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AND THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**



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

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:00^{am} Orthros (Matins), 10:15^{am} Great Doxology,
10:20^{am} Divine Liturgy

Confession: By Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا 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 اتِّكَلِّنَا 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.

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثَلَاثًا)

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

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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

أَنْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَنِّنٍ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ
الْأَيَّامِ، لِكَيْ تُعْتِقَنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتَنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، يَا
رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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 وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُويَا

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رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (TONE 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهَهُ، إِنَّ كَنِيستَكَ مُتَسَرِّبَةً بِدِمَاءِ شُهَدَائِكَ
الَّذِينَ فِي الْعَالَمِ كَبْرِفِيرَةٍ وَأَرْجُوانٍ، وَبِهِمْ تُنَادِيكَ
قَائِلَةً: وَجِّهْ رَأْفَتَكَ لِشَعْبِكَ، وَامْنَحِ السَّلَامَ لِعَبِيدِكَ،
وَهَبْ لِنُفُوسِنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

بِمَا أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
إِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (TONE 8)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْبَارِي الْخَلِيقَةِ، إِنَّ الْمَسْكُونَةَ تُقَدِّمُ لَكَ
كَبَوَاكِرِ الطَّبِيعَةِ الشُّهَدَاءِ اللَّابِسِي اللَّهَ. فَبِتَضَرُّعَاتِهِمْ
أَحْفَظْ كَنِيستَكَ فِي سَلَامٍ دَائِمٍ، مِنْ أَجْلِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِي يَا
جَزِيلَ الرَّحْمَةِ.

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 عبدك يا والدة الإله * اكتبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا
جنديةً مُحاميةً * وأقدمُ لكِ الشكرَ كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ *
لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ * اعتقيني من
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً
لا عروسَ لها.

EPISTLE READERS

English		Arabic
Sh. Linda Bynum	Today	Alice Saba
Fadel Khoury	Jun 14	Sandy Eseed
Nellie Louh	Jun 21	Amanda Imseih
Tamara Issam Maatouk	Jun 28	Diala Moaqad

THE SYNAXARION

On June 7th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; and Venerable Sebastiana the wonderworker.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

*Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.*

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

God is wondrous in His saints.

In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

عَجِيبٌ هُوَ اللَّهُ فِي قِدِّيسِيهِ.

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللَّهَ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (11:33-12:2)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْقِدِّيسِينَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمِلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدَّوْا أَفْوَاهَ الْأُسُودِ. وَأَطْفَأُوا حِدَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَسَرُوا مُعَسَكَرَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءٌ أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ، وَغُذِبَ آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا بِالنَّجَاةِ لِيُخْصَلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةٍ أَفْضَلَ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا الْهُزْءَ وَالْجُلْدَ وَالْقَيْدَ أَيْضًا وَالسِّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا وَنُشِرُوا وَامْتُحِنُوا وَمَاتُوا بِحَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحَوْا فِي جُلُودٍ غَنَمٍ وَمَعَزٍ وَهُمْ مُعَوَّزُونَ مُضَائِقُونَ مَجْهُودُونَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَجِيبًا لَهُمْ، فَكَانُوا تَائِهِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُھُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَنَظَرَ لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمَلُوا بِدُونِنَا. فَحَنُّ أَيْضًا إِذْ يُحْدِقُ بِنَا مِثْلُ هَذِهِ السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ فَلَنُلْقِ عَنَّْا كُلَّ ثِقَلٍ وَكُلَّ خَطِيئَةٍ مُحِيطَةٍ بِنَا، وَلَنُسَاقِبَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ الَّذِي أَمَامَنَا، نَاطِرِينَ إِلَى رَئِيسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكَمِّلِهِ يَسُوعَ

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according
to Saint Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

**فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس متى
الإنجيليِّ البشير والتلميذ الطاهر**

(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

قال الرَّبُّ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ، كُلُّ مَنْ يَعْتَرِفُ بِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أَعْتَرِفُ أَنَا بِهِ قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَمَنْ يُنْكِرُنِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أَنْكِرُهُ أَنَا قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًّا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ ابْنًا أَوْ بِنْتًا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. وَمَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ صَلَيبَهُ وَيَتَّبَعُنِي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. فَأَجَابَ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: هُوَذَا نَحْنُ قَدْ تَرَكْنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَتَبِعْنَاكَ، فَمَاذَا يَكُونُ لَنَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمَ يَسُوعُ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَبِعْتُمُونِي فِي جِيلِ التَّجْدِيدِ، مَتَى جَلَسَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ مَجْدِهِ، تَجْلِسُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ كُرْسِيًّا تَدِينُونَ أَسْبَاطَ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْاثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. وَكُلُّ مَنْ تَرَكَ بُيُوتًا أَوْ إِخْوَةً أَوْ أَخَوَاتٍ أَوْ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًّا أَوْ امْرَأَةً أَوْ أَوْلَادًا أَوْ حُقُولًا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، يَأْخُذُ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ، وَيَرِثُ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. وَكَثِيرُونَ أَوَّلُونَ يَكُونُونَ آخِرِينَ، وَآخِرُونَ يَكُونُونَ أَوَّلِينَ

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • 8th Annual Graduation Blessing Ceremony • Coffee Hour • Golf Classic Executive Committee Meeting • Antiochian Women (AW) Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (lunch provided) (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am After Liturgy After Liturgy 12:45 pm 1:00 pm
Mon-Thu, Jun 8-11	Summer Bible School (SBS)	9:00 am
Tue, Jun 9	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Fri, Jun 12	Bible Bowl Study Session (lunch provided)	10:00 am
Sat, Jun 13	25th Annual Golf Classic (<i>see pgs. 27-31</i>)	9:00 am
Sun, Jun 14	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour • Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) – YAF Cafe (<i>see pg. 19</i>)	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am After Liturgy After Liturgy
Mon, Jun 15	• Bible Bowl Study Session (lunch provided) • Teen SOYO Officers' Zoom Meeting	10:00 am 4:00 pm
Tue, Jun 16	Bible Bowl Placement Exam	10:00 am
Wed-Sun, Jun 17-21	Parish Life Conference (PLC) – Midwest Diocese (<i>see pg. 9</i>)	
Sun, Jun 21	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour • Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 16</i>) • Byzantine Choir Meeting	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am After Liturgy After Liturgy 12:45 pm
Wed, Jun 24	• Legal Committee Insurance Review Meeting • Teen SOYO Brainstorming Meeting	5:00 pm 6:00 pm
Thu, Jun 25	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Jun 26	Teen SOYO Golf Event (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:30 pm
Sat, Jun 27	• Great Vespers in Spanish • Bible Study in Spanish	5:00 pm After Vespers
Sun, Jun 28	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour • Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am After Liturgy After Liturgy

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On Social Media

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

When the hermit-priest Fr. Isaac Atallah, a disciple of St. Paisios the Athonite, visited the Archdiocese of Latakia in the 1980s, I accompanied him. At that time, video players had only recently appeared on the market. Wherever Fr. Isaac went, people would first ask him about the video device: What are the harms and benefits of using it? Is having it in the home a blessing or a curse?

Fr. Isaac used to answer them this way:

“Does this device not have an on/off switch? The problem, my beloved, is not in the device itself. When you see that it will harm you, you simply turn it off.”

I begin with this experience in order to speak about social media, now available in everyone’s hands. How should we deal with it? How do believers interact with what they watch or read through it? And are they aware of the need to limit its use—at least partially—so that it does not enslave them and scatter their minds in things that neither benefit nor edify? Do they realize that wasting time on these applications can become a sin and may even lead to depression, since it deepens loneliness and isolation and makes life more burdensome?

Is this not exactly what is happening with these social media, but on a broader, deeper, and more dangerous scale than the old video player? These platforms have multiplied, and their applications continue to evolve with ever newer and more attractive features. Will we realize that our failure to cultivate proper conduct, discipline, and virtue in our lives has allowed these platforms to expose our weaknesses publicly, increase our sins, and unleash our anger and reactions everywhere and against everyone? Have emotional impulses not become the master of the moment, with reckless comments appearing instantly and without any careful verification of information?

Even more dangerous is the harm inflicted on others, whether knowingly or unknowingly. The danger of speaking badly about others or exposing their secrets on social media lies in our inability to repair the damage once we later recognize our sin. When I gossip or slander someone privately, I may apologize and mend the situation once I realize the evil I have done. But on social media, countless people who read what I wrote will never know of my repentance, while the harm done to the other person remains. My judgment will be severe.

Our spiritual literature tells the story that St. Macarius once asked to see hell, and his request was granted in a vision. Among the things he saw were people hanging by their tongues from spears while fire burned beneath them. When he asked about their sin, he was told: *These are the ones who spread secrets and carried rumors from house to house.*

If we apply this story to our present reality, what will be the judgment of those who publicly disgrace others and expose their secrets before millions of readers on the internet?

There are morals and virtues that every Christian must possess. Christianity is not merely a social identity or outward lifestyle; it is a way of life in which our virtues and morals become visible. Outwardly, you reveal what exists inwardly. Self-control, refraining from hasty judgment, and resisting the urge to believe and spread everything we hear are the very least we should require of ourselves.

St. Silouan the Athonite considered reading newspapers to be the darkening of the soul and an obstacle to “pure prayer.” What then should we say today about the endless flood of news pouring upon us like heavy winter rain? At the time, he spoke only about newspapers—the sole means of learning the news in the early twentieth century. And newspapers are tacit: they merely report events without interaction. What would the saint say today about social media, which not only transmits news but also allows every reader to instantly become an editor and commentator?

Do we realize how much time we consume reading and debating trivial matters, many of which are not even true and bring us no benefit whatsoever? Do we stop to consider what useful things we could have accomplished during the time wasted scrolling? Beyond that, we willingly disturb our minds and trouble our souls with our own hands. Do we realize how easily we are carried away by rumors and falsehoods, without using discernment or examining what we read and hear?

I will not give lessons in morality and etiquette; whoever has not been formed by the Gospel will not be corrected merely by manners. Yet there are still some necessary pieces of advice for whoever wishes to listen.

Stand before your icons (if you are at home), make the sign of the cross, and pray before opening your electronic device. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you so that you may use it for what is good and beneficial to others, and only then begin browsing. It is also helpful to keep your prayer rope in your hand, reminding you that God is present.

Do not read what does not benefit you on these platforms. Do not waste your precious time following what is useless. Remain vigilant lest you become emotionally agitated and wound others. Set aside a specific amount of time for browsing and strive as much as possible to use it only for what is useful, necessary, and beneficial. It may help to set an alarm for the amount of time you intend to spend online, so that you are not left endlessly with your device until it consumes all your time. Think before you write and pray several repetitions of the Jesus Prayer on your prayer rope.

Try instead to make use of your talents and abilities, devoting your time to developing them and serving others through them. Then you will discover the depth of joy that comes from such a life.

During a spiritual retreat, I asked the ladies attending to choose one specific hour each day during which they would turn off their mobile phones and live as though they did not own one. At first, they found it difficult, but they followed the advice and were astonished by the peace they experienced. Some even forgot about their phones for the entire day.

Try this yourself. Dedicate one hour each day to living as though you own no electronic means of communication, and you may discover a measure of inner peace and quiet. Perhaps you will then become a messenger to others, offering from your own experience something that comforts and benefits them. In this way, you become a messenger of peace and joy—worthy of the name “Christian.”

في وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

زار الأب المتوحد اسحق عطالله، تلميذ القديس بابيسيوس الآثوسي، أبرشية اللاذقية، في ثمانينيات القرن الماضي، وكنت مرافقاً له طوال أيام الزيارة. كان جهاز الفيديو قد نزل الأسواق حديثاً؛ فأينما ذهب الأب اسحق أو اجتمع كان يسمع سؤالاً أولاً أو لا بخصوص جهاز الفيديو، ما مضار ومنافع استخدامه؟ وهل وجوده في البيت بركة أم لعنة؟

اعتاد الأب اسحق أن يجيب سائله هكذا: “أما لهذا الجهاز من مفتاح تشغيل وإيقاف؟ المشكلة يا أحبائى ليست فيه. عندما ترون أنه سيؤدي تديرون مفتاح تشغيله وتقولونه.”

أنطلق من هذه الخبرة إلى الحديث على وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي المتوفرة، في أيدي الجميع حالياً. كيف يتم التعامل معها؟ وكيف يتفاعل المؤمنون وما يشاهدونه أو يقرأونه فيها؟ وهل يعون وجوب تقيد استعمالها جزئياً على الأقل، لئلا تستعبدهم، وتالياً تشتت أذهانهم في أمور لا تقيد ولا تبني؟ هل يعون أن هدر الوقت في متابعة هذه التطبيقات قد يتحول إلى خطيئة، ويقود إلى الاكتئاب، إذ يعزز الوحدة والعزلة ويزيد حياتهم صعوبة؟!

أليس هذا ما يحدث مع هذه الوسائل، وبشكل أوسع وأعمق وأخطر من الفيديو. فقد تعددت هذه الوسائل ولا تزال تطبيقاتها التي تحمل ميزات أكثر جدة وحدثة تتوالى، وستبقى تتطور. هل نعي أن عدم اتباعنا آداباً وأصولاً وفضائل في حياتنا بعامّة، جعلها تكشف عيوبنا على الملء، وتزيد من خطايانا، وتقجر ردود أفعالنا وغضبنا، أينما كان وعلى أي كان؟ أما باتت الانفعالات سيّدة الموقف وردّات الفعل تظهر في التعليقات الهوجاء سريعاً ودونما دقة في المعلومات المتلقاة؟

أما الأخطر فهو إيقاع الضرر بالآخرين بمعرفة أو بجهل. فالخطر الكامن في الكلام ضد الآخرين بالسوء، أو فضح أسرارهم على وسائل التواصل، قائم في عدم قدرتنا على إصلاح الضرر إذا ما وعينا خطيئتنا لاحقاً. فعندما أستهيب أو أنم على أحد أمام آخر، أستطيع الاعتذار وإصلاح الموقف عندما أعني السوء الذي فعلته. أما على وسائل التواصل فالكثير مم قرأوا ما كتبت لن يعلموا بتوبتي، وسيبقى الأذى واقعاً بالآخر. دينونتي آنذاك ستكون عظيمة.

يُروى في أدبياتنا الروحية التربوية أن القديس مكاريوس طلب أن يرى الجحيم، فتحقق طلبه يوماً في رؤيا. ومما شاهده هناك أناساً معلقين من ألسنتهم على رماح والنار تشتعل تحتهم! وعندما سأل مستفسراً عن خطيئتهم، أتاه الجواب أنهم الذين كانوا يفشون الأسرار ويتناقلون الشائعات من بيت إلى بيت.

إذا طبقنا هذه القصة على واقعنا المعاصر، فماذا ستكون دينونة الذين يشنعون على الآخرين ويكشفون أسرارهم أمام ملايين القراء على الشبكة العنكبوتية؟

ثمة أخلاق وآداب على المسيحي أن يتحلّى بها. فمسيحيّتنا ليست نمط عيش اجتماعي الشكل فقط، بل نمط تنعكس فيه أخلاقنا وفضائلنا. فأنت تُظهر خارجياً ما أنت عليه في داخلك. إن ضبط النفس وعدم التسرع في الحكم على الآخرين وتصديق ما نسمع ونقله أقل ما يمكن أن نلزم أنفسنا فيه.

كان القديس سلوان الآثوسي يعتبر أن قراءة الصحف تعتم الروح، وتشكل عقبة بإزاء “الصلاة النقية”. فماذا نقول اليوم في الأخبار المنهمرة علينا انهمار المطر في عز الشتاء؟ دار هذا الحديث حول الجرائد التي كانت الوسيلة الوحيدة لمعرفة الأخبار وما يجري، في بدايات القرن العشرين. ومعروف أن الجريدة صماء تكتفي بنقل الخبر، ولا تفاعل معها. فماذا كان القديس ليقول اليوم عن وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، وهي ليست مجرد ناقل للأخبار، بل تتيح المجال بكل سهولة لكل قارئ لأن يكون، محرراً ومعبّراً عن رأيه؟

ألا نعي كم نستهلك من الوقت في قراءة ومناقشة أمور سخيفة، والكثير منها غير حقيقي، ولا تفيدنا في شيء؟ ألا ننتبه إلى ما كنا نقدر على القيام به خلال ذلك الوقت الذي ضاع منا في التصفح؟ عدا عن تشويش ذهننا وجلب الاضطراب إلى نفوسنا بأيدينا! هل نعي كيف ننجر بسهولة وراء أي إشاعة أو مغالطة، وأننا لا نعمل عقولنا ولا ندقق في ما نقرأ ونسمع على هذه الصفحات؟

لن أعطي دروساً في الآداب والأخلاقيات؛ فمن لم يتأدب بالإنجيل، لن تنفعه الآداب. لكن ثمة نصائح لا بدّ منها، لمن يريد أن يسمع. قف أمام الأيقونات وارسم إشارة الصليب وصلّ قبل أن تفتح جهازك الإلكتروني، واطلب من الروح القدس أن يلهمك كي تستعمله في الصالح والنافع للآخرين، ومن ثم ابدأ بالتصفح. من المفيد أن تكون مسبحتك في يدك كي تذكرك بأن الله حاضر.

لا تقرأ ما لا يفيدك ممّا يُنشر على هذه الوسائل. لا تهدر وقتك الثمين في متابعة ما لا ينفك، وكن يقظاً لئلا تتفعل وتلحق الأذى بالآخرين. حدّد وقتاً معيّناً لتصفحها، وحاول بكلّ جهدك أن تتصفّح الأشياء المفيدة والضرورية واللازمة لك. من المفيد أن تحدّد منبه الساعة على الوقت الذي ستخصّصه لها، ولا تترك نفسك مع الجهاز دونما مذكّر، لئلا يستهلك وقتك كلّهُ. فكّر قبل أن تكتب، واتلو بمسبحتك عدداً من صلاة يسوع.

حاول أن تستفيد من مواهبك وقدراتك وتصرف وقتك في تنميتها وتقديم الخدمة للآخرين بواسطتها. ستختبر آنذاك كمّ الفرح الذي ستعيشه.

في خلوة روحية طلبت من السيّدات المشتركات أن يخترن ساعة محدّدة يومياً، يقفلن فيها هواتفهن النقّالة، ويعشنها وكأنهن لا يملكن هاتفاً. استصعب الأمر في البداية، لكنهن نفذن النصيحة فاندھشن من السلام الذي حصلن عليه، وبعضهن نسين الهاتف طوال اليوم. جرّب هذه الخبرة. خصّص ساعة في اليوم تعيش فيها وكأنك لا تملك وسيلة تواصل إلكترونية، لتتعم ببعض السلام والهدوء الداخليين. لعلك تكون رسولاً للآخرين وتقدّم لهم من اختبارك ما يريحهم ويفيدهم. آنذاك تكون رسول سلام وفرح يليق بك لقب “مسيحي.”



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!



UPCOMING EVENTS...

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)
Sat Aug 22	Sunday School Staff Training
Sun Aug 30	Creative Arts Festival (CAF) Celebration
Sun Sep 13	First Day of Sunday School for the 2026-2027 School Year

CREATING MEMORIES





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

SUN, JUN 21

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, JUN 26

Teen SOYO Golf Event

WED, JUN 17-
SUN, JUN 21

Parish Life Conference (PLC)

SUN, JUL 26

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, AUG 14

Teen SOYO Shawerma Outing

SUN, AUG 30

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

SAT, SEP 19

Teen SOYO Event

SUN, SEP 20

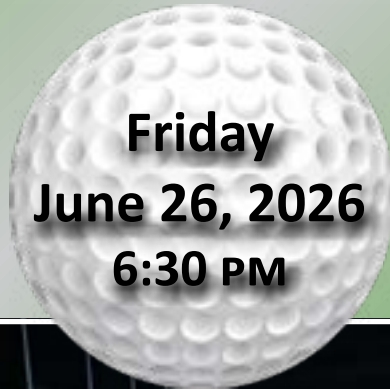
Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

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, 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
General Meeting & Elections
BBQ Lunch & Annual Softball Game

Sat-Sun, August 1-15 Dormition Season

Sat, September 12 Feast of the Cross Annual Bonfire

Sat, September 26 Annual Legacy Ball - 63rd Anniversary

Thurs-Sat, October 15-17 YAF Pilgrimage to the Antiochian Village

Mon, Nov 15-Fri, Dec 25 Holy Advent Season

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



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CICERO, ILLINOIS

The Young Adult Fellowship Presents...



YAF Café



Our Mission

Energizing our Parish
through Orthodoxy,
fellowship, and, of course,
coffee!

Once a month, YAF will bring
their iconic coffee hour to
the Church Hall for everyone
to enjoy!

YAF will be selling cold brews,
lattes, baked goods, and
more!

All proceeds will go toward
the 2026 YAF Pilgrimage Fund

Open on the following Sundays:

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

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

YAF



June 7, 2026

Dear Members of YAF,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

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 **Sunday, July 12, 2026**, after Liturgy in **The YAF House**, followed by a Welcome BBQ in the Courtyard, and the Annual Softball Game at a nearby park (bring a change of clothes).

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 2026-2027 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 or Father Gabriel by Sunday, July 5, 2026.

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, July 5, 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, July 12, 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

Nina Ghanayem

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YAF President



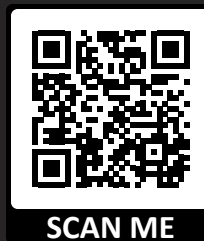
YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF)

- Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections
- Welcome BBQ
- Annual Softball Game
(bring a change of clothes)

SUNDAY – JULY 12, 2026
AFTER LITURGY



The YAF House...
The Courtyard...
A Nearby Park



\$10/person
RSVP by Thursday –
July 9, 2026

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MTG/ELECTIONS BBQ SOFTBALL GAME





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

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*) Present...

END OF SUMMER *Family Bash*

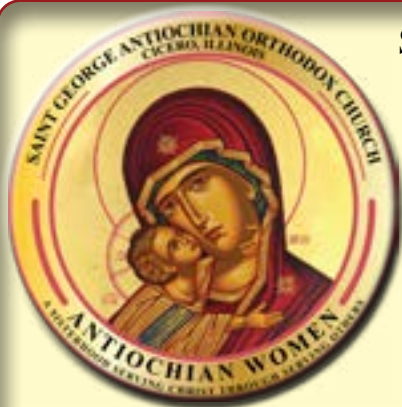
Sat,
AUG
22

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 *You're Invited*

WHAT:

Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections

Lunch will be provided

Today!

WHEN:

Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm

WHERE:

The Church Library

WHO:

*All Women ages 18+**

RSVP HERE



SCAN ME

**YEARLY DUES
MUST BE UP-TO-DATE
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.*



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 KATHERINE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX MISSION

SAVE THE DATE

Saint Katherine Mission will continue its ministry in the Summer with activities to include Divine Services, Bible Studies, social activities for all ages, barbeques, and more!

Please save the following dates with more details to come:

Thursday, June 25

Thursday, July 9

Thursday, July 16

Thursday, July 30

Thursday, August 20

Thursday, September 3

All are Welcome!

7313 N Waukegan Rd. Niles, IL 60714



25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose



SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
MMXXVI

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

Registration
Deadline

**FRIDAY,
MAY 1**



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**RAFFLE
ON-COURSE
EXPERIENCES
SILENT
AUCTION**

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

Portion of Proceeds to Benefit



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

**PORITION OF PROFITS
TO BENEFIT:**



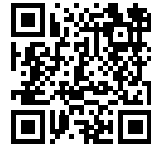
GRAND PRIZE: GOOOOAL! INCLUDES: 2 WORLD CUP TICKETS TO THE JORDAN VS ARGENTINA GAME IN DALLAS, TX, SAT, JUN 27 AT 9PM AND \$1,000 AIRFARE/HOTEL VOUCHER (\$3,500 VALUE)

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

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

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

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



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Purchase your Raffle Tickets today!

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

25th Annual GOLFCLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

Sponsorships

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

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

GOLFING FOR
A PURPOSE



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

Golfer Experience Package (add-on to sponsorship)

SOLD OUT

All-Day Admission for 4 Golfers

Golfer Experience Package (golfers only, no sponsorship)

\$1,500 (space is limited, not available)

All-Day Admission for 4 Golfers

*Registration Required for All-Day Admission

Admission includes network brunch, golf, and after-golf social

All 3 Events only available for purchase as a package; will not be sold separately

**Golf Registration and
Sponsorships Submission
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25th Annual GOLFCLASSIC

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- Pita Inn
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- Thomas Bournias
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- Saint Mary Orthodox Church, Palos Heights
- Genesis Wealth
- Team Automotive
- Ramallah Club of Chicago
- Wellness Revolution
- Wood Dale Bank and Trust, A Wintrust Community Bank
- Dr. Marwan and Rana Zayed and Family

General

- ABT Electronics
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- Anonymous
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- The Capital Grille
- IRC Chiropractic
- DJ's Sports Bar and Grill
- J Flemings
- Chef Rudy Galindo
- Danny Sourì (Sourì Agencies LLC)
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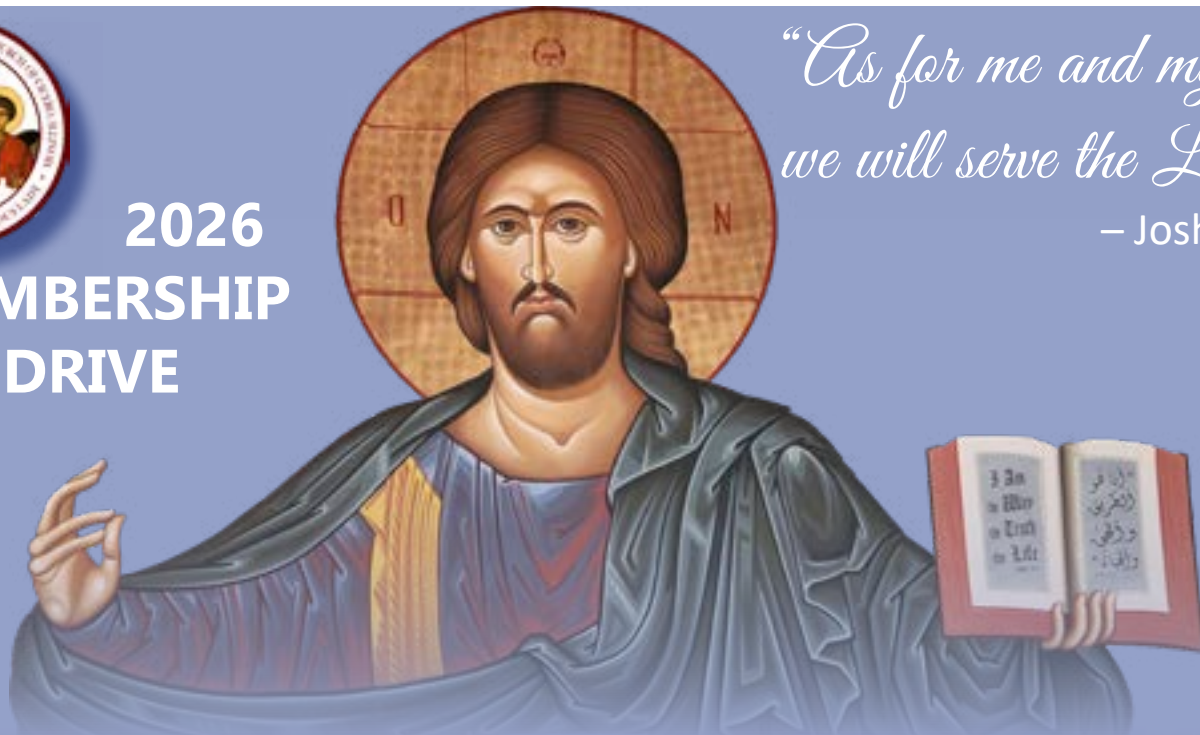


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2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



*“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,

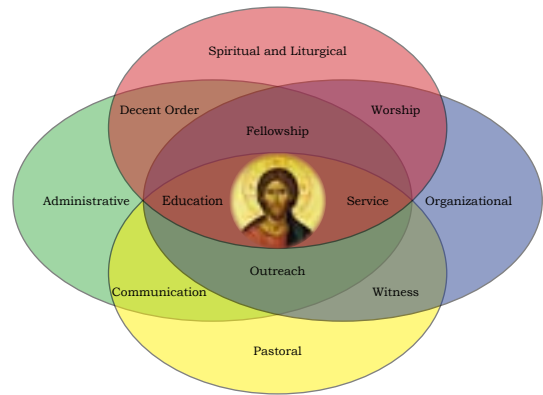
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united
in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- If this is your spiritual home...
- If you are nourished here...
- If you want your children rooted in the
Orthodox Faith...

YOU DO BELONG!

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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

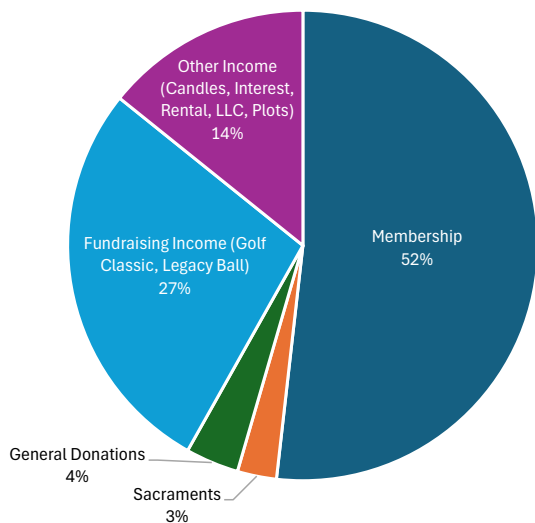
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

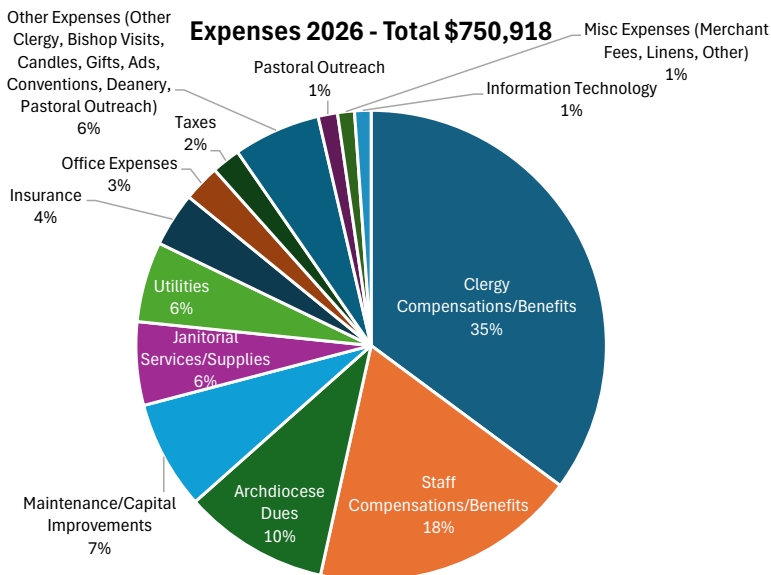
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Revenue 2026 - Total \$723,962



Expenses 2026 - Total \$750,918



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8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Milad John Albader



Parents: Riyad Albader and Rania Dughman

Graduated: SMYSER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Will Attend: Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center

School Activities: Soccer team, Cross Country, Jazz Band

Church Activities: Altar Server

Hopes/Dreams: To do well in school but ultimately get rich.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Philip John Araj



Parents: Johnny and Christina Araj

Graduated: IROQUOIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Will Attend: Maine West High School

School Activities: Basketball, Volleyball

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO, Altar Server

Hopes/Dreams: I hope we become people who don't just go to Church, but carry God's presence everywhere we go.

Favorite Bible Verse: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Jude Bechara



Parents: Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara

Graduated: ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Oak Park River Forest High School

School Activities: Theater, Cross Country, Track and Field

Church Activities: Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To be happy and to have many adventures.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." John 4:8

8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Joelle Mary Boulos



Parents: Dr. Dany Boulos and Dr. Manal Ibrahim

Graduated: QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

Will Attend: Loyola Academy High School

Honors/AP Programs: Loyola Academy Program for Talented Math Junior High Students

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO, National Bible Bowl Winner, Creative Arts Festival

Hopes/Dreams: To become a doctor and bring the joy of Christ to those around me.

Favorite Bible Verse: "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

George Fasheh



Parents: Mike and Dena Fasheh

Graduated: SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: York Community High School

Honors/AP Programs: Gave the 8th Grade Class Speech, "Making a Great Day" Award

School Activities: Elmhurst Aquatics Swim Teams, Band

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO

Hopes/Dreams: I hope to become an engineer one day.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11

Elias Imseeh



Parents: Abdo and Suhaila Imseeh

Graduated: EAST PRAIRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Niles North High School

School Activities: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Altar Server

Hopes/Dreams: To be a doctor.

Favorite Bible Verse: "But with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26

8TH GRADE GRADUATES

John Karam



Parents: Chadi and Olga Karam

Graduated: HERRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Downers Grove North High School

Honors/AP Programs: Select 58 District Award

School Activities: Orchestra, Choir, Chamber Choir, Track, Guitar Club, School Musical

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Altar Server, Sunday School, Byzantine Chant training

Hopes/Dreams: In the future I'd like to stay focused on my studies, continue to study Byzantine Chant and Music, and follow the path God has planned for me.

Favorite Bible Verse: "He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength." Isaiah 40:29

Samson Joseph Karam



Parents: Sam and Tammi Karam

Graduated: KINGSWOOD ACADEMY

Will Attend: Northridge College Prep

Honors/AP Programs: IJAS Junior High Division Champion

School Activities: Cross Country, Track, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Band, Choir, Mathletes, Chess Club, Wrestling

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Altar Server, Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To attend a military academy for college and go into the medical field for a career.

Favorite Bible Verse: The Beatitudes "And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven....'" Matthew 5:1-12

8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Giavanna Genevieve Lagattolla



Parents: Michael and Sue Lagattolla

Graduated: JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Plainfield East High School

School Activities: Track and Field, Basketball, Flag Football, Peer Buddies, Multicultural Club, STUCO, Student Ambassador

Church Activities: Sunday School, JOY Club, Teen SOYO, Antiochian Village Camper

Hopes/Dreams: To work with children and with DCFS in some capacity.

Favorite Bible Verse: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18

Daniel Lussi



Parents: Ronny and Enas Lussi

Graduated: PRUSSING ELEMENTARY

Will Attend: Taft High School

Honors/AP Programs: Gifted Program

Church Activities: Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To make this world a better place.

Favorite Bible Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Angelina Mariam Mraibie



Parents: Fadi and Rawan Mraibie

Graduated: IROQUOIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Will Attend: Main West High School

School Activities: Softball, Volleyball, Basketball

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO

Hopes/Dreams: To be an athletic trainer.

Favorite Bible Verse: "When you feel like giving up remember that God won't give up on you." Psalm 86:15

8TH GRADE GRADUATES

Celine Georgina Qumri



Parents: Suhail and Dima Qumri

Graduated: EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Maine South High School

School Activities: Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Tennis, Arabic School

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO

Hopes/Dreams: I hope to one day have a job in the medical field.

Favorite Bible Verse: “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.” Isaiah 43:2

Christina Rantisi



Parents: Khader and Fadwa Rantisi

Graduated: NATHAN HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Tinley Park High School

School Activities: National Junior Honors Society, Student Council Vice President, Soccer

Church Activities: Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To be an engineer and to be rich!

Favorite Bible Verse: “I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

Lauren Susan Zayed



Parents: Zayed and Dalieh Zayed

Graduated: MONROE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Will Attend: Wheaton North High School

School Activities: Softball

Church Activities: Summer Bible School (SBS)

Hopes/Dreams: To become a pediatric nurse. I love working with children.

Favorite Bible Verse: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dahoud David AlHabash



Parents: Suleiman and Caroline Alhabash

Graduated: MARIST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: Loyola University Chicago

Honors/AP Programs: AP Language, AP Literature, AP Seminar, AP Psychology, Spanish 2 Honors, Computer Science Honors, Spanish 3 Honors, Ideation Honors, Spanish 4 Honors

School Activities: Boy's Varsity Volleyball

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Altar Server

Hopes/Dreams: To become an Orthodontist.

Favorite Bible Verse: "He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed." Proverbs 13:20

Anthony John Araj



Parents: Johnny and Christina Araj

Graduated: MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: Oakton Community College

Honors/AP Programs: AP Government

School Activities: Baseball

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Altar Server, Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To stay involved in the Church and be able to help others in need.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Trust in the lord with all your heart" Proverbs 3:5-6

Sameer Moises Baqleh



Parents: Steven and Julia Baqleh

Graduated: NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: Trade School

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To become an electrician and travel around the world.

Favorite Bible Verse: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Grace Elizabeth Batmani



Parents: Basil and Isabel Batmani

Graduated: NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: Benedictine University

Honors/AP Programs: AP Biology, AP Psychology, AP History, AP Computer Science

School Activities: Swim Team, Gymnastics Team, Water Polo Team

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO Secretary

Hopes/Dreams: To travel a lot! Serve the Lord! Become a dentist.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Zaki Gabriel Fakhoury



Parents: Dr. Nader and Cindy Fakhoury

Graduated: LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: West Point

Honors/AP Programs: International Baccalaureate Program

School Activities: JROTC, Soccer, Arab American Club

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO, Altar Server

Hopes/Dreams: To study Mechanical Engineering.

Favorite Bible Verse: "With God, All Things Are Possible." Mark 10:27

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sophia Fasheh



Parents: Mike and Dena Fasheh

Graduated: YORK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: George Washington University

Honors/AP Programs: High Honor Roll all 4 years, Seal of Biliteracy-Spanish, Honors Spanish, Honors English 9, Honors English 10, Honors Chemistry, Honors Algebra with Trigonometry, Personal Finance Honors, AP Human Geography, AP English Language and Composition, AP US History, AP Environmental Science, ACP Rhetoric, ACP Composition, Constitutional Law Honors, ACP Functions and Finite, York Community High School Citizenship Award

School Activities: Club Soccer, High School Soccer Captain, President and Co-Founder of Philanthropy of Corporate Finance Club, Vice President of Best Buddies, Social Media Chair of HOSA, Studies Abroad in Spain and Portugal, Member of the York Climate and Culture Club, National Honors Society, Morgan's Message Ambassador, Freshman Orientation Guide Mentor, Ran an Annual Homecoming Dress Drive in community.

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO President and Treasurer

Hopes/Dreams: I will be studying International Affairs on the Pre-Law track. I hope to go to Law School and work in International Law.

Favorite Bible Verse: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10

Celina Mary Haddad



Parents: Zeyad and Yanal Haddad

Graduated: LANE TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: University of Illinois, Chicago

Honors/AP Programs: Lane Tech Scholars Program

School Activities: After School Volunteer, CoPres Middle Eastern Club, Swim Instructor

Church Activities: Teen SOYO, Sunday School

Hopes/Dreams: To become a pediatric nurse.

Favorite Bible Verse: "With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Francesca Haig



Parents: Eli and Paula Haig

Graduated: HINSDALE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Honors/AP Programs: AP Biology, AP Psychology, AP Calculus, AP Language and Composition, AP US History, AP Literature, English 1 Honors, English 2 Honors, Spanish 2 Honors, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2/Trig Honors, Pre-Calculus Honors, Chemistry Honors, Introduction to Business Honors, Business Law 1 Honors, Business Law 2 Honors, Internship Honors

School Activities: Hinsdale Central Girls Volleyball, Chicago Elite Club Volleyball, St. Jude Leadership Society Member and Peer Advisor, Habitat for Humanity, Luv Michael, Illinois Readability Chapter President, National Honors Society

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO Secretary, SOYO-YAF Transition Committee

Hopes/Dreams: I am interested in both business and medicine, and I hope to eventually become a doctor or find a way to combine both fields in my future career. I would love to continue working with organizations like ALSAC and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital because helping children and making a meaningful impact on families is something I am very passionate about.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

Angelina Rita Imseeh



Parents: Ala and Faten Imseeh

Graduated: MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: Loyola University Chicago

Honors/AP Programs: National Honors Society, AP Physics, AP Psychology

School Activities: Softball

Church Activities: Teen SOYO President, Vice President, and Secretary

Hopes/Dreams: My dream is to become a Pediatric Cardiologist.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" John 14:6

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sabrina Elizabeth Lagattolla



Parents: Michael and Sue Lagattolla

Graduated: PLAINFIELD EAST HIGH SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL CHOICE COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL

Will Attend: Joliet Junior College

Honors/AP Programs: ASL Honors

School Activities: DECA, ASL, Cheer

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO, Antiochian Village Camper

Hopes/Dreams: To open my own salon someday.

Favorite Bible Verse: "God is within her. She will not fall." Psalm 46:5

Justin Yonan Najjar



Parents: Christian Najjar, Asma Betar Najjar

Graduated: NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: DePaul University

Honors/AP Programs: Study Abroad Honors Program in Italy, AP Classes, GPA 4.0

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO

Hopes/Dreams: To be a management consultant.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Celine Maria Rayan



Parents: Abraham and Lubna Rayan

Graduated: NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: Oakton Community College

Honors/AP Programs: AP Psychology, English Honors 9, English Honors 10, English Honors 11, English Honors 12

School Activities: MENA Club, Swim Team, School Sports Section Leader

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO Humanitarian Chair

Hopes/Dreams: To attend Oakton Community College as an undecided major while exploring different academic paths to discover what major I would like to pursue in the future before transferring to a university.

Favorite Bible Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me" Philippians 4:13

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jacob Joseph Rihani



Parents: Joseph and Mais Rihani

Graduated: CARL SANDBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: University of Illinois Chicago

Honors/AP Programs: Honors Algebra, Honors Geometry, Honors Trigonometry, Honors Bio, Honors Chemistry, Honors Freshman English, AP World History, AP Government and Politics, AP Macroeconomics, AP US History, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science, AP Psychology

School Activities: Varsity Hockey, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta

Church Activities: Sunday School, Teen SOYO, Altar Server, SOYO-YAF Transition Committee

Hopes/Dreams: To become a mechanical engineer.

Favorite Bible Verse: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

Angelina Christina Zreiqat



Parents: Cindy Fakhoury

Graduated: NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL

Will Attend: University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, Environmental Engineering

Honors/AP Programs: AP Calculus, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, AP Environmental Science, Student Teacher Intro to Engineering

School Activities: Middle Eastern Club President, Mena Club President, Student Belonging Council, Leaders for Change Club, Vessel to Voice, Logas Literary Magazine Student Editor

Church Activities: Teen SOYO Humanitarian Chair

Hopes/Dreams: To become an Environmental Engineer and have a positive impact on society. I also dream of having a big family one day.

Favorite Bible Verse: “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:34

BACHELOR DEGREE GRADUATES

Theo Theodore Conopeotis



Parents: George and Donna Conopeotis

Graduated: DePAUL UNIVERSITY

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Business, Entrepreneurship

Honors/AP Programs: Dean's Award for Scholastic Excellence

School Activities: Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO)

Church Activities: Young Adult Fellowship (YAF), YAL, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)

Hopes/Dreams: To chase greatness and make a real impact.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Crystal Thekla Eseed



Parents: Nicola and Angela Eseed

Graduated: LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Biology and Biostatistics

School Activities: Arab Christian Association and Pre-Dental Society

Church Activities: Saint Katherine Antiochian Orthodox Mission Secretary

Hopes/Dreams: To become a Dentist.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Myah Mariam Fakhouri



Parents: Dr. Anton and Lena Fakhouri

Graduated: PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Psychology

School Activities: Alpha Chi Omega, University Choir, Salt (Christian Fellowship), Boiler Kitchen, Purdue Ski and Snowboard Club, Orthodox Christian Fellowship Club, Study Abroad Program to Milan, Italy

Church Activities: Summer Bible School (SBS) Volunteer Counselor

Hopes/Dreams: To pursue a Masters of Education Degree to become a teacher. I believe teaching is my way of making a positive difference in the world by helping students grow and succeed. I also want to travel more to different countries and gain a broader perspective on life through meaningful adventures and connections.

Favorite Bible Verse: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

BACHELOR DEGREE GRADUATES

Anees Mitri



Parents: Juliette Mitri

Graduated: CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Honors/AP Programs: Summa Cum Laude

School Activities: Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) President, Middle Eastern Music Ensemble

Church Activities: Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

Hopes/Dreams: To go to law school.

Favorite Bible Verse: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” John 13:34

James Ryan



Parents: Jim and Anoulla Ryan

Graduated: LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Degree: Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing

Church Activities: Missions and Evangelism Committee, Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

Hopes/Dreams: To be successful in my career and to glorify God in all that I do.

Favorite Bible Verse: “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3:36

Philip Saba



Parents: Bassam and Alice Saba

Graduated: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Civil/Structural Engineering

Church Activities: Young Adult Fellowship (YAF), Choir, Chanter, Altar Server

Hopes/Dreams: To help build Churches.

Favorite Bible Verse: “For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Mathew 23:12

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

Isabel Sarah Batmani



Escort(s): Basil, Grace, Julia, Anthony, and Christian Batmani

Graduated: NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Degree: Master's of Arts – Teaching (MAT) in Secondary Education with a focus on High School Biology

School Activities: Legacy Celebration Commencement Speaker

Hopes/Dreams: My hopes and dreams are to continue serving the Lord, raise my four beautiful children Grace, Julia, Anthony, and Christian, with love and faith, earn my PhD someday, and inspire others to never stop learning or chasing their dreams!

Favorite Bible Verse: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

Peter Saba



Escort(s): Bassam and Alice Saba

Graduated: NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Degree: Master's in Biomedical Engineering

Church Activities: Young Adult Fellowship (YAF), Choir, Sunday School Assistant Teacher

Hopes/Dreams: To create medical technologies that turn clinical insight into real world solutions.

Favorite Bible Verse: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29:11-12



DOCTORATE DEGREE GRADUATES

Dr. Anthony Antonios Aldurra



Escort(s): Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra

Graduated: DETROIT MERCY DENTAL SCHOOL

Degree: Doctor of Dental Surgery

School Activities: Legacy Celebration Commencement Speaker

Hopes/Dreams: To provide compassionate patient care to make a difference in people's lives while giving them healthy, confident smiles.

Favorite Bible Verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Dr. Tarek Slibi



Escort(s): Dr. Haya Awad

Graduated: INSIGHT HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

Degree: Internal Medicine ACGME Accredited Residency

Hopes/Dreams: To continue taking care of my patients the best way.

Favorite Bible Verse: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

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