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AND THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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

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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 رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَلِّنَا عَلَيْكَ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمْنِي 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 فَعَلَّمْنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهِي

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 4)

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ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا

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TROPARION OF SAINT ATHANASIUS THE ATHONITE (TONE 3)

The Angels' ranks were awed by thy life in the flesh, * how, though corporeal, and clad with earthly clay, * thou didst set forth with courage to invisible wars and wrestlings * and didst boldly smite the hordes * of the demons with mortal wounds. * Wherefore, Christ rewarded thee * with abundant gifts in return. * Entreat Him that our souls find salvation, * O most renowned Father Athanasius.

لَقَدْ دَهَشَتْ طَعْمَاتُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مِنْ سِيرَتِكَ بِالْجَسَدِ
أَيُّهَا الدَّائِمُ الذِّكْرُ، كَيْفَ أَنْتَ، وَأَنْتَ بِالْجَسَدِ، سَعَيْتَ
نَحْوَ الْمَصَافِّ غَيْرِ الْمَنْظُورَةِ، وَجَرَحْتَ مَوَاكِبَ
الْأَبَالِسَةِ. فَلِذَلِكَ، قَدْ كَافَأَكَ الْمَسِيحُ بِمَوَاهِبَ غَنِيَّةٍ.
فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْأَبُ أَثْنَاسِيُوسَ، تَشَفَّعْ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ
نُفُوسَنَا.

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 جَاورْ جِيُوسَ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفَرَ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION (TONE 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْذُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلَبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

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

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

THE SYNAXARION

On July 5th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Venerable and God-bearing Father Athanasius of Athos, and his six disciples who died with him.

Anthony the Great was the inception of the Fathers,

And divine Athanasius, their godly culmination.

On the fifth, Angels took Athanasius and his disciples to the City of God.

Born in Trebizond of God-fearing parents, he was early left destitute, but, by the providence of God, a high-ranking army officer took him to Constantinople and educated him there. Finishing his schooling, Athanasius eventually moved to the Holy Mountain to live in silence and strict asceticism. Many, desirous of the ascetic life, began to gather round him and he was constrained to build the famous Lavra. The Byzantine Emperors gave him generous help in this. Manifold temptations came upon Athanasius, from demons and from men, but he, as a valiant soldier of Christ, resisted and overcame them all by his immense humility and unceasing prayer to the living God. Filled with the grace of God, he was found worthy to behold the most holy Mother of God, who miraculously brought forth water from a rock. Death came to him suddenly in 1003. He, together with six of his monks, had climbed up onto a newly-constructed part of the church to inspect a wall that was in building when the wall fell in and buried them all. Athanasius appeared a number of times to his brethren after his death, to console or rebuke them.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Lampados of Irenoupolis; and Venerable hieromartyr Cyprian of Mount Athos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Fady M. Mseih

Today

Hanan Mseih

George Layous

Jul 12

Sally Esber

EPISTLE

The saints shall boast in glory,

and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

Sing unto the Lord a new song;

His praise is in the church of the saints.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Galatians (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provocation of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

لِيَبْتَهِجَ الْأَتْقِيَاءُ بِمَجْدٍ، لِيُرْتَمُوا عَلَى مَضَاجِعِهِمْ.

غَنُّوا لِلرَّبِّ تَرْنِيمَةً جَدِيدَةً،

تَسْبِحَتُهُ فِي جَمَاعَةِ الْأَتْقِيَاءِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ (5:22-6:2)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَمَّا ثَمَرُ الرُّوحِ فَهُوَ الْمَحَبَّةُ وَالْفَرَحُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَطَوْلُ الْأَنَاةِ وَاللُّطْفُ وَالصَّلَاحُ وَالْإِيمَانُ وَالْوَدَاعَةُ وَالْعَفَافُ، وَهَذِهِ لَيْسَ نَامُوسٌ ضِدَّهَا. وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، صَالَبُوا أَجْسَادَهُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا فِيهَا مِنْ أَهْوَاءٍ وَشَهَوَاتٍ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا نَعِيشُ بِالرُّوحِ، فَلْنَسْلُكْ بِالرُّوحِ أَيْضًا، وَلَا نَكُنْ ذَوِي عُجْبٍ وَلَا نَغَاضِبُ، وَلَا نَحْسُدُ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا. أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، إِذَا أَخَذَ أَحَدٌ فِي زَلَّةٍ فَأَصْلِحُوهُ أَنْتُمْ الرُّوحِيِّينَ بِرُوحِ الْوَدَاعَةِ، وَتَبَصَّرْ أَنْتَ لِنَفْسِكَ لِنَلَّا نَجْرَبَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا. إِحْمِلُوا بَعْضُكُمْ أَثْقَالَ بَعْضٍ وَهَكَذَا أَتَمُّوا نَامُوسَ الْمَسِيحِ

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الانجيلي

البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (8:28-9:1)

في ذلك الزمان، لما أتى يسوع إلى كورة الجرجسيين استقبله مجنونان خارجان من القبور، شرسان جداً، حتى إنه لم يكن أحد يقدر أن يجتاز من تلك الطريق. فصاحا قائلين: «ما لنا ولك يا يسوع ابن الله؟ أجيئت إلى ههنا قبل الزمان لتعذبنا؟» وكان بعيداً منهم قطع خنازير كثيرة ترعى. فأخذ الشياطين يطلبون إليه قائلين: «إن كنت تخرجنا، فأذن لنا أن نذهب إلى قطع الخنازير.» فقال لهم: «اذهبوا.» فخرجوا وذهبوا إلى قطع الخنازير. فإذا بالقطع كله قد وثب عن الجرف إلى البحر ومات في المياه. أما الرعاة فهربوا ومضوا إلى المدينة، وأخبروا بكل شيء وبأمر المجنونين. فخرجت المدينة كلها للقاء يسوع. ولما رأوه، طلبوا إليه أن يتحول عن ثخومهم. فدخل السفينة واجتاز وأتى إلى مدينته

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Sdn. Youssef and Mary Selim



Jul 12 – Nick and Brittany Barbari and Family

Jul 19 – The Children and Grandchildren of †Wafa Kari

Jul 26 – **OPEN**

Aug 2 – **OPEN**

Aug 8 – **OPEN**

Aug 16 – **OPEN**

Aug 23 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

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Aug 2 – **OPEN**

Aug 9 – **OPEN**

Aug 16 – **OPEN**

Aug 23 – **OPEN**

Aug 30 – Hanna and Tanya Hinnawi and Family



SCAN ME

BAPTISMS

Jul 26 JOSHUA, son of Jaime and Theresa Valle.

Aug 15 NATALIE, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Mufarreah.

Aug 30 CHARBEL, son of Hanna and Marlene Shunnarah.

CHRISMATIONS

Last Week KHALID Gebrael

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Jul 26 DAVID and SOURYANA Bitar.

YAF Coffee AND Fellowship SPONSORS

Last Sunday – The Windus Family



SCAN ME

WEDDINGS

Today IBRAHIM, son of Issam and Leticia Makhamreh, and CHRISTINA, daughter of Sdn. Mazen and Amal Khalifeh (at Saint Mary Church).

Jul 11 DAVID, son of Talal Bitar, and SOURYANA, daughter of George Hanna and Waad Sarkis (at Saint Katherine Mission).

Jul 18 Dr. JUSTIN, son of Munther and Nancy Rayyan, and DANIELLA, daughter of Mazen and Juwana Zanayed.

Aug 16 YACoub, son of †Majed and Salwa Awwad, and JEANETTE, daughter of Nikola and Mary Habash.

MEMORIALS

Jul 19 10-Year Memorial Service for †Wafa KARI, offered by her children and grandchildren.

Aug 30 6-Month Memorial Service for †ELIAS FINO, offered by Afaf Fino and family.

REFLECTION

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel
and dancing,
praise him with the
strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash
of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

~ *PSALM 150*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Induction of Teen SOYO Officers	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
Mon, Jul 6	Teen SOYO Officers' Meeting	7:00 pm
Thu, Jul 9	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Jul 11	• Deanery Picnic and Great Vespers Service (<i>see pg. 36</i>)	12:00 pm
	• God's Little Lights Event at the Deanery Picnic (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	12:00 pm
Sun, Jul 12	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) General Assembly Meeting and Elections, Welcome BBQ for High School Graduates, and Annual Softball Game (<i>see pgs. 22-23</i>)	12:30 pm
Mon, Jul 13	Parish Council Officers' Zoom Meeting	9:00 am
Tue, Jul 14	• Teen SOYO Brainstorming Meeting	4:00 pm
	• Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Thu, Jul 16	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	6:00 pm
Fri, Jul 17	Teen SOYO Movie Night (<i>see pg. 15</i>)	6:30 pm
Sun, Jul 19	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Meeting	12:30 pm
Sat, Jul 25	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Antiochian Men (A-MEN) General Assembly Meeting and Elections (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Jul 26	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	After Liturgy
Thu, Jul 30	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat-Sat, Aug 1-15	Dormition Season	
Sat, Aug 1	Deanery Event – Feed My Starving Children	11:15 am

Dates to Remember!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



SAT-SAT
AUG 1-15

DORMITION SEASON



SAT
SEP 26



*Annual Legacy Ball
- 63rd Anniversary*



MON-FRI
NOV 15-DEC 25

HOLY ADVENT SEASON



THU
DEC 24

Christmas Liturgy



TUE
JAN 5

**THE GREAT FEAST OF
EPIPHANY**



MON-SAT
MAR 15-MAY 1

GREAT LENT



SUN
MAY 2

Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)

What Can We Learn from America's First Orthodox Bishop?

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

"I am an Arab by birth, Greek by primary education, American by residence, Russian at heart, and Slav in soul." — St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Many saintly, dedicated, and faithful servants helped plant the seeds of Orthodoxy in America, but few were as well-prepared for such labor as St. Raphael of Brooklyn. As the quotation above suggests, St. Raphael embodied the evangelical and missionary spirit needed in his own time which is all the more needed in ours as we mark the 250th anniversary of our nation.

Before reflecting further on St. Raphael and his example, I would like to mention a photograph that struck me in the hall of our St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY. Taken at the consecration of our current Cathedral on State Street in 1920, the photograph shows a massive crowd gathered outside. What covered the cathedral's façade was not, as one might expect today, a mix of American flags and those of the immigrants' countries of origin. Rather, the façade was completely draped in the flags of the United States of America alone. That image left a profound impression on me and speaks volumes to the mindset of those early immigrants. They loved the cities, villages, and families they had left behind, yet they knew they were here to stay in America. They desired to be full participants in their adopted land while preserving their ancient faith and traditions. It was into this context that St. Raphael, then Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny, arrived to New York in 1895.

Prior to arriving in the United States, St. Raphael lived in several centers of Orthodoxy, from his native Damascus, to Constantinople and the island of Halki where he studied, and to Kiev and Moscow. It is in this way that, through his extensive travels and his acquisition of multiple languages in both colloquial and liturgical contexts, St. Raphael, by God's providence, was well-prepared to undertake his mission in this new land: to help establish parishes for newly-arrived Orthodox immigrants of various ethnic backgrounds. Although his primary calling was to serve Arabic-speaking immigrants from Greater Syria—that is, modern-day Syria and Lebanon—through the newly-formed Syro-Arab Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church, St. Raphael became a respected and beloved figure among Orthodox immigrants more broadly, especially in the New York area. His tireless missionary efforts took him across the United States, Canada, and even Mexico, where he baptized, married, and served memorials for faithful people living in remote areas. In each locale, he also encouraged the faithful to found parishes and promised them priests once they committed themselves to this holy task.

As the mission grew, the then-head of the Russian Orthodox diocese in North America, St. Tikhon of Moscow, recognized that St. Raphael should be made a bishop to oversee the young mission parishes throughout the United States expanding work, with the agreement of both the Patriarch of Moscow and the Patriarch of Antioch. On March 13, 1904, St. Raphael was elevated to the episcopacy at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York, becoming the first Orthodox bishop of any background to be consecrated on American soil. Without his missionary zeal and steadfast dedication to serving the faithful, many Orthodox immigrants might well have been religiously assimilated as they pursued the American dream in their new homeland.

St. Raphael's ability to move between cultures and to draw on the best of Orthodox customs makes him a model for our own time. He could speak to people in their own language and understood their traditions because of his life experiences, while also encouraging them to adapt to their new homeland. He upheld the teachings of the Church with vigor and protected his flock from ravenous wolves, while adapting to the realities and norms of the American experience without compromising the faith.

What, then, can we learn from St. Raphael's life as we celebrate 250 years of the American democratic experiment? We should be deeply grateful for figures like St. Raphael who cultivated the seeds of Orthodoxy in America. Just as American citizens look to the founding fathers of our nation and to the sacrifices they made to build a stronger and better country, so too should we look to our own "founding fathers," of Orthodoxy in America, learn from their witness, and make it our own. We must continue to nurture what has grown from their early labors, even as we welcome those who now embrace the Holy Orthodox Faith by choice.

Just as America has been called "the great melting pot," so too does the Orthodox faith gather into one those who seek to embrace Jesus Christ within the ark of the Church, where "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). To Him be all glory and honor forever and ever.

ماذا يمكننا أن نتعلم من أول أسقف أرثوذكسي في أميركا؟

المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

”أنا عربيّ بالولادة، يونانيّ بالدراسة، أميركيّ بالإقامة، روسيّ بالقلب، وسلافيّ بالنفس.“ (القدّيس روفائيل أسقف بروكلين)

لقد ساهم كثيرون من الخدام القدّيسين المخلصين والأمناء في زرع بذور الأرثوذكسيّة في أميركا، لكن قلّة منهم كانوا مهتّين لهذه الخدمة، كما كان القدّيس روفائيل أسقف بروكلين. وكما توحى العبارة الواردة أعلاه، جسّد القدّيس روفائيل الروح الإنجيليّة والبشارية التي كانت مطلوبة في زمنه، والتي نحن بأمسّ الحاجة إليها اليوم فيما نحيا الذكرى المئتين والخمسين لتأسيس أمّتنا وقبل أن نغوص في تأمل شخص القدّيس روفائيل ومثاله، أودّ أن أشير إلى صورة فوتوغرافيّة لفتت انتباهي في قاعة كاتدرائيّة القدّيس نيقولاوس في بروكلين، نيويورك. التقطت هذه الصورة أثناء تكريس كاتدرائيّتنا الحاليّة، في شارع ”ستيت“ سنة 1920، وتظهر فيها حشودٌ غفيرة مجتمعة خارج الكنيسة، فيما واجهة الكاتدرائيّة مغطاةً بكليتها بأعلام الولايات المتحدة الأميركيّة فقط، لا بمزيج من الأعلام الأميركيّة وأعلام البلدان التي جاء منها المهاجرون آنذاك، كما قد يتوقّع المرء اليوم. لقد تركت هذه الصورة أثراً عميقاً في نفسي، لأنّها تعبّر بوضوح عن أمانة المهاجرين الأوائل للبلد الذي استضافهم (أميركا). لقد أحبوا المدن والقرى والعائلات التي تركوها وراءهم مضطرين، لكنّهم أدركوا أنّهم جاؤوا ليستقروا في أميركا. وأرادوا أن يكونوا شركاء كاملين في الوطن الذي تبنّوه، مع المحافظة في الوقت نفسه على إيمانهم الأصيل وتقاليدهم المقدّسة وبلدانهم الأصلية.

هذا هو مناخ الأبرشية حين وصل القدّيس روفائيل، وكان يومئذٍ الأرشمندريت روفائيل هواويني، إلى نيويورك سنة 1895.

قبل وصوله إلى الولايات المتحدة، عاش القدّيس روفائيل في عدد من مراكز الأرثوذكسيّة المهمّة، من دمشق مسقط رأسه، إلى القسطنطينيّة وجزيرة خالكي حيث درس اللاهوت، إلى كييف وموسكو حيث تابع دراساته العليا. من خلال الأسفار الواسعة وإتقانه لغات عديدة، باستعمالاتها اليوميّة والليتورجيّة، أعدّه الله بعنايته الإلهيّة إعداداً فريداً للرسالة التي كانت تنتظره في هذه الأرض الجديدة، من تأسيس رعايا للمهاجرين الأرثوذكس الوافدين حديثاً من خلفيّات إثنيّة متنوّعة

ومع أنّ دعوته الأساسيّة كانت خدمة المهاجرين الناطقين بالعربيّة القادمين من سوريا الكبرى، (من سوريا ولبنان والأردن وفلسطين حالياً)، وذلك من خلال الإرساليّة السوريّة العربيّة التي أنشأتها الكنيسة الأرثوذكسيّة الروسيّة، غير أنّ قدّيسنا روفائيل صار شخصيّة محترمة ومحبوبة بين المهاجرين الأرثوذكس عموماً، ولا سيّما في منطقة نيويورك. وقد حملته جهوده البشارية الدؤوبة إلى مختلف أنحاء الولايات المتحدة وكندا والمكسيك. فكان يزور المؤمنين حيثما وجدوا، ولو في مناطق نائية، فيعمّدهم ويبارك زيجاتهم ويقيم الجنائز للراقيدين منهم. كما كان يشجّع المؤمنين، في كل مكان يزوره، على تأسيس رعايا جديدة، ويعدّهم بإرسال كهنة إليهم متى التزموا بهذا العمل المقدّس

ومع نموّ الإرساليّة الأنطاكية، أدرك القدّيس تيخّن، رأس الأبرشيّة الروسيّة في أميركا الشماليّة آنذاك، [كان الحضور الأرثوذكسي الكنسي الوحيد آنذاك للميتروبوليا الروسيّة] ضرورة أنّ أن يرسم الأرشمندريت روفائيل أسقفاً، للإشراف على الرعايا العربيّة الفتيّة المنتشرة في أنحاء الولايات المتحدة، وذلك بموافقة كلّ من بطريرك موسكو وبطريرك أنطاكية. وهذا ما صار، إذ رُفِع القدّيس روفائيل إلى الدرجة الأسقفيّة في كاتدرائيّة القدّيس نيقولاوس في بروكلين، نيويورك، ليصبح أول أسقف أرثوذكسي، من أيّ خلفيّة كانت، يرسم على أرض الولايات المتحدة الأميركيّة. حدثت رسامته في الثالث عشر من آذار سنة 1904. والحقيقة أنّه لولا غيرته الرسولية وتفانيه الثابت في خدمة المؤمنين، لكان كثير من المهاجرين الأرثوذكس قد ذابوا دينيّاً في محيطهم الجديد، وهم يسعون إلى تحقيق الحلم الأميركي في وطنهم الجديد

إنّ قدرة القدّيس روفائيل على التنقّل بين الثقافات المختلفة والاستفادة من أفضل ما في التقاليد الأرثوذكسيّة تجعله نموذجاً صالحاً لعصرنا. فقد كان قادراً على مخاطبة الناس بلغتهم وفهم عاداتهم وتقاليدهم بفضل خبراته الحيّاتيّة المتنوّعة، وفي الوقت نفسه كان يشجّعهم على التأقلم مع وطنهم الجديد. وقد تمسّك بتعليم الكنيسة وحما رعيّته من الذناب الخاطفة، وفي الوقت عينه تفاعل بحكمة مع واقع الحياة الأميركيّة ومتطلّباتها من دون أيّ مساومة على الإيمان

فماذا يمكننا أن نتعلم من حياة القدّيس روفائيل ونحن نحتمل بمرور مئتين وخمسين عاماً على التجربة الديمقراطيّة الأميركيّة؟

علينا أن نكون ممثّين بعمق لشخصيّات مثل القدّيس روفائيل الذين زرعوا بذور الأرثوذكسيّة في أميركا. وكما ينظر المواطنون الأميركيّون إلى الآباء المؤسّسين لأمتهم وإلى التضحيات التي قدّموها لبناء وطن أقوى وأفضل، كذلك ينبغي لنا أن ننظر إلى “آبائنا المؤسّسين” للأرثوذكسيّة في أميركا، فننمّيهم من شهادتهم ونفتدي بمثالهم. كما ينبغي أن نواصل رعاية ما نمى من أعمالهم الأولى، فيما نرحّب أيضاً بكلّ الذين يعتنقون اليوم الإيمان الأرثوذكسي المقدّس عن اقتناع واختيار

وكما وُصفت أميركا بأنّها ”بوتقة انصهار“ للشعوب والثقافات، كذلك يجمع الإيمان الأرثوذكسي في وحدة واحدة جميع الذين يسعون إلى اتّباع يسوع المسيح داخل فلك الكنيسة، حيث “لَيْسَ يَهُودِيٌّ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَيْسَ عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَيْسَ ذَكَرٌ وَأُنْثَى، لَأَنْكُمْ جَمِيعاً وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ” (غلاطية 3: 28). له المجد والكرامة إلى أبد الأبد

نُشر هذا المقال في إطار مبادرة ”أميركا في عامها المئتين والخمسين: الأرثوذكسيّة في وطن جديد“، وهي مبادرة إعلاميّة مشتركة بين صحيفة ”الأرثوذكس أوبزرفر“ ودائرة العلاقات الأرثوذكسيّة والمسكونيّة والعلاقات الدينيّة التابعة لرئاسة أساقفة أميركا اليونانيّة الأرثوذكسيّة، تكريماً لإسهامات المسيحيّة الأرثوذكسيّة وخبرتها في أميركا، واحتفاءً بالذكرى المئتين والخمسين لتأسيس الولايات المتحدة الأميركيّة



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Teen SOYO

Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

FRI, JUL 17

Teen SOYO Movie Night

SUN, JUL 26

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, AUG 14

Teen SOYO Shawerma Outing

SUN, AUG 30

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

SAT, SEP 19

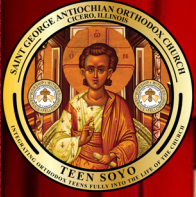
Teen SOYO Event

SUN, SEP 20

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

BASED ON THE WORLDWIDE BEST SELLER



MOVIE NIGHT THE SHACK

Fri | 07.17.2026

6:30PM – DINNER | SNACKS | MOVIE

\$15/person

RSVP HERE



SCAN ME

Inviting all Teens (ages 13-18)



SUNDAY SCHOOL

»»»»»»»» JUNE 28, 2026 ««««««««

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Mark Your Calendars!

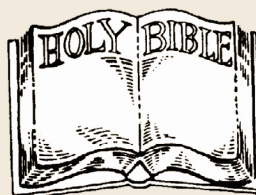
Don't miss out! Add these important dates to your calendar TODAY!

Sunday School
REGISTRATION Begins –
Sunday, August 9, 2026.

Sunday School STAFF
TRAINING – Sunday,
August 22, 2026.



Creative Arts
Festival (CAF)
AWARDS
CEREMONY –
Sunday, August 30, 2026.



Blessing of
Sunday School
Building,
Students, and Parents and
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
– Sunday, September 13,
2026.

ALL CHILDREN BORN BEFORE 09/01/2022 ARE WELCOME TO REGISTER

God's Little Lights

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

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR GOD'S LITTLE
LIGHTS 3-YEAR-OLDS
AND 4-YEAR-OLDS!**

*The Antiochian Orthodox
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Deanery **SUMMER** Picnic

*Enjoy a summer cookout with your
extended church family, filled with food,
sports, and activities for all ages!*

**12:00 PM - 06:00 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 11**

Great Vespers at 5:00 PM in the park!

Entry is free, but bring cash/card for food to
support the event & deanery! Bring the whole
family & chairs/blankets to enjoy the park!

**Brezina Woods (Grove #2),
N La Grange Rd, La Grange Park, IL 60526**



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**All Saints
Orthodox Church**

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

**YOUR ENTIRE
FAMILY IS
WELCOME TO
ENJOY THE
OTHER PICNIC
ACTIVITIES!**

**RSVP ALL
GOD'S LITTLE
LIGHTS HERE →**



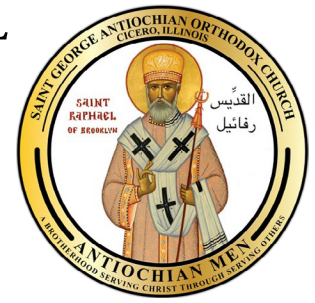
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

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

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)



June 21, 2026

Dear Members of Antiochian Men (A-MEN),

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 Antiochian Men (A-MEN)** to be held on **Saturday, July 25, 2026**, in the **Saint George Church Hall**, following 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service.

At this A-MEN 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 A-MEN 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 gentleman (ages 18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba, Father Gabriel, or Deacon George Nassief by Saturday, July 18, 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 Saturday, July 18, 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 Saturday, July 25, 2026.***

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

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

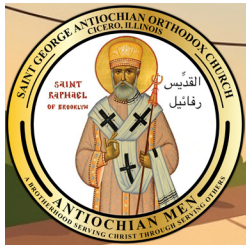
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Pastor

Dn. George Nassief

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Spiritual Advisor

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Antiochian Men President



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church,
Cicero, IL



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

END OF SUMMER *Family Bash*

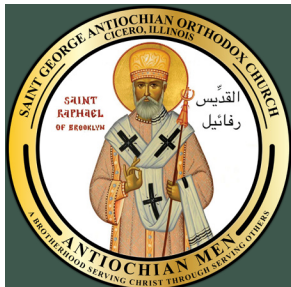
Sat,
AUG
22

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 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



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+)



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YAF



SCAN ME

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

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Spiritual Advisor

Nina Ghanayem

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YAF President

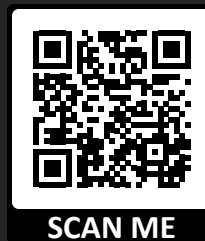


YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF)

- 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

SCAN ME

MTG/ELECTIONS BBQ SOFTBALL GAME





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

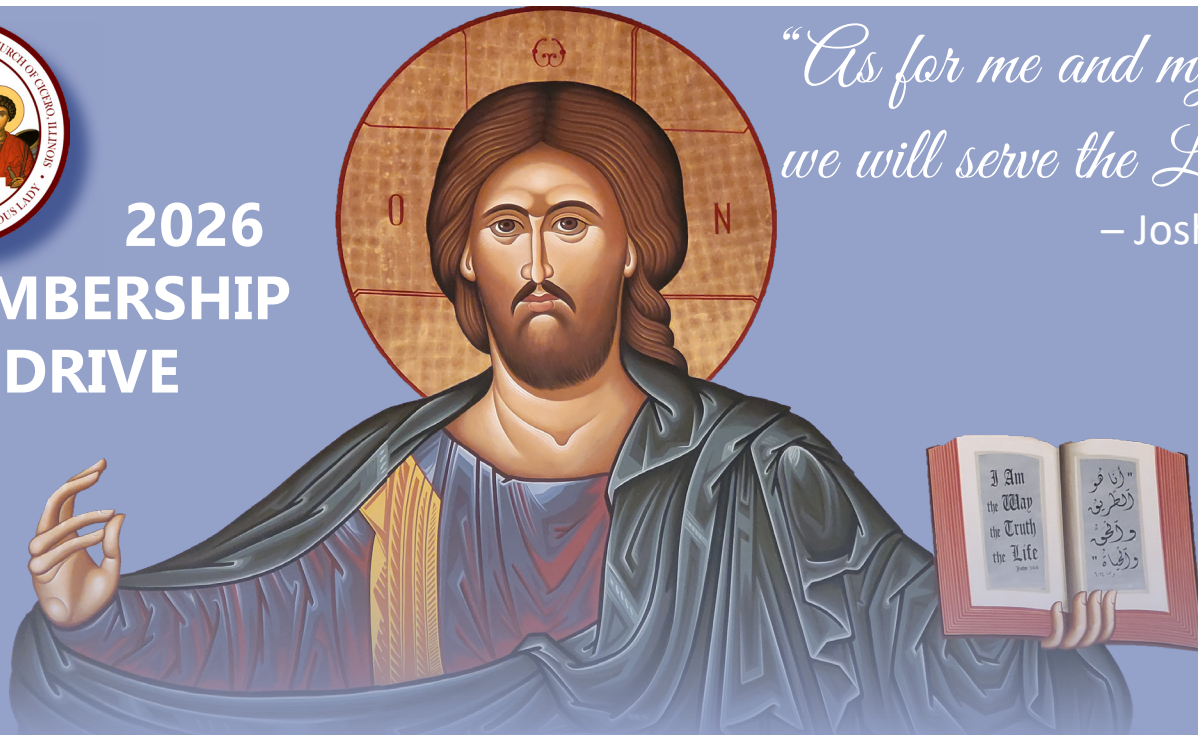


As a reminder, this is not a scholarship for financial need. If you need financial assistant for your education, please reach out to *The Order* at TheOrder@StGeorgeChi.org and inquire about educational grants.

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



2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



*“As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.”*

— Joshua 4:15

DO YOU BELONG?

- Belonging is more than attending.
- Belonging is committing.
- Belonging is living the Orthodox Faith together.

AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH,

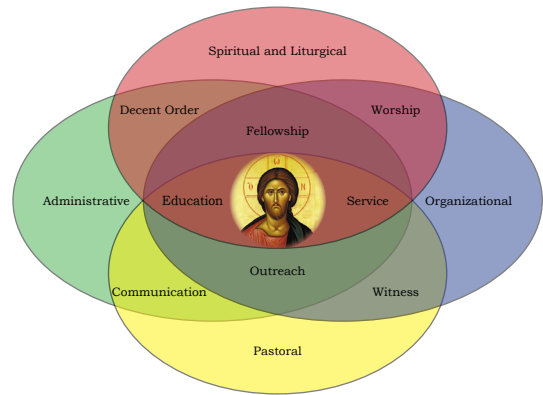
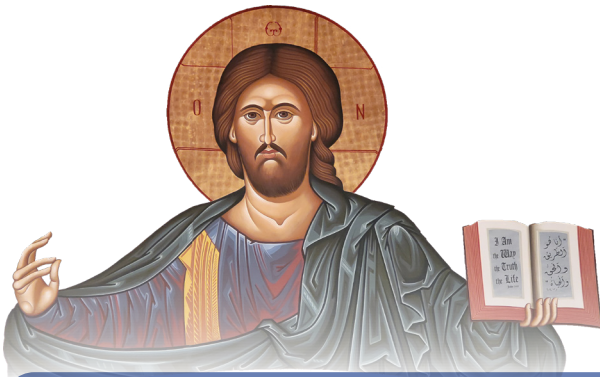
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

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

YOU DO BELONG!

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG?

Through Orthodox Baptism and Chrismation, we are joined to Christ and His Holy Church. Membership is how we actively live that calling.

TO BELONG MEANS:

- Worshiping faithfully
- Participating in the Sacramental life
- Supporting the Church through stewardship
- Offering your time and talents
- Strengthening one another as one Body
- Building a legacy for the next generation

Membership is not simply administrative — it is spiritual.

The Church is not “someone else’s responsibility.”

IT IS OUR CHURCH!

WHAT DOES MY MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT?

Your stewardship sustains the life and mission of the Church.
Membership contributions help provide:

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

- Liturgical supplies
- Beautification of services
- Feast-day celebrations

CHURCH OPERATIONS

- Utilities and insurance
- Building maintenance and repairs
- Administrative and office support
- Diocesan obligations

FAITH FORMATION

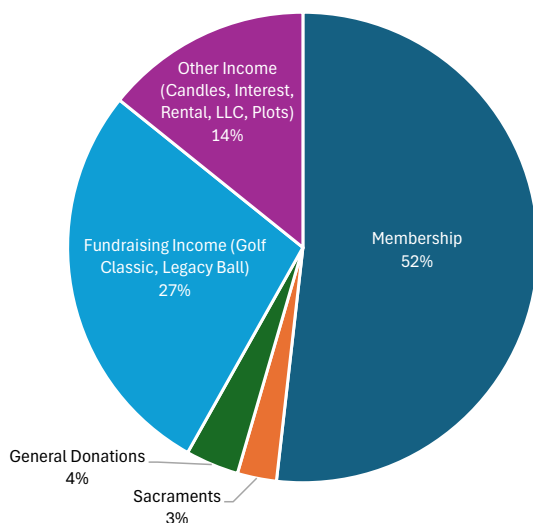
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

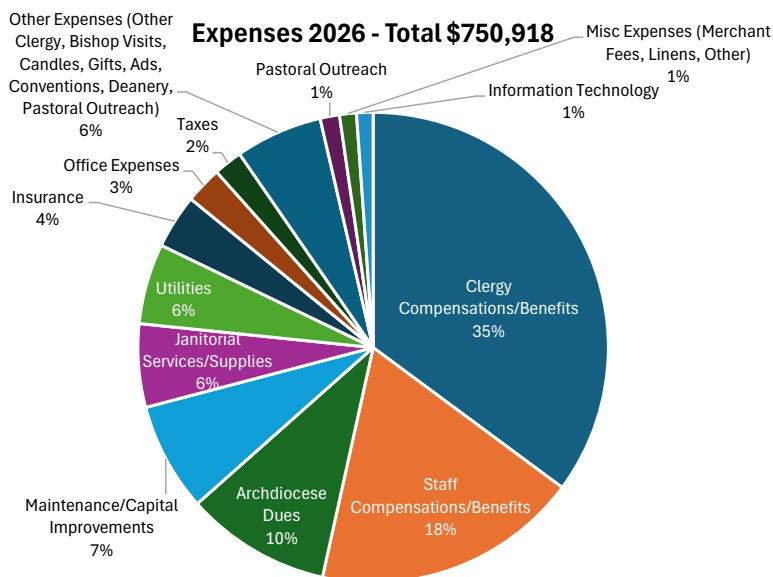
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Revenue 2026 - Total \$723,962



Expenses 2026 - Total \$750,918



HOW CAN I BELONG?

We invite every household to:

1. Complete an Annual Membership Form.
2. Make a Stewardship Pledge.
3. Participate faithfully in worship.
4. Offer your gifts in service.

WAYS TO GIVE...

- Annual Stewardship Commitment
- Monthly Recurring Giving
- Special Feast-Day Offerings
- Memorial Donations
- Legacy and Endowment Gifts
- Building and Maintenance Support

Giving is not a fee. It is an offering of gratitude to God.

BELONG. COMMIT. BUILD.

When you belong, you strengthen the Orthodox Faith, support the work of the Church, and help carry forward the legacy entrusted to us.

DO YOU BELONG?

Join us in building a firm foundation for today – and for generations to come.

REGISTER TO BE A MEMBER/STEWARD!

Consider prayerfully and sincerely your 2026 Membership Commitment Today!

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS, I/WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING 2026 MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT:					
STEWARD OPTIONS		ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
☐	Seraphim Steward	\$25,000+	\$2000+	\$500+	\$68+
☐	Cherubim Steward	\$18,000+	\$1500+	\$345+	\$49+
☐	Thrones Steward	\$15,000+	\$1250+	\$285+	\$41+
☐	Powers Steward	\$12,000+	\$1000+	\$230+	\$32+
☐	Dominions Steward	\$9,000+	\$750+	\$172+	\$24+
☐	Authorities Steward	\$6,000+	\$500+	\$115+	\$16+
☐	Preserver Steward	\$4,800+	\$400+	\$92+	\$13+
☐	Guardian Steward	\$3,600+	\$300+	\$68+	\$9+
☐	Protector Steward	\$2,400+	\$200+	\$46+	\$6+
☐	Archangel Steward	\$1,800+	\$150+	\$35+	\$5+
☐	Angel Steward	\$1200+	\$100+	\$23+	\$3+

**To be a VOTING MEMBER, a member must be an Orthodox Christian in good standing Spiritually and Financially (minimum giving of \$1200/year).*

**WAYS
TO
GIVE!**



ONLINE
www.StGeorgeChi.org



MAIL
to Church address



CALL
708.656.2927, x0



CONSIDER INCLUDING
SGC IN YOUR WILL



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
CICERO, ILLINOIS

CONGRATULATIONS

MIDWEST DIOCESE BIBLE BOWL

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

4TH PLACE

PRE-TEEN TEAM

MARIELLA KHOURY
AVA MASSIH
ELENA RIHANI

ALTERNATES

RANEEM KARAM
CELINE MRAIBE

STUDY-BUDDY

SOPHIA LUSSI



1ST PLACE

TEEN TEAM

ANA CORONEL
JOHN KARAM
MENA KHOURY

ALTERNATE

CATALINA CORONEL

STUDY-BUDDY

NATALIA LUSSI



1ST PLACE

ADULT TEAM

NATHANIEL HUMPHREY
KAREEM KHOURY

ALTERNATE

SH. LINDA BYNUM

STUDY-BUDDY

ANTHONY MASSIH



THE TEEN TEAM WILL BE COMPETING IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION ON JULY 25!

ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS

Friday, June 19, 2026

JUNIOR ORATORICAL

✦ SOPHIA KHOURY ✦

SENIOR ORATORICAL

✦ MENA KHOURY ✦



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

CICERO, ILLINOIS

CONGRATULATIONS

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2026 MIDWEST DIOCESE PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

ART

1ST PLACE

Niveen Shaheen, Grade 10

2ND PLACE

Ana Coronel, Grade 10

3RD PLACE

Lorene Butros, Grade 3

Katherine Conopeotis, Grade 9

Katherine Saba, Grade 10

CONTESTANTS

Mia Imreibe, Grade 1

Ava Imreibe, Grade 3

Sophia Lenhart, Grade 3

Amelia Youel, Grade 4

Julianna Zayed, Grade 5



POETRY

1ST PLACE

Jonah Youel, Grade 1

2ND PLACE

Ava Massih, Grade 6

3RD PLACE

Sam Shaheen, Grade 7

Katherine Conopeotis, Grade 9

Katherine Saba, Grade 10

CONTESTANTS

Mousa Saba, Grade 7

Jacob Zayed, Grade 7



PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE

Evelyn Khoshaba, Grade 2

Celine Mraibie, Grade 5

Celine Qumri, Grade 8

2ND PLACE

Catalina Coronel, Grade 7

Katherine Conopeotis, Grade 9



WRITING

2ND PLACE

Raneem Karam, Grade 6

John Karam, Grade 8



ALL PROJECTS of ALL CATEGORIES

will be displayed in the
Church Hall on
Sunday, August 30, 2026.



SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC
MMXXVI

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

25th Annual GOLFCLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

Sponsors

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- Assisted Senior Living Care
- Dn. John and Sh. Alice Zayed
- Yasmin and Darlene Haddad

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- Anonymous
- Rayan Realty and Management
- Bri'Zan Couture
- ServiceMax
- Fry The Coop
- Mazen, Juwana, Alexandra, Daniella Zanayed and Justin Rayyan
- MidAmerica Orthopaedics, Anton J. Fakhouri M.D.

Corporate

- Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra
- Dn. George Nassief and Family
- Ansemoss Haddad and Family
- Dr. Sammy and Karen Nawas and Family
- Victor and Jackie Imreibe and Family (Edward Jones)
- Pernix Group
- Odeh and Raja Iqal
- Rayan's Liquors on Clark
- Dr. Daniel and Amanda Mseih, Elevate Wellness
- Sprout Pediatric Dentistry
- Chiropractic Medicine
- Raed and Reem Sweiss and Family
- Mourice Mseih and Johnny Massih (Baladna Jewelry)
- Zayed Law Offices

Patron

- America's Community Council (ACC)
- In Memory of †Matuk and †Rimona Rantisi
- Anonymous
- Omar and Lillian Rihani and Family
- Anonymous
- Salerno's Galewood Chapels
- George and Donna Conopeotis
- Eddy and Veve Shaheen (Veritas Management, LLC)
- Gaming Productions
- Topel Forman L.L.C., Darlene N. Haddad and Fahad J. Haddad, members/partners
- Michael and Diane Moukheiber and Family
- Dr. Malik Zayed
- Fady and Jenna Mseih

Friend of Event

- Anonymous
- Frank, Reem, Giana, Alyssa, and Gabriella Gambino
- Jerusalem Jewelry
- Anonymous
- HEATCOOL Service Co.
- OptoNu Low Vision Care
- Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara
- Heath Gustafson and Mahlet Yared
- Pita Inn
- Belle Tire
- Illinois Home Realty – Victor N. Mitry
- Pritzker Traubert Foundation

Community

- Thomas Bournias
- Russo Law Offices LLC
- Wood Dale Bank and Trust, A Wintrust Community Bank
- Gabe's Place
- Saint Mary Orthodox Church, Palos Heights
- Dr. Marwan and Rana Zayed and Family
- Genesis Wealth
- Team Automotive
- Ramallah Club of Chicago
- Wellness Revolution

General

- ABT Electronics
- Gaming Productions
- Anonymous
- Julio and Nyssa Gomez
- Anonymous
- Humidor of Westmont
- The Capital Grille
- IRC Chiropractic
- DJ's Sports Bar and Grill
- J Flemings
- Chef Rudy Galindo
- Danny Sourì (Sourì Agencies LLC)
- Gaming Productions
- Tasty Treat- Westmont
- Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago
- Michael Tsakalos
- Uncle Bub's BBQ
- Zazzo's Pizza and Bar

RESERVE ONLINE AT
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RESERVATIONS DEADLINE SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



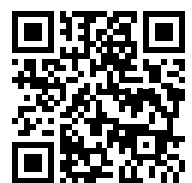
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*NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026*

ALL TRANSACTIONS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
708.656.2927 OR LEGACY@STGEORGECHI.ORG

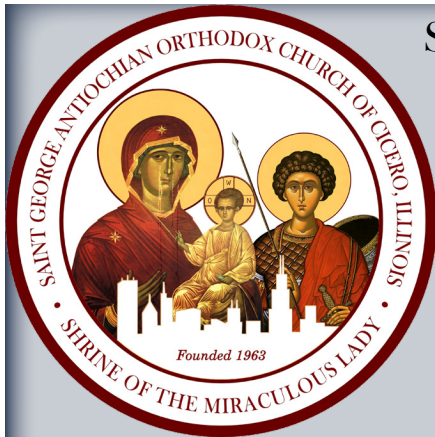


SCAN ME

What Time Do I Arrive to Church on Sunday?

What Am I Missing?

What time do I arrive?	What part did I miss?	I have deprived myself of the opportunity to...
10:15	Orthros (Matins)	Attend an entire service (beginning at 9:00 AM). Hear the hymns of the week and prepare for the Liturgy.
10:25	Great Doxology	Begin the week properly by giving Glory to God and concluding the final preparation for the Divine Liturgy.
10:30	Blessed is the Kingdom	Proclaim that God's Kingdom is blessed and to respond, "Amen."
10:45	Litanies and Prayers	Pray for peace, the Church, the sick. Participate in the Entrance of the Holy Gospel.
10:55	Epistle, Gospel, Sermon	Hear the Word of God, and think of how it applies to my daily life.
11:10	Cherubic Hymn	Participate in the procession of the Holy Gifts among the people.
11:20	The Creed and Offering	Proclaim what "I believe" and acknowledge the One Who is being offered.
11:30	The Lord's Prayer	Prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
11:40	The Eucharist	Receive the Body and Blood of Christ from His table from which we hear His Gospel in the reading earlier in the service.
11:45	Thanksgiving Prayers	Give praise and thanks to God for the Gift we have received from Him.
11:50	The Dismissal	Commemorate Christ's saving work, and the prayers and intercession of all the saints.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Feast of Transfiguration

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Tuesday, August 5th

5:30PM Orthros and Divine Liturgy

at Holy Transfiguration Church

28W770 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL 60555

NO SERVICES AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH

Blessing of the Grapes during Liturgy

*The Antiochian Orthodox
Deanery of Chicago Presents*

Deanery **SUMMER** *Picnic*

*Enjoy a summer cookout with your
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12:00 PM – 06:00 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 11

Great Vespers at 5:00 PM in the park!

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Sign up to
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