



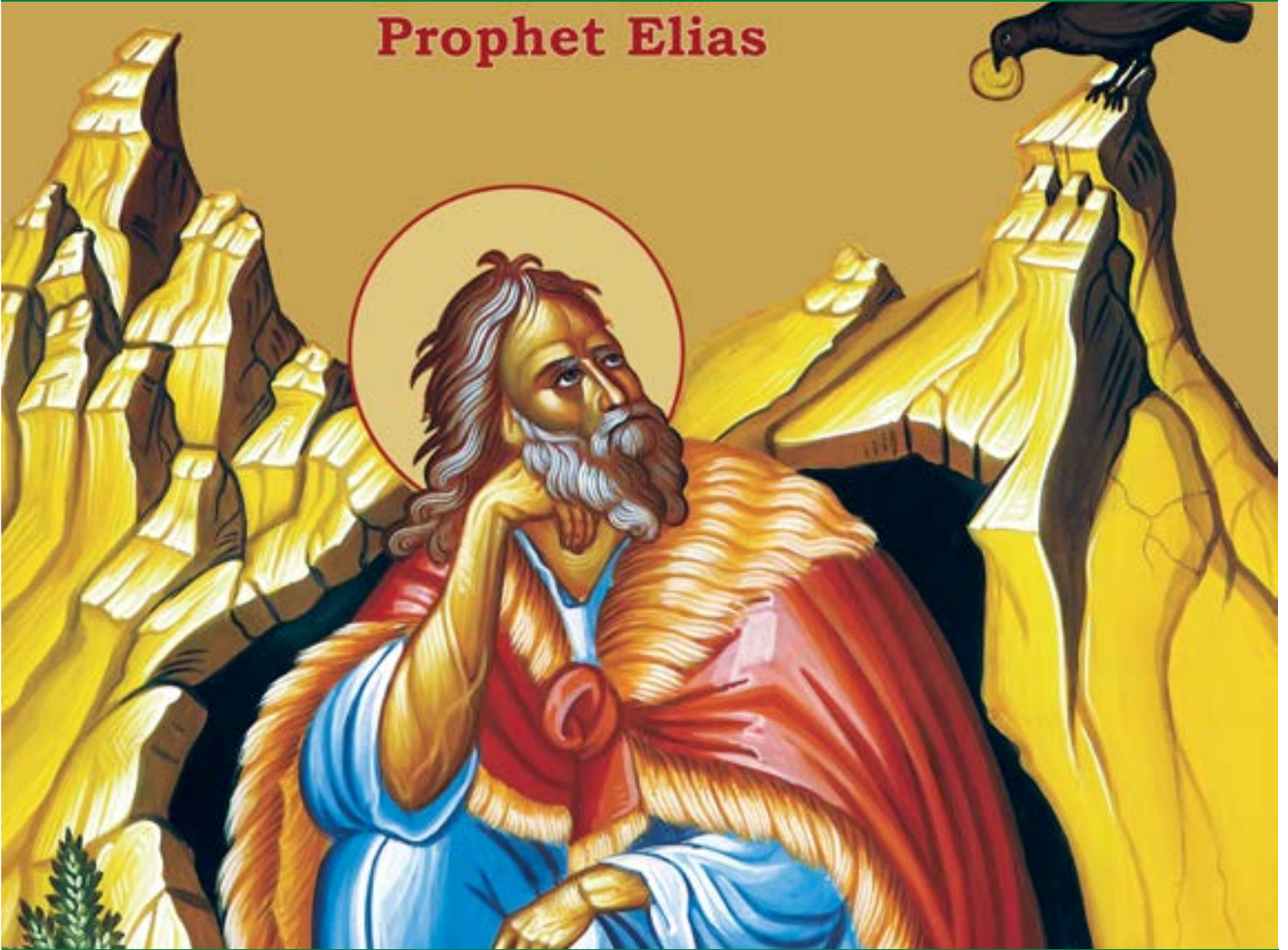
# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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THE PROPHET ELIAS (ELIJAH) THE THESBITE  
AND THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Prophet Elias



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## **WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:**

Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced  
Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and  
10:20am Great Doxology and 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!**



**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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July 1, 2025

Beloved in Christ,

I pray you had a blessed celebration of the patrons and protectors of our Holy See of Antioch, Saints Peter and Paul. Our group of pilgrims was blessed to celebrate this important occasion in our spiritual home this year at the Patriarchal Monastery of Balamand, Lebanon.

Since the terrorist bombing of our Prophet Elias Church in Dweilaa, Damascus, Syria a week ago, we have received many inquiries from people and organizations asking how they can help the survivors and the families of those who lost their lives.

We have set up a special charitable account at the Archdiocese Headquarters for this purpose. All the proceeds will be forwarded to His Beatitude Patriarch John X for distribution to the survivors and families. Needless to say, after this traumatic and life-changing event, they need counseling, medical help and the basic necessities of life as they will not be able to function for some time.

In many cases, the families who lost their loved ones lost their main financial providers. Others will need long-term financial support as they have sustained the loss of bodily parts, making them permanent dependents unable to work to sustain their families.

Here is how you can donate to help the survivors and surviving family members:

- Online through the [“2025 Prophet Elias Church of Damascus, Syria Relief Fund.”](#)
- By check, either personally or through your parish that will, in turn, send the collected funds to the Archdiocese Headquarters, P.O. Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238. Make checks payable to the Antiochian Archdiocese with “Prophet Elias Church Relief Fund” in the memo.

Thank you for helping to alleviate the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Wishing you God's every blessing, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

**+SABA**

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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to the rank of Deacon

by the laying-on of hands by

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*PRIMATE OF ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN*

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*Sunday, July 20, 2025*

9:00 AM Orthros (Matins)

10:15 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

*SAINT GEORGE CHURCH – CICERO, IL*

***Axios! Mustaheq!***

***He is Worthy!***



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*Sunday, July 27, 2025*

8:45 AM Orthros (Matins)

10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

*HYATT REGENCY O'HARE — GRAND BALLROOM*

***Axios! Mustaheq!  
He is Worthy!***



## THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who has 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، السَّمَائِيُّ، إِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ  
الْكُلِّ. 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.  
مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبَّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ  
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.  
مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمْنِي حَقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)

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 إِلَهُي

لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الْحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.  
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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

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 5)

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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.

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدْ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيا

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## TROPARION OF PROPHET ELIAS (TONE 4)

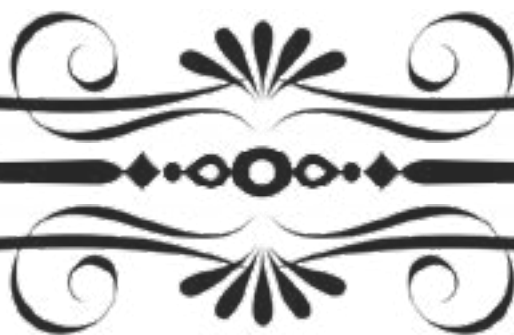
The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast, \* the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, \* from above sent down his grace upon Elisseus; \* he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lep-ers; \* and unto all that honor him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

أَيُّهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ بِالْجِسْمِ قَاعِدَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَرُكْنُهُمْ، السَّابِقُ الثَّانِي لِحُضُورِ الْمَسِيحِ، إِيلْيَاسُ الْمَجِيدِ الْمُؤَقَّرِ. لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْتَ النِّعْمَةَ مِنَ الْعُلَى لِإِلْيَاسَ، لِيَطْرُدَ الْأَسْقَامَ وَيُطَهِّرَ الْبُرْصَ، إِذَا يُفِيضُ الْأَشْفِيَّةَ لِمُكْرَمِيهِ دَائِمًا.

## 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 أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.



## 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 أَنْتَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بِادْرِي 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.

## EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Alice Zayed

Today

Dina Khoury

## THE SYNAXARION

On July 20th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the fiery ascent as it were into the Heaven of the holy and glorious Elias (Elijah) the Thesbite.

*He withheld the rain and thrice brought down fire from Heaven;*

*Now Elias parteth the stream and upwards hasteth.*

*On the twentieth, thou wast caught up in a chariot, O horseman Elias.*

Elias was born in the town of Tishba for which he was called the Thesbite. When Elias was born, his father Savah saw an angel of God hovering around the child, wrapping the child in fire and giving him a flame to eat. This foreshadowed Elias's fiery character and his God-given fiery power. Elias confronted the Israelite King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. They worshipped idols and were turning the people away from serving the One and Living God. Jezebel, a Syrian, persuaded her husband to erect a temple to the Syrian god Baal. Through great miracles Elias displayed the power and authority of God: he closed up the heavens, so that there was not any rain for three years and six months; he lowered a fire from heaven and burned the sacrifice to his God which the pagan priests of Baal were unable to do; he accurately prophesied to Ahab that the dogs will lick up his blood and to Jezebel that the dogs will consume her flesh. Before his death Elias took Elisseus (Elisha) and designated him as his successor in the prophetic calling. Elias was taken up into the heavens in a fiery chariot by flaming horses. He appeared on Mount Tabor to our Lord Jesus Christ with Moses on the Transfiguration. Before the end of the world Elias will appear again to put an end to the power of the anti-Christ (Revelation, Chapter 11).

On this day, we also commemorate Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze [ee-LEE-yah chav-chah-VAD-zay] of Georgia. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



*Thou art a priest forever, according  
to the order of Melchizedek.*

*The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou on my right  
hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.*

## The Reading from the Epistle of Saint James (5:10-20)

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

أَنْتَ الْكَاهِنُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادَق.  
قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِرَبِّي: اجْلِسْ عَنْ يَمِينِي، حَتَّى  
أَجْعَلَ أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوْطِنًا لِقَدَمَيْكَ  
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يَعْقُوبَ

## الرَّسُولِ الْجَامِعَةِ (5:10-20)

يَا إِخْوَةً، اتَّخِذُوا الْأَنْبِيَاءَ، الَّذِينَ تَكَلَّمُوا  
بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، قُدْوَةً فِي اخْتِمَالِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ وَفِي  
طُولِ الْأَنَاءِ، فَإِنَّا نَطُوبُ الصَّابِرِينَ. وَقَدْ  
سَمِعْتُمْ بِصَبْرِ أَيُّوبَ، وَرَأَيْتُمْ عَاقِبَةَ الرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّ  
الرَّبَّ مُتَحَيِّنٌ جِدًّا وَرَوْوْفٌ. وَقَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، يَا  
إِخْوَتِي، لَا تَحْلِفُوا لَا بِالسَّمَاءِ وَلَا بِالْأَرْضِ وَلَا  
بِقَسَمٍ آخَرَ. وَلَكِنْ لِيَكُنْ كَلَامُكُمْ نَعَمَ نَعَمَ وَلَا  
لَا، لِيَلَّا تَقْعُوا فِي الدِّينُونَةِ. هَلْ فِيكُمْ أَحَدٌ فِي  
مَشَقَّاتٍ؟ فَلْيُصَلِّ؛ أَوْ فِي سُرُورٍ؟ فَلْيُرْتِّلْ. هَلْ  
فِيكُمْ مَرِيضٌ؟ فَلْيَدْعُ قُسُوسَ الْكَنِيسَةِ وَلْيُصَلُّوا  
عَلَيْهِ وَيَذْهَبُوا بِزَيْتٍ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. فَإِنَّ صَلَاةَ  
الْإِيمَانِ تُخَلِّصُ الْمَرِيضَ، وَالرَّبُّ يُنْهَضُهُ.  
وَإِنْ كَانَ قَدْ ارْتَكَبَ خَطَايَا، تُغْفَرْ لَهُ. اعْتَرَفُوا  
بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ بِالزَّلَّاتِ، وَصَلُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِأَجْلِ  
بَعْضٍ لِكَيْ تُبْرَأُوا. إِنَّ طَلِبَةَ الْبَارِ تَقْتَدِرُ كَثِيرًا  
فِي فِعْلِهَا. كَانَ إِيلِيَّا إِنْسَانًا قَابِلَ الْآلَامِ مِثْلَنَا،  
وَقَدْ صَلَّى أَنْ لَا يَنْزِلَ الْمَطَرُ، فَلَمْ يَنْزِلْ عَلَى  
الْأَرْضِ مُدَّةَ ثَلَاثِ سِنِينَ وَسِتَّةَ أَشْهُرٍ. ثُمَّ عَادَ  
وَصَلَّى فَأَمْطَرَتِ السَّمَاءُ وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ  
ثَمَرَهَا. أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، إِنْ ضَلَّ أَحَدٌ بَيْنَكُمْ عَنْ  
الْحَقِّ فَرُدَّهُ أَحَدٌ، فَلْيَعْلَمْ أَنَّ الَّذِي رَدَّ خَاطِبًا عَنْ  
ضَلَالِ طَرِيقِهِ، قَدْ خَلَّصَ نَفْسًا مِنَ الْمَوْتِ،  
وَسَتَرَ جَمًّا مِنَ الْخَطَايَا

## The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

## فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

الْإِنْجِيلِيَّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (9:1-8)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ السَّفِينَةَ وَاجْتَازَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى مَدِينَتِهِ. فَإِذَا بِمُخْلَعٍ مُلقًى عَلَى سَرِيرٍ قَدَّمُوهُ إِلَيْهِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، قَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: “ثِقْ يَا بُنَيَّ، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ.” فَقَالَ قَوْمٌ مِنَ الْكَتَبَةِ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ “هَذَا يُجَدِّفُ.” فَقَلِمَ يَسُوعُ أَفْكَارَهُمْ، فَقَالَ: “لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِالشَّرِّ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا الْأَيْسَرُ أَنْ يُقَالَ، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ، أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ قُمْ فَامْشِ؟ وَلَكِنْ لِكَيْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ لَهُ سُلْطَانٌ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ “قُمْ، احْمِلْ سَرِيرَكَ وَادْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ.” فَقَامَ وَمَضَى إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. فَلَمَّا نَظَرَ الْجُمُوعُ، تَعَجَّبُوا وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَعْطَى النَّاسَ سُلْطَانًا كَهَذَا

## **Holy Bread Offered By:**

**Today** – The Children and their Families of Elias and Noha Imseeh

– Dr. Sammy and Karen Nawas and Family

**Thu, Jul 24** – Artoklasia – Sdn. Youssef and Mary Selim

**Fri, Jul 25** – George and Ibtisam Imreibe

**Jul 27** – George and Ibtisam Imreibe

**Aug 3** – **OPEN**

**Tue, Aug 5** – **OPEN**

**Aug 10** – Klemans Zayed and Family and The Lussi Family

**Aug 17** – **OPEN**

**Aug 24** – **OPEN**

**Aug 31** – **OPEN**

**Sep 7** – **OPEN**

**Sep 14** – **OPEN**



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## **COMMEMORATIONS**

**Today** 9-Year Commemoration for †Wafa KARI, offered by Dr. Sammy and Karen Nawas and family.

## **MEMORIALS**

**Aug 10** 6-Month Memorial Service for †NADIA LUSSI, offered by Klemans Zayed and family and the Lussi Family.

**Donate to**  
**Your Church**  
**Today**



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## **Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

**Today** – Convention Kick-Off Luncheon

**Aug 3** – **OPEN**

**Aug 10** – **OPEN**

**Aug 17** – **OPEN**

**Aug 24** – **OPEN**

**Aug 31** – **OPEN**

**Sep 7** – **OPEN**



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## **BAPTISMS**

**Last Sunday** GIANA, daughter of Michael and Tiffany Ghantous.

**Sat, Aug 16** ELIANA MARIA, daughter of Phillip and Marina Musa.

## **WEDDINGS**

**Yesterday** AMIR, son of Raid and Lina Fakhoury, and NICOLE, daughter of Eddie and Salma Hawel.

## **REMOVAL OF CROWNS**

**Aug 10** SAMER Mubayed and JESSICA Bueno.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary** ELIAS and NOHA Imseeh.

## **YAF COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS**

↳ **Aug 3** – **OPEN**

↳ **Aug 17** – **OPEN**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun-Sun, Jul 20-27	57th Biennial Archdiocese Convention (AC2025) ( <i>see pgs. 23-28</i> )	
Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Ordination of Sdn. Nasser John Zayed to the Holy Diaconate (<i>see pg. 4</i>)</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> </ul>	9:00 am 9:15 am During Liturgy After Liturgy
Sun, Jul 27	<b>SERVICES AT HYATT HOTEL, ROSEMONT   NO Services at Saint George Church, Cicero</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Ordination of Sdn. Steven Moses Bynum to the Holy Diaconate (<i>see pg. 5</i>)</li> </ul>	8:30 am 8:45 am During Liturgy
Tue, Jul 29	AC2025 Breakdown and Unpacking	5:00 pm
Fri-Fri, Aug 1-15	Dormition Season ( <i>see pg. 14</i> )	
Fri, Aug 1	Paraklesis Service	7:00 pm
Sat, Aug 2	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Aug 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> <li>Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 18</i>)</li> </ul>	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Liturgy After Liturgy
Tue, Aug 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Evening Divine Liturgy for Feast of Transfiguration (<i>see pg. 15</i>)</li> <li>Blessing of Grapes</li> </ul>	6:45 pm 7:00 pm After Liturgy
Thu, Aug 7	Parish Council Officers' Zoom Meeting	6:00 pm
Fri, Aug 8	Paraklesis Service	7:00 pm
Sat, Aug 9	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Aug 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> <li>Sunday School 2025-2026 Registration (<i>see pg. 13</i>)</li> </ul>	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Liturgy After Liturgy
Mon, Aug 11	Paraklesis Service	7:00 pm
Tue, Mon 12	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed, Aug 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deanery Meeting with Metropolitan SABA</li> <li>Glory Club Zoom Meeting</li> </ul>	11:00 am 8:00 pm
Thu, Aug 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vigil for Feast of Dormition (<i>see pg. 14</i>)</li> </ul>	4:00 pm

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**2025-2026**

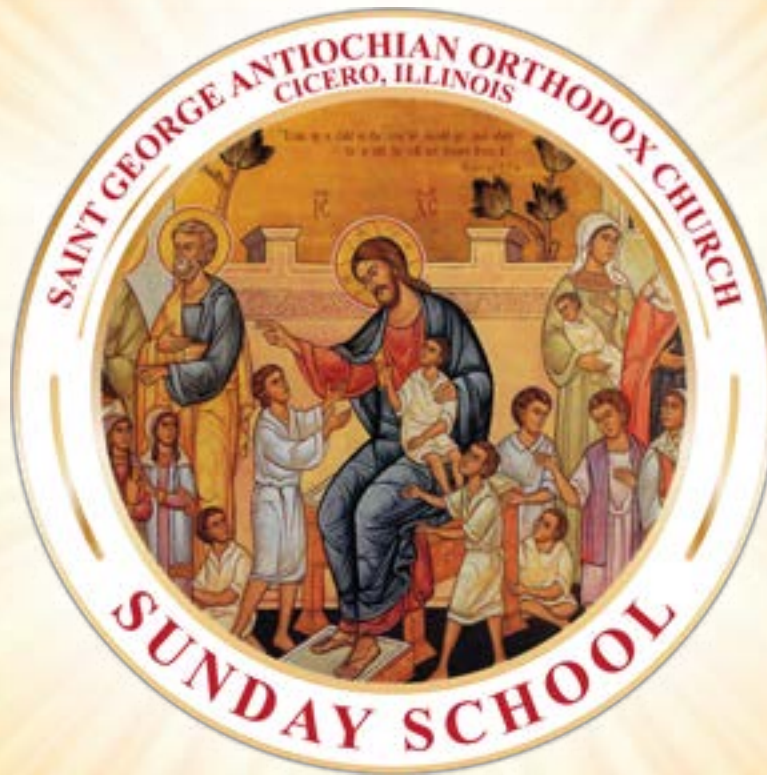
# **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025**

**ONLINE *or* SUNDAY...**

**AUG 10 | AUG 17 | AUG 24 | AUG 31**

**AFTER LITURGY IN THE CHURCH HALL**

GRADES  
**PREK-12**



ALL  
CHILDREN  
BORN  
BEFORE  
09/01/2021  
ARE  
WELCOME  
TO  
REGISTER

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR of EVENTS**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

- Staff Training

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

- Orientation Packet distributed to Parents after Liturgy

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- Blessing of Sunday School Building, Students, and Parents
- FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

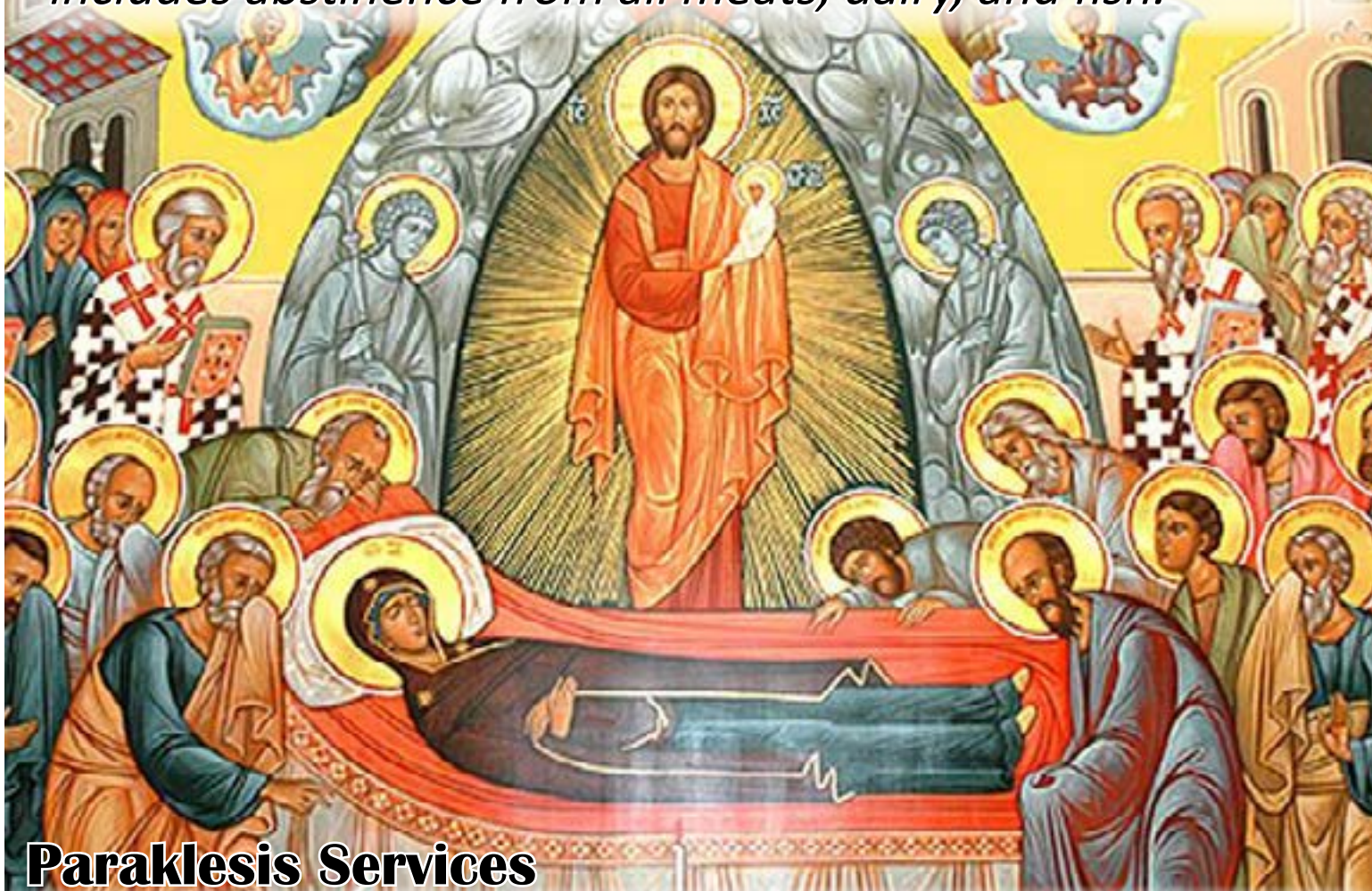




# Dormition Season

**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup>**

The Dormition Season, commemorating the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary, begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and continues thru August 15<sup>th</sup>. *The fasting discipline includes abstinence from all meats, dairy, and fish.*



## **Paraklesis Services**

**Friday, August 1st — 7:00 pm and Monday, August 11th — 7:00 pm**

## **Vigil for the Feast of Dormition**

will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Church, Palos Heights  
(no services at Saint George Church)

**Thursday, August 14th — 4:00 pm**





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# The Feast of Transfiguration

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Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Evening Divine Liturgy

**Blessing of the Grapes** during Liturgy

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- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT -  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

**BIBLE BOWL**

**2ND PLACE  
PRE-TEEN TEAM**

- Maria Eseed
- Nabeel Eseed
- Ava Massih
- Mousa Saba
- Sam Shaheen

**EXAM PARTICIPANTS**

- Charlie Barbari
- Anthony Batmani
- Raneem Karam

**1ST PLACE  
TEEN TEAM\***

- Joelle Boulos
- Ana Coronel
- George Layous
- Caroline Nawas
- Elias Rihani

**EXAM PARTICIPANTS**

- Katherine Conopeotis
- John Karam
- Gabriella Rihani
- Katherine Saba
- Niveen Shaheen

**1ST PLACE  
ADULT TEAM**

- Nathaniel Humphrey
- Anthony Massih
- Anthony Montesinos

**EXAM PARTICIPANTS**

- Linda Bynum

***ALL NAMES LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.***

***\*TEEN TEAM TO COMPETE AT THE NATIONAL BIBLE BOWL AT  
AC2025 CHICAGO!***

**ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS**

**1ST PLACE  
JUNIOR ORATORICAL**

Juliana Nawas

**JUNIOR ORATORICAL PARTICIPANT**

Katherine Saba

**1ST PLACE  
SENIOR ORATORICAL**

Sophia Layous

**SENIOR ORATORICAL PARTICIPANT**

Mena Khoury

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# CONGRATULATIONS

## POETRY

### 1ST PLACE

Ava Massih – 5th Grade  
Sam Shaheen – 6th Grade

### 2ND PLACE

Isaac Massih – 2nd Grade  
Jacob Zayed – 6th Grade  
Jude Bechara – 7th Grade

### 3RD PLACE

Mousa Saba – 6th Grade  
Caroline Nawas – 8th Grade  
Katherine Conopeotis – 8th Grade  
Angelina Zreiqat – 11th Grade

## ART

### 1ST PLACE

Samantha Imseih – 1st Grade  
Niveen Shaheen – 9th Grade

### 2ND PLACE

John Karam – 7th Grade  
Ana Coronel – 9th Grade

### 3RD PLACE

Celine Qumri – 7th Grade  
Katherine Conopeotis – 8th Grade  
Katherine Saba – 9th Grade

### CONTESTANTS

Christian Barbari – 2nd Grade  
Sophia Lenhart – 2nd Grade  
Nola Gomez – 3rd Grade  
Zane Bechara – 3rd Grade  
Elena Rihani – 3rd Grade  
Amelia Youel – 3rd Grade  
Julianne Zayed – 4th Grade  
Amal Imseih – 4th Grade  
Charlie Barbari – 4th Grade  
Mousa Saba – 6th Grade  
Sam Shaheen – 6th Grade  
Caroline Nawas – 8th Grade

## WRITING

### 1ST PLACE

Maria Eseed – 6th Grade  
Joelle Boulos – 7th Grade  
Katherine Saba – 9th Grade

### 2ND PLACE

Raneem Karam – 5th Grade  
Nabeel Eseed – 6th Grade

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### 1ST PLACE

Catalina Coronel – 6th Grade

### CONTESTANTS

Christian Barbari – 2nd Grade

**ALL PROJECTS**  
**OF**  
**ALL CATEGORIES**  
**WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE**  
**CHURCH HALL ON**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025.**

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# Young Adult Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE & CONVENTION SCHEDULE



<b>Sun, July 6</b>	Coffee Hour	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>July 19 - 27</b>	<b>57th Biennial Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention*</b> <i>Online registration is required to attend. For the full list of events &amp; more information, visit <a href="http://ac2025chicago.org">ac2025chicago.org</a></i>	
<b>Sat, July 19</b>	Arrival of the Metropolitan - Orthodox Troupe Procession (Free Event - RSVP required for Welcome Dinner following Great Vespers with Artoklasia at Saint George)	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Sun, July 20</b>	Welcome Luncheon following Divine Liturgy at Saint George	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Mon, July 21</b>	Antiochian Game Show "Survey Says"	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed, July 23</b>	Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Meeting	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed, July 23</b>	Bible Bowl	<b>8:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed, July 23</b>	Young Adult Meet and Greet	<b>9:30 PM</b>
<b>Thur, July 24</b>	"My Kind of Town" - Chicago Dinner and Music	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Fri, July 25</b>	Arabian Nights - Dinner and Hafli	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Sat, July 26</b>	Oratorical and Choir Festival	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Sat, July 26</b>	Young Adult Lunch and Retreat	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Sat, July 26</b>	"Antiochian Legacy" Grand Banquet and Hafli	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Sun, Aug 3</b>	Coffee Hour	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>Sun, Aug 17</b>	Coffee Hour	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>Sun, Aug 31</b>	Coffee Hour	<b>12:15 PM</b>
	September is YAF Month!	

\*All Convention events will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Rosemont unless listed otherwise

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship



# ANNUAL BONFIRE



Sat | Sep 13

6:00 pm

***GREAT VESPERS SERVICE***

**FOR THE FEAST OF THE  
ELEVATION**

**OF THE CROSS followed by  
*ANNUAL BONFIRE* and  
*DINNER***

**in the Church Courtyard**



**ALL AGES  
WELCOME!**

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

**REGISTRATION COMING SOON...**



# 2025 MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

## DID YOU KNOW?

During the season of Great Lent 2025 the Organizations of Saint George Church provided 8 unique complimentary Lenten Retreats and 2 Campus Ministries with different opportunities to be edified in the faith, be in fellowship with the Church family, and to dive deeper into Great Lent.



### Antiochian Women

40 AW attend *Lenten Retreat*  
30 attend 2 Spiritual Discussions



### Antiochian Men

26 A-MEN attend *Spiritual Retreat* to 2 Monasteries and Relics of Saint Mardarije



### Teen SOYO

30 Teens ages 13-18 attend Q&A *Lenten Retreat* and Service Project for "Phil's Friends"



### Young Adult Fellowship

22 Young adults 18+ attend *Spiritual Retreat* and Monastery Pilgrimage



### JOY Club

27 attend *Lenten Retreat* for youth ages 9-12



### GLORY Club

18 attend *Lenten Retreat* for kids ages 5-8



### Sunday School

17 Staff attend *Lenten Retreat* and 8 Students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older attend *Confession Retreat*



### North and West Campuses

200+ individuals attend 4-week *Lenten Session* (combined)

To continue to support Saint George Church and its growing ministry in serving 1000 families, register to be a **Committed Member today!** To get involved in one or more of these Organizations, reach out to a member of the Membership Outreach Committee, You Belong! All these events were just what was held during the season of Great Lent...Stay tuned to hear more on what Saint George Church is doing to continue to serve!

Consider prayerfully and sincerely your 2025 Membership Commitment/Recommitment Today!

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

لَأَنَّهُ حَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكُمْ هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ قَلْبُكُمْ أَيْضًا. (مَتَّى 6:21)

**PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE  
IN THE CHURCH HALL OR  
SCAN NOW AND COMPLETE!**



SCAN ME



# REFLECTION

## CONSUMER CHURCH

Church is seen as a dispenser of religious goods and services. People come to church to be “fed”, to have their needs met through quality programs, and to have the professionals teach their children about God.

**I GO TO CHURCH**

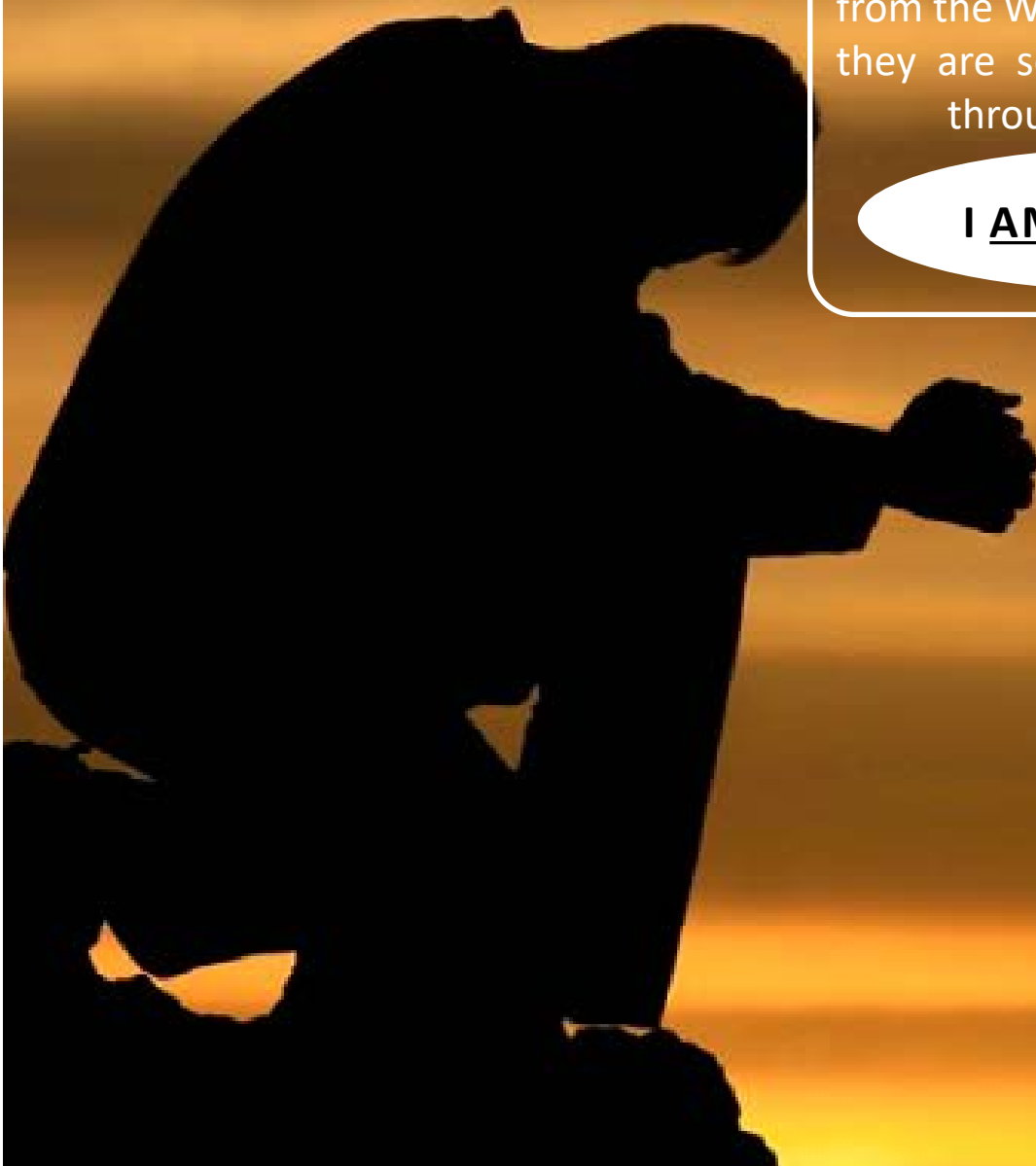
**IS DIFFERENT FROM**



## MISSIONAL CHURCH

A body of people sent on mission who gather in community for worship, community encouragement and teaching from the Word in addition to what they are self-feeding themselves throughout the week.

**I AM THE CHURCH**



## 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 9:15 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.



## CONVENTION REGISTRATION

# \$ 350

**Buy your Ticket Books Today!**

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago

# \$ 189

PER NIGHT

\$10/night for parking  
Complimentary shuttle to and from O'Hare

**Reserve your Hotel Room!**

## "CONTINUING THE ANTIOCHIAN LEGACY IN CHICAGO"

**Celebrating the  
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE UNIFICATION OF  
NEW YORK AND TOLEDO  
and the  
120TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE WORD MAGAZINE**

- 100+ EVENTS AND MEETINGS
- CHURCH SERVICES
- ARCHDIOCESE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- "ASK ABOUNA" ALL WEEK
- CLUB SAINT GEORGE AGES 4-12
- BIBLE BOWL
- ORATORICAL FESTIVAL
- TEEN EVENTS
- YAM EVENTS
- WORKSHOPS
- "MY KIND OF TOWN"
- ARABIAN NIGHTS DINNER AND HAFLI
- ANTIOCHIAN LEGACY BANQUET AND GRAND HAFLI

**Visit**

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*"Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."  
Luke 1:38*

### THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON

Cicero, IL



*With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Saba, for the first time, venerate the Miraculous Weeping Icon in the hotel Chapel all week.*



**Contact us**

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Young Adult Meet & Greet will be substituted for Comedian with Young Adult registration.

## Ticket Book Events





CHICAGO 57th Antiochian Archdiocese Convention  
July 20 - 27, 2025

## CLUB SAINT GEORGE

Ages 4-12

Theme: "A Servant's Heart"

**REGISTER FOR EACH CHILD & DAY INDIVIDUALLY**

TUES. JULY 22, 10AM-4:30PM	\$35
WED. JULY 23, 10AM-4:30PM	\$35
THURS. JULY 24, 10AM-4:30PM	\$35
FRI. JULY 25, 10AM-4:30PM	\$35

**SPECIAL EVENING EDITION FOR PARENTS ATTENDING THESE EVENTS**

Tuesday, July 22 - Club Saint George Evening Edition for Parents Attending  
Order of Saint Ignatius Reception & Dinner  
6:30pm-10:00pm .....\$35/child

Saturday, July 26 - Club Saint George Evening Edition for Parents Attending  
The Antiochian Legacy Grand Banquet and Haffli  
6:30pm-12:00am .....\$50/child

\*Dinner Included

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CHICAGO 57th Antiochian Archdiocese Convention  
July 20 - 27, 2025

## 07 Antiochian Women Meeting and Lunch

Date : Wednesday July 23, 2025

Time : 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Registration Required  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Badge Required

Location : Hyatt Regency O'Hare  
9300 Bryn Mawr Ave, Rosemont, IL 60018

Cost: \$ 65 Per Person

Attire: Business Casual  
wear your Favorite Shade of **Pink**

Register Now & Book Your Tickets

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# Ticketed Events

CHICAGO 57th Antiochian Archdiocese Convention  
July 20 - 27, 2025

## Teen Lunch and Humanitarian Event

Friday, July 25, 2025

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

**FMSC and Lunch**  
12:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Packing over  
**100,000 meals**

Transportation is Included  
(Vegan Menu Available)

Register Now  
and  
Book your Tickets

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**The Order OF SAINT IGNATIUS**

INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL EVENING

"EMBARCKING INTO THE 50TH YEAR OF MINISTRY"

**DINNER**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**FELLOWSHIP**

TUESDAY, JULY 22 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM


LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHARITABLE ARM OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

See Full Schedule for MORE Teen Events



CHICAGO Antiochian ARCHDIOCESE

57th BIENNIAL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN  
Archdiocese Convention  
July 20 – 27, 2025



THE FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT JULIAN  
MEDICAL MINISTRY  
**MEETING**  
CALLING ALL DOCTORS, NURSES AND MEDICAL  
PROFESSIONALS  
Saturday, July 26  
2:45pm - 3:45pm  
Hyatt Regency O'Hare


# Book-Signing Event!

## "A Life Testimony"

By  
**Metropolitan Saba**

Friday, July 25, 2025

After  
Liturgy



A new journey begins. This book is finally here to  
bring an unforgettable reading experience.

Don't miss out on this must read! Grab your copy Today!

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# Ticket Book Events

Antiochian Game Night

GAME SHOW  
GURUS

## SURVEY SAYS

Bring the whole family for an  
unforgettable experience filled with fun,  
laughter, and friendly competition. Don't  
miss out—register today and get ready  
to be amazed!

Monday  
21 Monday, 2025 | Start From  
08:00 - 10:00 Pm

Complimentary event with Registration

REGISTER NOW WWW.AC2025CHICAGO.ORG

## DRESS CODE GUIDE

### BLACK TIE OPTIONAL (SATURDAY)

THAT ALLOWS GUESTS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WEARING THEIR  
MOST FORMAL ATTIRE (SUCH AS AN EVENING GOWN OR  
TUXEDO) OR OPTING FOR A FORMAL SUIT OR COCKTAIL  
DRESS, IT PROVIDES SOME FLEXIBILITY WHILE MAINTAINING  
AN ELEGANT TONE

### SEMI-FORMAL (TUESDAY)

SUITABLE FOR EVENING EVENTS. WOMEN CAN WEAR  
COCKTAIL-LENGTH DRESSES, AND MEN CAN OPT FOR SUITS

### CHICAGO "CHIC" EVENING WEAR (THURSDAY)

A SOHISTICATED AND STYLISH OUTFIT THAT'S APPROPRIATE  
FOR EVENING EVENTS. IT'S OFTEN A BLEND OF ELEGANT AND  
RELAXED, LEANING TOWARDS FORMAL BUT WITH ROOM FOR  
INDIVIDUALITY. THINK COCKTAIL DRESSES, SLEEK JUMPSUIT.

### DRESS TO IMPRESS (FRIDAY)

SUITABLE FOR EVENING EVENTS. WOMEN CAN WEAR  
COCKTAIL-LENGTH DRESSES, AND MEN CAN OPT FOR SUITS.  
BRING YOUR THOB OR TRADITIONAL GARMENT





## SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 (Saint George Church, Cicero, IL)

5:30 pm 7:00 pm Great Vespers with Artoklasia  
7:00 pm 9:00 pm Welcome Dinner

## SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 (Saint George Church, Cicero, IL)

9:00 am 10:20 am Orthros  
10:20 am 12:30 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
12:30 pm 2:00 pm Welcome Luncheon

## MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

Noon 2:00 pm VIP Luncheon (by invitation)  
3:00 pm 9:00 pm Hospitality Hub25\*  
3:00 pm 9:00 pm Registration\*  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Byzantine Choir Rehearsal  
4:45 pm 5:00 pm Blessing of the Chapel  
5:00 pm 6:00 pm Vespers  
6:00 pm 7:00 pm Shrine Visitation - The Miraculous Weeping Icon (Hotel Chapel)  
6:00 pm 8:00 pm Dinner (on your own)  
7:00 pm 11:00 pm Diocesan Teen SOYO Officers Meeting  
8:00 pm 10:00 pm Antiochian Game Show "Survey Says"  
11:00 pm 11:30 pm Compline  
11:30 pm 12:00 am "Ask Abouna"

## TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

8:00 am 8:45 am Bible Study and Confessions  
8:45 am 10:00 am Daily Orthros  
10:00 am 11:00 am Shrine Visitation - The Miraculous Weeping Icon (Hotel Chapel)  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Hospitality Hub25\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Registration\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Exhibits/Vendors  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 4-6  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 7-9  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 10-12  
10:00 am 11:00 am Clergy/Clergy Wives Breakfast  
11:00 am 1:00 pm Clergy Wives Meeting  
11:00 am 2:00 pm Clergy Meeting with Hierarchs  
11:00 am 2:00 pm Order of Saint Ignatius General Assembly  
11:00 am 4:30 pm Diocesan Teen SOYO Officers Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Orthodox Leadership Initiative Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Workshop - Family: The Joy of Life - Part 1 - Family and Marriage - English  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Workshop - Family: The Joy of Life - Part 1 - Family and Marriage - Arabic  
2:00 pm 4:30 pm Department of Liturgics  
2:00 pm 4:30 pm Department of Western Rite Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:30 pm Department of Theological and Pastoral Education Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:30 pm Department of Finance Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:30 pm Home Schooling Department Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:30 pm Department of Orthodox Family Center  
2:00 pm 5:00 pm Choir Workshop/Rehearsal  
2:00 pm 5:00 pm Byzantine Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm 6:00 pm Vespers  
6:30 pm 10:00 pm Club Saint George - Evening Edition - Ages 4-6  
6:30 pm 10:00 pm Club Saint George - Evening Edition - Ages 7-9  
6:30 pm 10:00 pm Club Saint George - Evening Edition - Ages 10-12  
7:00 pm 10:00 pm Diocesan Teen SOYO Officers Meeting  
7:00 pm 9:30 pm Order of Saint Ignatius Reception and Dinner  
9:30 pm 10:30 pm VIP Club (by invitation)  
11:00 pm 11:30 pm Compline  
11:30 pm 12:00 am "Ask Abouna"

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

8:00 am 8:45 am Bible Study and Confessions  
8:45 am 10:00 am Daily Orthros  
10:00 am 2:00 pm Shrine Visitation - The Miraculous Weeping Icon (Hotel Chapel)  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Hospitality Hub25\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Registration\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Exhibits/Vendors  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 4-6  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 7-9  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 10-12  
10:00 am 1:00 pm Financial Strategic Planning and Budget Committee Meeting  
10:30 am 2:00 pm Financial Committee Meeting  
10:30 am 4:00 pm NAB Antiochian Women Meeting and Lunch  
11:00 am 4:00 pm Teen SOYO Meeting and Workshop  
11:00 am 1:00 pm Saint Vladimir's Seminary Alumni Reception  
11:00 am 1:00 pm Saint Tikhon's Seminary Alumni Reception  
11:00 am 1:00 pm Department of Inter-Orthodox/Inter-Faith Relations Meeting  
11:00 am 1:00 pm Department of Sacred Music Meeting  
1:00 pm 4:00 pm Antiochian Village Council Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Hellenic College Holy Cross Reception  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Christian Education Ministry Workshop  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Department of Clergy Insurance and Retirement Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Department of Convention and Conference Planning Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Department of Marriage and Parish Family Ministry Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 continued...

2:00 pm 4:00 pm Department of Missions and Evangelism Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Department of Stewardship Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Department of Lay Ministry Meeting  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Workshop - Family: The Joy of Life - Part 2 - Parenting Orthodox Children - English  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Workshop - Family: The Joy of Life - Part 2 - Parenting Orthodox Children - Arabic  
2:00 pm 4:00 pm Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Meeting  
2:00 pm 5:00 pm Choir Workshop/Rehearsals  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Byzantine Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm 6:00 pm Vespers  
6:00 pm 7:30 pm Dinner on your own  
8:00 pm 9:30 pm Bible Bowl  
9:30 pm 11:00 pm Family Entertainment Night - Vito Zatto: Comedian and Impersonator  
9:30 pm 11:00 pm Young Adult After-Social  
11:00 pm 11:30 pm Compline  
11:30 pm 12:00 am "Ask Abouna"

## THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

8:00 am 8:45 am Bible Study and Confessions  
8:45 am 10:00 am Daily Orthros  
10:00 am 2:00 pm Shrine Visitation - The Miraculous Weeping Icon (Hotel Chapel)  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Hospitality Hub25\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Registration\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Exhibits/Vendors  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 4-6  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 7-9  
10:00 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 10-12  
11:00 am 4:30 pm Teen Lunch and Social  
11:00 am 4:00 pm Archdiocese General Assembly  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Byzantine Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm 6:30 pm Great Vespers with Artoklasia  
6:30 pm 7:30 pm Balamand Alumni Reunion  
7:30 pm 11:00 pm "My Kind of Town" (Chicago Dinner and Music)  
11:00 pm 11:30 pm Compline  
11:30 pm 12:00 am "Ask Abouna"

## FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

7:30 am 8:45 am Orthros and Confessions  
8:45 am 10:30 am Divine Liturgy  
10:30 am 11:30 am Sayidna SABA's book signing  
10:30 am 2:00 pm Shrine Visitation - The Miraculous Weeping Icon (Hotel Chapel)  
10:30 am 9:00 pm Hospitality Hub25\*  
10:30 am 9:00 pm Registration\*  
10:30 am 9:00 pm Exhibits/Vendors  
10:30 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 4-6  
10:30 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 7-9  
10:30 am 4:30 pm Club Saint George - Ages 10-12  
10:30 am 1:00 pm Brunch/Lunch on your own  
11:00 am 1:00 pm OCAN Lunch by Invitation  
12:00 pm 4:30 pm Teen Lunch and Humanitarian Event  
1:00 pm 4:00 pm Metropolitan's Address and Archdiocese General Assembly  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Byzantine Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 pm 6:00 pm Vespers with Order of Saint Ignatius Inductions  
7:30 pm 12:00 am Arabian Nights - Dinner and Hafli

## SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

8:00 am 8:45 am Bible Study and Confessions  
8:45 am 10:00 am Daily Orthros  
10:00 am 11:00 am Shrine Visitation - The Miraculous Weeping Icon (Hotel Chapel)  
10:00 am 1:00 pm Hospitality Hub25\*  
10:00 am 9:00 pm Registration\*  
10:00 am 1:00 pm Exhibits/Vendors  
11:00 am 1:00 pm Oratorical and Choir Festival  
1:00 pm 3:00 pm Archdiocese Board of Trustees Luncheon and Meeting  
1:00 pm 3:00 pm NAC Senior SOYO Alumni Reunion  
1:00 pm 4:00 pm Teen Lunch and Retreat  
1:00 pm 4:00 pm Young Adult Lunch and Retreat  
2:00 pm 3:30 pm Choir Workshop/Choir Rehearsal  
2:00 pm 3:30 pm Byzantine Choir Workshop/Choir Rehearsal  
2:00 pm 3:30 pm Workshop - Enliven To Christ (Love of God and Love of Neighbor)  
2:45 pm 3:45 pm Medical Professional Ministry Meeting  
4:00 pm 5:00 pm Great Vespers  
6:00 pm 7:00 pm Metropolitan Reception - Invitation Only  
6:00 pm 12:00 am Cocktail Hour and "Antiochian Legacy" Grand Banquet and Hafli  
6:30 pm 12:00 am Club Saint George - Evening Edition - Ages 4-6  
6:30 pm 12:00 am Club Saint George - Evening Edition - Ages 7-9  
6:30 pm 12:00 am Club Saint George - Evening Edition - Ages 10-12  
9:00 pm 12:00 am Hafli Only (After Banquet)

## SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 (Hyatt Regency O'Hare)

8:45 am 10:00 am Orthros and Confessions  
10:00 am 12:00 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
12:00 pm 2:00 pm Breakdown of Chapel and Registration

\* Registration, Vendors, and Hospitality Hub25 will be closed during all services

All Events are at Hyatt Regency O'Hare unless otherwise noted



Workshop: “Family: The Joy of Love”

ندوة بعنوان : “العائلة : فرح الحب”



Speaker: Very Reverend  
Father George Taweel, MTh



المتحدث : المتقدم بالكهنة  
الأب حنانيا حكيمة

Part 1 - Tuesday, July, 22  
2pm - 4pm

"FAMILY AND MARRIAGE - How do we  
serve one another in marriage?"

الجزء الأول - الثلاثاء، ٢٢ يوليو  
٢ ظهرًا - ٤ عصرًا

“الأسرة والزواج - كيف نخدم بعضنا البعض  
في الزواج؟”

Part 2 - Wednesday, July, 23  
2pm - 4pm

"PARENTING ORTHODOX CHILDREN - How do  
parents and children serve one another?"

الجزء الثاني - الأربعاء، ٢٣ يوليو  
٢ ظهرًا - ٤ عصرًا

“تربية الأطفال الأرثوذكس - كيف يخدم الأهل  
والأبناء بعضهم البعض؟”



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