كما أعْطَيْتَهُ سُلْطاناً على كُلِّ بَشَرِ ليُعْطِىَ كُلَّ مَنْ أَعْطَيْتَهُ لَهُ حَياةً أَبَدِيَّةً. وهَذِهِ هِي الحياةُ الأبَدِيَّةُ، أَنْ يعرفُوكَ أنتَ الإلهَ الحَقيقيّ وحدَك، والذي أَرْسَلْتَهُ يسوعَ المسيحَ. أنا قَدْ مَجَّدْتُكَ على الأرض. قَدْ أَتْمَمْتُ الْعَمَلَ الذي أَعْطَيْتَنِي لأَعْمَلَهُ. والآنَ مَجَّدْنِي أَنْتَ يا أبَتِ عِنْدَكَ بِالْمَجْدِ الذي كانَ لي عِنْدَكَ مِنْ قَبْل كَوْنِ العالَمِ. قَدْ أَعْلَنْتُ اسْمَكَ لِلْناسِ الذينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لَى مِنَ العالَمِ. هُمْ كانوا لَكَ، وأنتَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لَي، وقَدْ حَفِظُوا كَلامَكَ. والآنَ قَدْ عَلِمُوا أنَّ كُلَّ ما أعْطَيْتَهُ لي هُوَ مِنْكَ. لأنَّ الكَلامَ الذي أَعْطَيْتَهُ لَى أَعْطَيْتُهُ لَهُم. وهُم قَبِلُوا وَعَلِمُوا حَقاً أنَّى مِنْكَ خَرَجْتُ، وآمَنوا أنَّكَ أَرْسَلْتَني. أنا مِنْ أَجْلِهِم أَسْأَلُ. لا أَسْأَلُ مِنْ أَجْلِ العالَم، بِلْ مِنْ أجلِ الذينَ أَعْطَيتَهُمْ لي، لأنَّهُم لكَ. كُلُّ شَيْءٍ لي هُوَ لَكَ، وكُلُّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ هُوَ لي، وأنا قَدْ مُجِّدتُ فِيهم. ولَسْتُ أنا بَعْدُ في العالم، وهؤلاء هُمْ في العالَم، وأنا آتى إلَيْكَ. أيُّها الآبُ القُدُّوسُ احْفَظهُمْ باسْمِكَ، الذينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لي، لِيكونوا واحداً كما نَحْنُ. حينَ كُنْتُ مَعَهُم في العَالم، كُنْتُ أَحْفَظُهُمْ باسْمِكَ. إِنَّ الذينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لَى قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُمْ، ولَمْ يَهلِكُ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدُ إِلاَّ ابْنُ الهَلاكِ، لِيَتِمَّ الكِتابُ. أمَّا الآنَ فإنِّي آتي إلَيْكَ. وأنا أتَكَلَّمُ بِهذا في العَالم لِيَكُونَ فَرَحى كَامِلاً فيهم.

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT," SING TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF ASCENSION (TONE 4)

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THE SYNAXARION

On May 28th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene; and Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica.

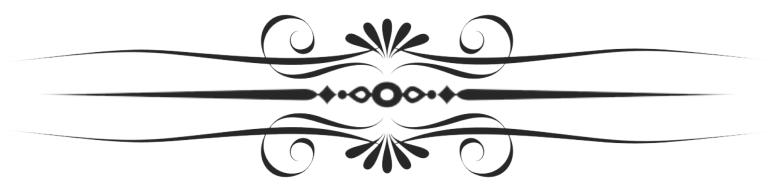
On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 Godbearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

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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WEDDINGS

Last Dr. DANIEL, son of Mourice and Hanan Sunday Mseih, and AMANDA, daughter of Maher and Abeer Asfour.

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Jun 4 Dr. DANIEL and AMANDA (Asfour)
Mseih.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Happy 98th Birthday to HANNA Shunnarah!

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ZAYED, offered by Fatin Zayed and family.

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	May is Sunday School Month		
Sun, May 28		9:15 am	
	· Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	
	Sunday School Classes	After Communion	
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy	
	• Three Hierarchs Orthodox Christian High School Presentation (see	After Liturgy	
Mac May 20	ρg. 26)		
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day (Office closed)	7.00	
Fri, Jun 2	Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) General Assembly and Elections (see pg. 22)		
Sat, Jun 3	Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls followed by Blessing of	10:00 am	
	Graves (see pg. 39)	F:00 am	
	 Great Vespers Service for the Great Feast of Pentecost Bible Bowl Study Session 	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	
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Sun, Jun 4	Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy Chair Bahassal	9:15 am	
	Choir RehearsalYouth Choir Performance	9:15 am	
	 Kneeling Service for the Great Feast of Pentecost 	During Liturgy During Liturgy	
	 Sunday Shool Classes 	After Communion	
	 Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Induction of Officers 	After Liturgy	
	 Sunday School Recognition Sunday and End of Year Celebration 	After Liturgy	
	(see pg. 40)		
	· Coffee Hour	After Liturgy	
Mon, Jun 5	Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) Dinner (see pg. 36)	6:00 pm	
Thu, Jun 8	Bible Bowl Study Session	6:00 pm	
	Vision and Development Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	
Fri, Jun 9	Sunday School Staff Meeting and Appreciation Dinner	6:30 pm	
Sat, Jun 10	Annual Golf Outing <i>(see pgs. 28-31)</i>	10:00 am	
Sun, Jun 11	 Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy 	9:15 am	
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	
	 Annual Graduate Ceremony presented by The Order of Saint 	During Liturgy	
	Ignatius Cicero Chapter		
	Coffee Hour	After Liturgy	
	Orientation for Teen SOYO Washington DC Pilgrimage	After Liturgy	
Mon-Thu, Jun 12-15	Summer Bible School (SBS)		
Mon, Jun 12	Parish Council Officers' Zoom Meeting	8:30 pm	
Tue, Jun 13	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm	
Thu, Jun 15	IT Committee Meeting	7:00 pm	
Fri, Jun 16	Teen SOYO General Assembly and Elections (see pgs. 24-25)	7:00 pm	
Sat, Jun 17	Diamond Jubilee Committee Meeting	10:00 am	
	Bible Bowl Study Session	3:00 pm	

2023 Membershin

Membership Commitment Form

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 4:15

Family Last Name: Membership Number:					
Email Address Please PRINT legibly	Cell Phone (Area + Number)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Relationship (spouse child, self, etc.)	First Name Please PRINT legibl	
Mailing Address:					
Street (include	e Apt#)		City/State	Zip	
lome Phone number: ()		If married, Marriage Da	ite: / /	

STEP 3: Payment Method

☐ \$25/Week ☐ \$50/Week

Please join the **Membership Automatic Giving Program** by scanning the QR Code or

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we offer the following 2023 'WEEKLY'

Submit Check to Church Office, payable to 'Saint George Church'.

Membership Commitment. Please Select:



STEP 4 and STEP 5 on next page →

 \square \$100/Week \square \$200/Week \square Other \$ /Week

2023 Membership Commitment Form

STEP 4: Be a Steward! Share your Time and Talent by volunteering for one or more of the ministries below! To sign up, contact Church Office (708-656-2927 / Office@StGeorgeChi.org).

Received by:

For office use only

CONFIDENTIAL: Saint George Church takes your privacy seriously. This information is strictly used by authorized personnel only.

Date entered:



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Automatic Giving Program

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

☐ Cover processing fees as well (\$0.30 + 2.7% of amount)

☐ Last Day of the Month

15th Day of the Month

- Complete the online Membership Form at www.stgeorgechi.org/membership
- Complete the form below or sign-up online at www.stgeorgechi.org/give



What is the Automatic Giving Program?

☐ Cover processing fees as well (\$0.30 + 1% of amount)

The Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Automatic Giving Program utilizes electronic funds to provide you with a timely, accurate, and convenient method to satisfy your Membership Giving. The program is voluntary, convenient, and confidential.

Member Information

First Name		Cell Phone			
Last Name		Email Address			
Address					
City State, Zip					
Financial Info	ormation				
Bank Accour	nt Information (Recommended)		Credit Card Info	rmation	
Routing No.		Credit Card No:			
Account No		Email Address			
Bank Name		Expiration Date	MM/DD	Sec Code	

By signing this form, I (we) authorize Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Cicero, IL hereinafter referred to as "Saint George" to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated above and the bank named above, hereinafter referred to as "Bank", to debit the same such account.

Debit Date (check one)

Signature:	Print Name:	Date://

Monthly Amount



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Membership Giving FAQs

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

- Complete the online Membership Form at www.StGeorgeChi.org/Membership
- For more FAQs, please scan the QR Code \rightarrow



What is Church Membership Giving?

Church is not a place you go to...it is a Family you belong to! Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians over the age of 18 at Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Cicero, Illinois, are invited to commit and belong to the Church Family by offering their time, talent, and treasure!

How do I sign-up to become a Church Member?

All Antiochian Orthodox Christians calling Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Cicero, Illinois, their Orthodox Spiritual Home can sign-up to be a Church Member by completing the online Membership Form on the Church Website at the link above or by scanning the QR Code above. The form will require you to submit your contact information and financial commitment.

What is the Automatic Giving Program?

Within Membership Giving, you are highly encouraged to sign-up for the Automatic Giving Program which utilizes electronic funds to provide you with a timely, accurate, and convenient method to satisfy your <u>Membership Giving</u>. The program is voluntary, convenient, and confidential.

If I sign-up to become a Church Member, does that make me a Voting Member?

Yes! Voting Members are those who sign-up as Church Members, attend services regularly, and fulfill their time, talent, and treasure commitments.

How is my Financial Commitment used?

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Cicero, Illinois, relies mainly on Membership Giving. The Church is committed to approximately \$46,000 per month in expenses, which includes (but is not limited to) education, charity work, maintenance, utilities, Liturgical supplies, salaries, insurance, beautification, technology, and office supplies.



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



YAF

May 3, 2023

Dear Members of YAF,

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 Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) to be held on Friday, June 2, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Orthodox Club (NADI).

At this YAF 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 YAF does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2023-2024 term. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any young adult (college age and up -18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba, Natalie Massih, or Miriam Haddad by Friday, May 26, 2023.

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 Friday, May 26, 2023. 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 June 2, 2023.

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*

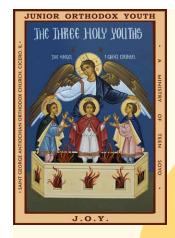
Uazen Fakhouri

Yazen Fakhouri
Director of Youth Programs

Jeanette Habash

Jeanette Habash *YAF President*

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Junior Orthodox Youth (J.O.Y.)

Mark your calendar...

MON-THU, JUN 12-15

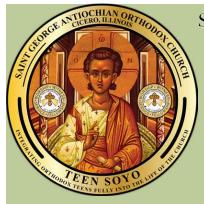
Summer Bible School

FRI, JUL 7

Bonfire, Dinner, and Spiritual Talk on the "Seven Days of Creation"

SAT, AUG 5

Vespers, Dinner, and Spiritual Talk on the Feast of Transfiguration



Teen SOYO

Mark your calendar...

FRI, JUN 16 Dinner and Elections

SUN, JUN 18 Induction of 2023-2024 Officers

MON-WED, Washington DC Trip JUN 19-21

WED-SUN, Parish Life Conference (Bible Bowl JUN 28-JUL 21 and Oratorical Contest), Oak Brook, IL

ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!



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Teen SOYO

May 17, 2023

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 the Teen SOYO** to be held on **Friday, June 16, 2023,** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Sammy and Karen Nawas.

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 2023-2024 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, Michael Massih, or Sarah Alamir by Friday, June 9, 2023.

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 Friday, June 9, 2023. 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 June 16, 2023.

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

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Yazen Fakhouri
Director of Youth Programs

Uazen Fakhouri

Alexandra Conopeotis

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba *Pastor*

Alexandra Conopeotis SOYO President



Admissions for the 2023-2024 School Year is Ongoing!

Only 8 spots left with full tuition waivers!

>>> SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023 <<<

A school representative will be available after Liturgy for more information.

Mission

Our mission is to educate and cultivate students' relationships with God, their neighbors, and the world around them in a supportive Orthodox Christian environment that nurtures their spiritual and intellectual formation.

Vision

Our school provides students with a strong foundation in the Orthodox Christian faith, a Christ-centered approach, and an advanced academic curriculum resulting in graduates ready to enter the world as well-rounded future leaders.

Distinctives of a Three Hierarchs Education:

- Orthodox-Centered School
- Liturgical Services
- Multilingual Curriculum
- Advanced Curriculum
- Individualized Instruction
- Challenging and Engaging Courses
- College and Career Planning
- Monthly Academic, Cultural, and Religious Field Trips
- Project-Based Learning
- Socratic Seminars

Electives and Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Art: History and Iconography
- Chanting
- Cultural and Religious Baking and Cooking
- Cultural Dancing
- Drama: Creation, Performance and Setting
- Student Interest Organizations
- Yearbook

7429 N. Milwaukee Avenue Niles, IL 60714 Email: threehierarchsochs@gmail.com



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Antiochian Women



May 12, 2023

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 25, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

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 2023-2024 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, June 18, 2023. The members of the Nominating Committee are Father Saba, Cindy Fakhoury, and Samar Rihani.

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, June 18, 2023. 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 25, 2023.

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.

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 Abeer Kari

Pastor

AW President

Abeer Kari





GOLF OUTING

Golfing for a purpose

June 10 - Cantigny Golf Course - Wheaton, Il

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

CANTIGNY GOLF COURSE 27W270 MACK RD. WHEATON. IL

REGISTRATION & CHECK IN: 11:00AM

BRUNCH& PROGRAM: 11:30AM

SHOT GUN START

AWARDS. RAFFLE DRAWING. AND COCKTAILS

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

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL



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Golfing for a purpose

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

22nd Annual Golf Outing RAFFLE

PORTION OF PROFITS TO BENEFIT





1220 South 60th Court Cicero, IL 60804 (708) 656-2927 Office@StGeorgeChi.org www.StGeorgeChi.org GRAND PRIZE: WEEKEND GETAWAY! INCLUDES: 3-DAY, 2-NIGHT STAY AT KALAHARI RESORT, UNLIMITED

WATER PARK PASSES FOR 4, \$100 ARCADE CREDIT, \$100 MEAL CREDIT (\$1,200 VALUE)

2ND PRIZE: SOX VS CUBS GAME! INCLUDES: 2 TICKETS, TRANSPORTATION, \$100 FOOD & DRINK

VOUCHER (\$1,000 VALUE)

3RD PRIZE: DATE NIGHT OUT! INCLUDES: DINNER FOR 2 AT CAPITAL GRILLE, TRANSPORTATION,

ZANIES COMEDY CLUB FOR 2 + \$50 DRINK VOUCHER (\$1,000 VALUE)

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

Drawing on Saturday, June 10, 2023 during After-Golf Social (winner need not be present to win)

To Purchase Raffle Tickets...

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





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Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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GOLFING FOR A PURPOSE

Saint George Church is committed to supporting local and national nonprofits fundraising efforts. This year, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital will be the charity of choice for our 22nd Annual Golf Outing.

Premier	Presenting	Platinum
\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
 8 Golf outing tickets Promo material in golf bags Premier banner position Acknowledgement during brunch Advertisement in golf program Weekly Bulletin recognition Company recognition on the 1st, 9th, & 18th hole Weekly social media "Shout Out" Weekly email blasts 	 8 Golf outing tickets Promo material in golf bags Highlighted banner position Acknowledgement during brunch Advertisement in golf program Weekly Bulletin recognition Company recognition on the 1st, 9th, & 18th hole Weekly social media "Shout Out" Weekly email blasts 	 4 Golf outing tickets Promo material in golf bags Spotlighted banner position Advertisement in golf program Weekly Bulletin recognition Weekly social media "Shout Out" Weekly email blasts

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- Web link on sponsor page

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- · Spotlighted banner position
- Recognition in golf program
- Weekly Bulletin recognition
- Recognition
- on church website • Web link on sponsor page

Brunch \$1,000

- Brunch table tents
- Spotlighted banner position
- Recognition in golf program
- Weekly Bulletin recognition
- Recognition on church website
- Web link on sponsor page

Beverage \$600 - limited spots

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

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Golfing for a purpose

Sponsors

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Rosalie Hoffman

 Michael Anthony's Pizzeria Restaurant



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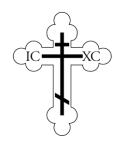
CELEBRATING 60 GEARS!

BENEFITTING THE 'FUTURE FUND'

WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4-8, 2023

Weekend Schedule of Events and Formal Ball Invitation to Follow

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship 2023



Purpose of the Scholarship:

Scholarships are awarded to Orthodox youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese who have resided within the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest for at least one year prior to awarding of the scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students showing outstanding commitment to and involvement in their church community.

Scholarship Awards:

Rather than make the selection based solely on academic achievement or financial need, a board of judges has the duty of selecting scholarship recipients primarily on the student's life in the church. Judges will be using a personal essay, an evaluation from a parish priest, a recommendation from a fellow parishioner, and involvement in parish activities. Grades and test scores will be given minimal consideration. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Parish Life Conference in June 2023.

Please confirm your application includes all the following prior to submission, as only complete applications will be considered for awards:

- € Completed application, typed or printed
- € Short essay
- € Church and School Activities form
- € Church Member Endorsement form, emailed from them

 This may be someone who served as your church school teacher, SOYO advisor, mentor, or someone you grew up with at church that knows your character and involvement.
- € Parish Priest Endorsement form, emailed from them
 This may be your home parish priest, or priest from the church you attend while at school.

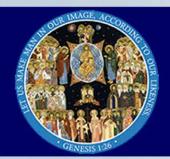
Submit applications via email by <u>June 1st, 2023</u> to:

antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com
Subject Line: Applicant's Name

For Application, Scan QR Code



Please direct any questions to antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com



Diocese of Toledo & the Midwest Parish Life Conference 2023

June 28th - July 2nd Hosted by St Mary Orthodox Church Palos Heights, IL

Double Tree - Oak Brook, IL

Book your \$99 room today!

(+ Free parking!)

Click here or:

Click here or scan to book your room!





Click here or scan to register for the PLC!

Join us for a PLC including divine services, our annual Bible Bowl & Oratorical, guest speakers for everyone, fun evening events, daytime activities and more!



Young Adult Speaker: Fr. Mark Hagan



Teen Speaker: Mother Gabriella



Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jeremy Davis

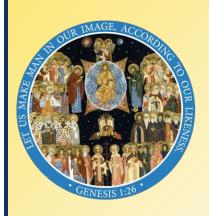


Women's Speakers: Cynthia Damaskos Molly Sabourin



Christian Ed. Speaker: Bob Snyder

56th Biennial Antiochian Archdiocese Convention



July 23-30, 2023 St. George · Phoenix, AZ www.ac2023az.org









Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church

1401 Wagner Road | Glenview, IL 60025

Monday, June 5

Doors open 6 PM Dinner 7 PM

Come and learn about OCMC's missionary efforts around the world. Hear the latest happenings from the mission field and how you can answer Christ's call to "go and make disciples of all nations."

\$40 request per person

Table reservation are for 8 people. (Proceeds to benefit missions in Northern Kenya as well as the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center around the world.)



of Eldoret and Northern Kenya

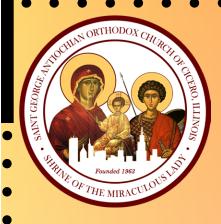
Questions? Please contact:

MTC via phone at (317) 709-0168 or email at MissionTeamChicago@gmail.com OCMC Staff at events@ocmc.org

Register online or by mail by May 31!







Saint George Antiochian: Orthodox Church Cicero, IL



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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Saturday of Souls Saturdays, May 27 and June 3, 2023

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 25, 2023.

Father Saba will Visit these Local Cemeteries:

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

MAY 27TH

- Arlington Cemetery
- Assumption Cemetery
- Bethania Cemetery
- Good Shepherd Cemetery
- Holy Sepulcher Cemetery
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery
- Wheaton Cemetery

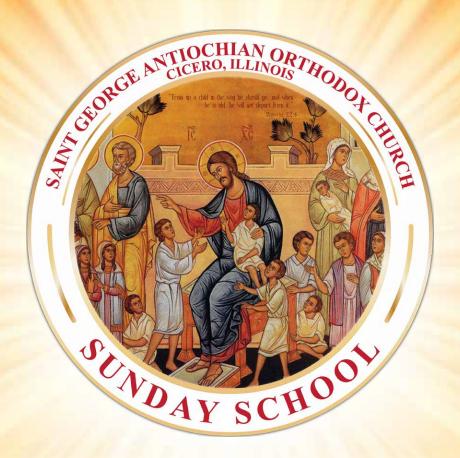
JUNE 3RD

- 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 Father Saba at the grave of your loved one, please contact the Church Office at Office@StGeorgeChi.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION DAY

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LITURGY



Last Day of Sunday School and Recognition of SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF and STUDENTS for a Fabulous and Fruitful 2022-2023 School Year!

Celebrate the end of the journey through the New Testament!
Please come thank God for this year together and to celebrate new
friendships as well as all that was learned!