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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY MARTYR PARASKEVA OF
ROME AND THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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

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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
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.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَلَانَا عَلَيْكَ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي 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 فَعَلَّمَنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهُي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الْحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

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الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطِّيبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

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

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TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PARASKEVA (TONE 1)

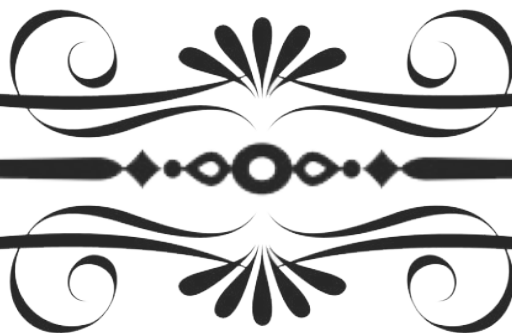
Showing a diligence befitting thy calling, O namesake of preparedness, thou hast gained, as thy dwelling, a faith worthy of thy name, O prize-winning Paraskeva. Hence, thou pourest forth healings and intercedest for our souls.

بِمَا أَنَّكَ جَعَلْتَ اهْتِمَامَكَ مَلَأْتُمَا لِتَسْمِيَّتِكَ. أَحْرَزْتَ الْإِيمَانَ الْقَوِيمَ مَسْكِنًا. يَا لَابِسَةَ الْجِهَادِ. بَرَّاسَكِيفِي الْمَطَابَقَةَ لِاسْمِهَا. فَلَذَا تُفِيضِينَ الْأَشْفِيَةَ وَتَشْفَعِينَ لِأَجْلِ نَفُوسِنَا.

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 مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرَ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهُ 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 الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بِإِدْرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلَبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

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

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

THE SYNAXARION

On July 26th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Righteous Martyr of Christ, Paraskeva of Rome.

*O modest maid, thou didst prepare thyself through contests
As a house all-unsullied for God's inhabitation.*

Born in Rome of Christian parents, she was brought up from her earliest youth in the Christian faith and gave herself wholeheartedly to the fulfilling of God's commandments in her life. When her parents died, Paraskeva gave all her goods away to the poor and received the monastic habit. As a nun, she preached the truth of Christ with ever more burning zeal, neither hiding from anyone nor fearing persecution. Paraskeva was brought to trial before the Emperor Antoninus then ordered a white-hot helmet placed on her head. But God saved her miraculously and she escaped and left Rome. She again began to go from city to city to bring the pagans to the true Faith. In two more cities she was brought before princes and judges and tortured for her Lord, performing on these occasions great miracles by the power of God and quickly recovering from her wounds. The pagans ascribed her recovery to the power and mercy of their gods. Paraskeva once said to a prince who was torturing her: "It is not your gods, O Prince, who heal me, but my Christ, the true God." She was finally beheaded by Prince Tarasius. She suffered for Christ in the second century and received her heavenly reward.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates of Nicomedia. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints.

In the churches, bless ye God.

**The Reading from the Epistle of
Saint Paul to the Galatians (3:23-4:5)**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 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. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

عَجِيبٌ هُوَ اللَّهُ فِي قَدِّيسِيهِ.

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللَّهَ.

فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ (3:23-4:5)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانُ كُنَّا مَحْفُوظِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ مُعَلَّقًا عَلَيْنَا مِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِيمَانِ الَّذِي كَانَ مُزْمَعًا إِعْلَانُهُ. فَالنَّامُوسُ إِذَا كَانَ مُؤَدِّبًا لَنَا يُرْشِدُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فَبَعْدَ أَنْ جَاءَ الْإِيمَانُ، لَسْنَا بَعْدُ تَحْتَ مُؤَدِّبٍ. فَأَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِأَنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ، الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. لَيْسَ يَهُودِيٌّ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَيْسَ عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَيْسَ ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، فَأَنْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِذَا كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَوَرَثَةُ بِحَسَبِ الْمَوْعِدِ. وَأَقُولُ: إِنَّ الْوَارِثَ مَا دَامَ طِفْلًا فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْعَبْدِ مَعَ كَوْنِهِ مَالِكِ الْجَمِيعِ، لَكِنَّهُ تَحْتَ أَيْدِي الْأَوْصِيَاءِ وَالْوُكَلَاءِ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الَّذِي حَدَّدَهُ الْأَبُ. هَكَذَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا حِينَ كُنَّا أَطْفَالًا كُنَّا مُتَعَبِّدِينَ تَحْتَ أَرْكَانِ الْعَالَمِ، فَلَمَّا حَانَ مِلْءُ الزَّمَانِ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ ابْنَهُ مَوْلُودًا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ، مَوْلُودًا تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِيَقْتَدِيَ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِنَنَالَ النَّبِّيَّ

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (14:14-22)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَبْصَرَ يَسُوعُ جَمْعًا كَثِيرًا، فَتَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَبْرَأَ مَرْضَاهُمْ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، دَنَا إِلَيْهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَقَالُوا: «إِنَّ الْمَكَانَ قَفْرٌ، وَالسَّاعَةُ قَدْ فَاتَتْ. فَاصْرِفِ الْجُمُوعَ لِيَذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْقُرَى وَيَبْتَاعُوا لَهُمْ طَعَامًا.» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «لَا حَاجَةَ لَهُمْ إِلَى الذَّهَابِ. أَعْطُوهُمْ أَنْتُمْ لِيَأْكُلُوا.» فَقَالُوا لَهُ: «مَا عِنْدَنَا هَهُنَا إِلَّا خَمْسَةُ أَرْغَفَةٍ وَسَمَكَتَانِ.» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلُمَّ بِهَا إِلَيَّ إِلَى هَهُنَا.» وَأَمَرَ بِجُلُوسِ الْجُمُوعِ عَلَى الْعُشْبِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ الْخَمْسَةَ الْأَرْغَفَةَ وَالسَّمَكَتَيْنِ، وَنَظَرَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، وَبَارَكَ، وَكَسَرَ، وَأَعْطَى الْأَرْغَفَةَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ، وَالتَّلَامِيذُ لِلْجُمُوعِ. فَأَكَلُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ وَشَبِعُوا، وَرَفَعُوا مَا فَضُلَ مِنَ الْكِسْرِ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ قُفَّةً مَمْلُوءَةً. وَكَانَ الْآكِلُونَ خَمْسَةَ آلَافِ رَجُلٍ، سِوَى النِّسَاءِ وَالصِّبْيَانِ. وَلِلْوَقْتِ اضْطَرَّ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذُهُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا السَّفِينَةَ وَيَسْبِقُوهُ إِلَى الْعَبْرِ، حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الْجُمُوعَ

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Sdn. Youssef and Mary Selim



Aug 2 – George and Ibtisam Imreibe and Family

Aug 9 – Zarifeh Zanayed and Family

Aug 16 – **OPEN**

Aug 23 – **OPEN**

Aug 30 – Afaf Fino and Family

Sep 6 – **OPEN**

Sep 13 – **OPEN**

Sep 20 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – **OPEN**

Aug 2 – **OPEN**

Aug 9 – **OPEN**

Aug 16 – **OPEN**

Aug 23 – **OPEN**

Aug 30 – Hanna and Tanya Hinnawi and Family

Sep 6 – **OPEN**

Sep 13 – **OPEN**

Sep 20 – **OPEN**

Sep 27 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

BAPTISMS

Today **JOSHUA**, son of Jaime and Theresa Valle.

Aug 15 **NATALIE**, daughter of Nicholas and Lydia Mufarreh.

Aug 30 **CHARBEL**, son of Hanna and Marlene Shunnarah.

WEDDINGS

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

Sep 5

- **KHALID**, son of Walid Yousif Gebrael and Lubna Esho, and **STEIFANY**, daughter of Raymond and Jumana (Abualzulouf) Imsaih.
- **PATRICK**, son of John and Tamara Fay, and **BRIANNA**, daughter of Vincent Sommer and Carolyn Cozzi, and stepmother Johna Sommer.

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Today **DAVID** and **SOURYANA** Bittar.

Donate to
Your Church
Today



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MEMORIALS

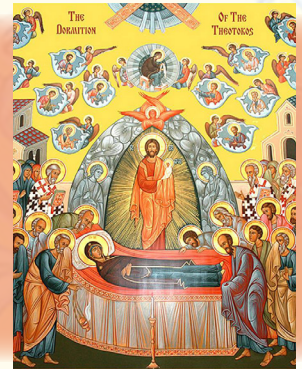
Aug 30 6-Month Memorial Service for †**ELIAS FINO**, offered by Afaf Fino and family.



Dormition Season Schedule

AUGUST 1ST – 15TH

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



- **MON, AUG 3 @ 6:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463
- **TUE, AUG 4 @ 6:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463
- **WED, AUG 5 @ 5:30^{PM} – MATINS/ORTHROS SERVICE**
@ 6:30^{PM} – DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
HOLY TRANSFIGURATION ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
28W770 Warrenville Rd, Warrenville, IL 60555
- **THU, AUG 6 @ 6:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463
- **FRI, AUG 7 @ 9:00^{AM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church, 4129 W Newport Ave, Chicago, IL 60641
- **FRI, AUG 7 @ 6:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463
- **SAT, AUG 8 @ 5:00^{PM} – GREAT VESPERS SERVICE**
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463
- **SAT, AUG 8 @ 7:00^{PM} – GREAT VESPERS SERVICE**
All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church, 4129 W Newport Ave, Chicago, IL 60641
- **SUN, AUG 9 @ 9:00^{AM} – MATINS/ORTHROS SERVICE**
@ 10:20^{AM} – DIVINE LITURGY
>>> **SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO** <<<
- **MON, AUG 10 @ 6:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463
- **TUE, AUG 11 @ 7:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE IN SPANISH**
>>> **SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO** <<<
- **WED, AUG 12 @ 7:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church, 4129 W Newport Ave, Chicago, IL 60641
- **THU, AUG 13 @ 7:00^{PM} – PARAKLESIS SERVICE**
>>> **SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO** <<<
- **FRI, AUG 14 @ 3:30^{PM} – VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF DORMITION**
@ 7:00^{PM} – DIVINE LITURGY
SAINT MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 6330 W 127th St, Palos Heights, IL 60463

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	
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy	
	• Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	After Liturgy	
Thu, Jul 30	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 17</i>)		6:00 pm
Sat-Sat, Aug 1-15	Dormition Season (<i>see pg. 9</i>)		
Sun, Aug 2	• 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	
Wed, Aug 5	Orthros (Matins) and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration at Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville, IL (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	5:30 pm	
Sat, Aug 8	Deanery Event – Feed My Starving Children (<i>see pg. 25</i>)		11:00 am
Sun, Aug 9	• 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	
Tue, Aug 11	Paraklesis Service in Spanish		7:00 pm
Thu, Aug 13	Paraklesis Service	7:00 pm	
Fri, Aug 14	• Vigil for the Feast of Dormition at Saint Mary Church in Palos Heights, IL (<i>see pg. 9</i>)	3:30 pm	
	• Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Dormition at Saint Mary Church in Palos Heights, IL (<i>see pg. 9</i>)	7:00 pm	
	• Teen SOYO Shawerma Outing (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	After Liturgy	
Sat, Aug 15	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm	
Sun, Aug 16	• 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	
Mon, Aug 17	• Finance Committee Zoom Meeting	5:00 pm	
	• Teen SOYO Officers’ Meeting	7:00 pm	
	• Sunday School Officers’ Meeting	7:00 pm	
Tue, Aug 18	Parish Council Monthly Meeting		7:00 pm
Thu, Aug 20	• Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm	
	• Parish Council Officers’ Meeting	6:00 pm	

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)



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

SUN, JUL 26

Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour

FRI, AUG 14

Teen SOYO Shawerma Outing

SAT, AUG 29

Teen SOYO All-Day Retreat

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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

»»»»»»»» JUNE 28, 2026 <<<<<<<<<

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Mark Your Calendars!

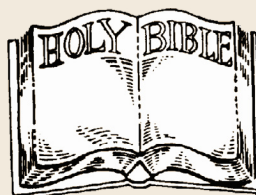
Don't miss out! Add these important dates to your calendar TODAY!

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

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

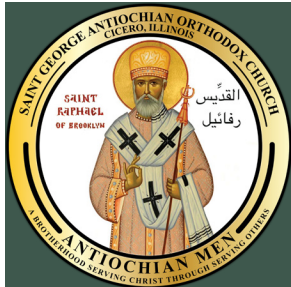


Creative Arts
Festival (CAF)
AWARDS
CEREMONY –
Sunday, August 30, 2026.



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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

Thu-Sat,
OCT 8-10/2026:

A-Men Pilgrimage to Antiochian Village in
Pennsylvania

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-Sun, August 1-15

Dormition Season

Sat, September 12

Feast of the Cross Annual Bonfire

Sat, September 26

Annual Legacy Ball - 63rd Anniversary

Thurs-Sat, October 15-17

YAF Pilgrimage to the Antiochian Village

Mon, Nov 15-Fri, Dec 25

Holy Advent Season

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL
The Order of Saint Ignatius – Cicero Chapter

FATHER ATHANASIOS EMMERT
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
2026 APPLICATION

The Saint George Cicero Chapter of The Order of Saint Ignatius joyfully presents the *Father Athanasios Emmert Scholarship Award of Excellence*! This scholarship is meant to recognize one young person who embodies the spirit of excellence through their faith involvement, community service, and academic achievements!

The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch (The Order) is an organization of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America (Antiochian Archdiocese), with the objective of financially supporting the departments, programs and charitable works of the Antiochian Archdiocese, Patriarchate of Antioch and the Orthodox Christian faith. The Order assists the Antiochian Archdiocese in its continued effort to reach out to all in need and bring to them the message of the Gospel. Saint George Church in Cicero, Illinois, currently has an active chapter of The Order.

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

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

The scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

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

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

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



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

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



SAINT KATHERINE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX MISSION

SAVE THE DATE

Join Saint Katherine Mission as it begins its Summer Fellowship Series!

Summer Event
Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 PM

- ⚽ **Vespers Service**
- ⚽ **Spiritual Reflection**
- ⚽ **Pizza & Fellowship**
- ⚽ **Outdoor Sports & Activities**

All are Welcome!

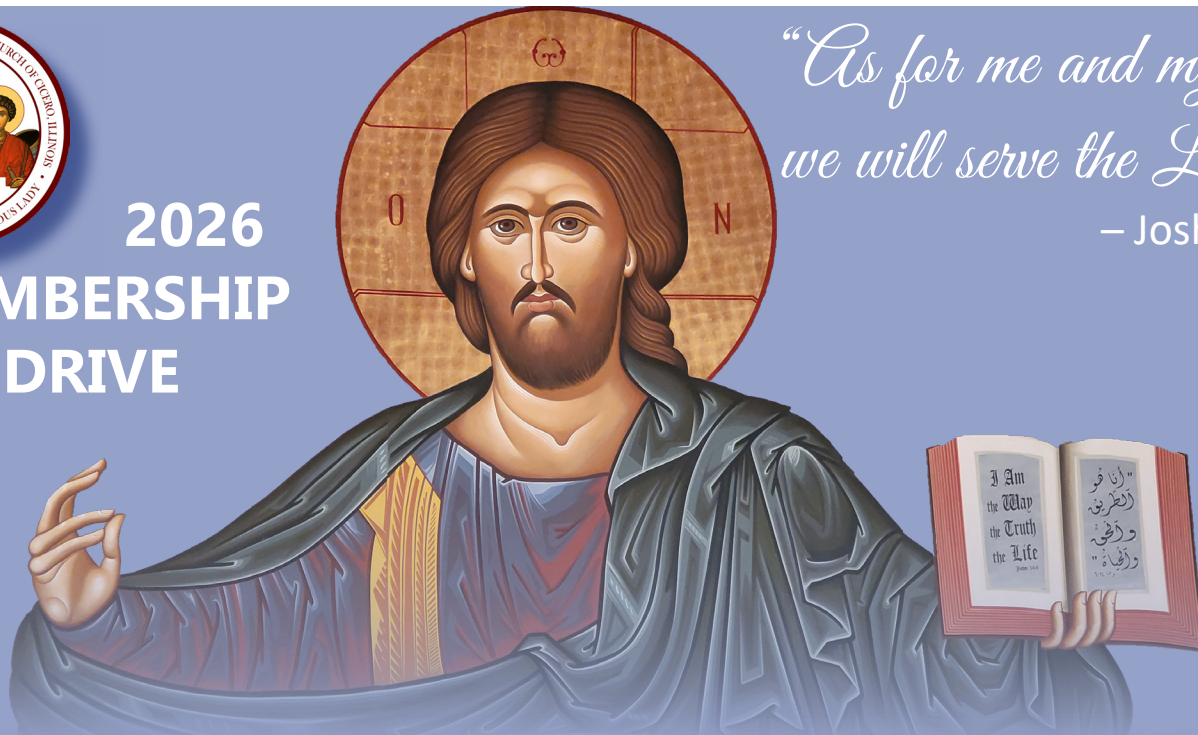
• June 25 • July 9 • July 16 • July 30 • August 20 • August 27 • September 3 •

7313 N Waukegan Rd. Niles, IL 60714





2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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

— Joshua 4:15

DO YOU BELONG?

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

AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH,

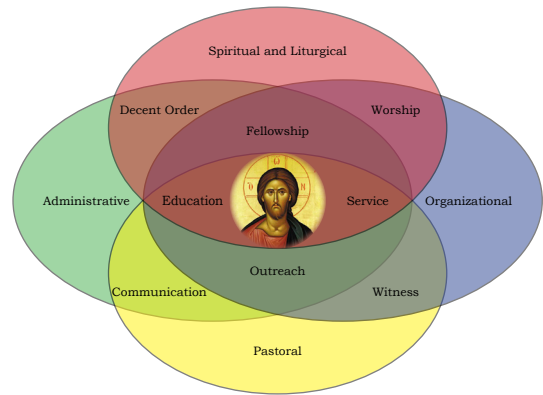
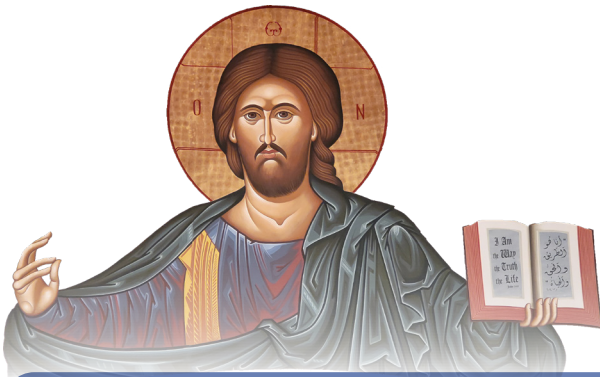
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united
in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

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

YOU DO BELONG!

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG?

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

TO BELONG MEANS:

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

Membership is not simply administrative — it is spiritual.

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

IT IS OUR CHURCH!

WHAT DOES MY MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT?

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

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

CHURCH OPERATIONS

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

FAITH FORMATION

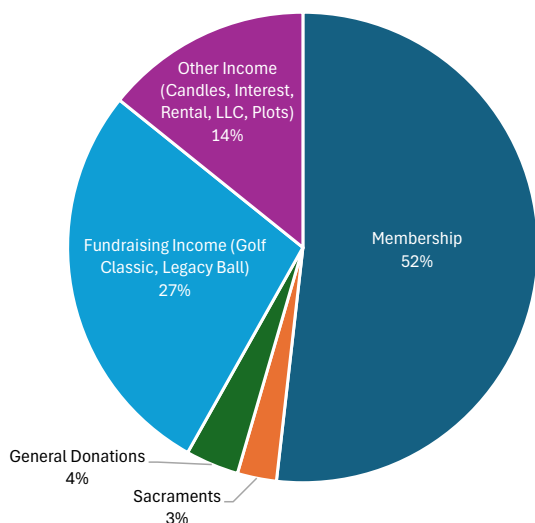
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

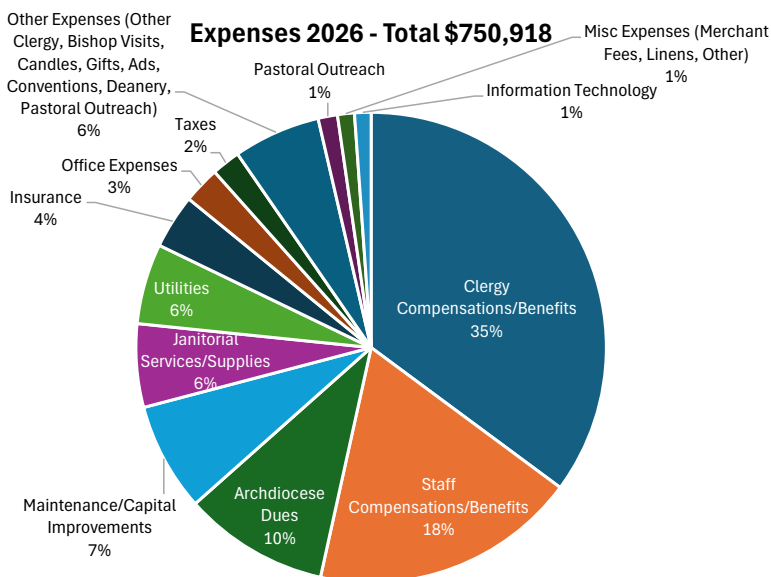
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Revenue 2026 - Total \$723,962



Expenses 2026 - Total \$750,918



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+
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4TH PLACE

PRE-TEEN TEAM

MARIELLA KHOURY
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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 ★



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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



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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



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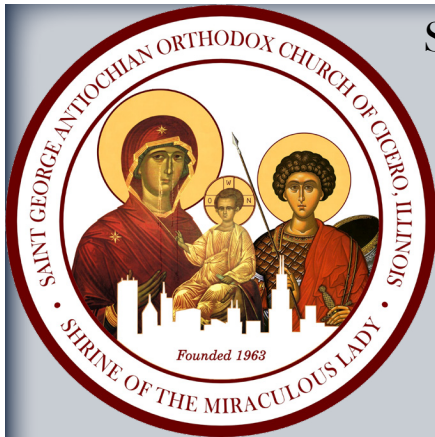
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5:30PM Orthros | 6:30PM Divine Liturgy

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