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

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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

Confession: By Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, Who hast shown forth the light.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will among men.

We hymn Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee for Thy
great glory.

O Lord King, heavenly God, Father almighty; O
Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and O
Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that
takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on
us, thou that takest away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, Thou that sittest at the right
hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord,
O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy
name forever, yea forever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without
sin.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers,
and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.
Amen.

Let Thy mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we
have set our hope on thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes.
(thrice)

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from generation
to generation. I said: Lord, be merciful unto me;
heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Lord, I have fled unto Thee; teach me to do Thy
will, for Thou art my God.

For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light
shall we see light.

O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have
mercy on us. (thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have
mercy on us.

المَجْدُ لَكَ يَا مُظْهِرَ النُّورِ، المَجْدُ لِلَّهِ فِي الْعَلَاءِ،
وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وَفِي النَّاسِ الْمَسَرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْمَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيُّ، إِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ
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 رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حَقُوقَكَ. (ثَلَاثًا)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأُ كُنْتُ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّنِي قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمَنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهُي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الْحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثَلَاثًا)

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

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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 8)

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

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

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TROPARION OF SAINT STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON (TONE 4)

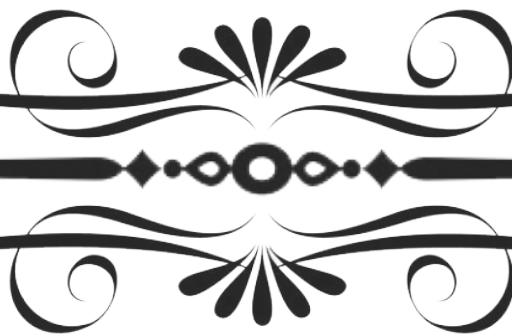
The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head * because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; * for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest * Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. * O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

لَقَدْ تُوِّجْتَ هَامُتُكَ بِإِكْلِيلِ مُلُوكِيٍّ، ضَفِيرَ بِمَا كَابَدْتَهُ
مِنْ جِهَادٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا أَوَّلَ الشُّهَدَاءِ
الْمُجَاهِدِينَ، لِأَنَّكَ وَبَّخْتَ الْيَهُودَ عَلَى حِمَاقَتِهِمْ،
فَأَبْصَرْتَ يَسُوعَ مُخْلِصُكَ عَنْ يَمِينِ الْآبِ، فَدَاوِمِ
الِابْتِهَالِ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ 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 مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جُيُوشِ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.



KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (TONE 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ عَلَى الْجَبَلِ، وَحَسَبْنَا وَسِعَ
تَلَامِيذُكَ شَاهِدُوا مَجْدَكَ. حَتَّى عِنْدَمَا يُعَايِنُوكَ مَصْلُوبًا،
يَفْطَنُوا أَنَّ أَلَمَكَ طَوْعًا بِاخْتِيَارِكَ، وَيَكْرِزُوا لِلْعَالَمِ،
أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ شُعَاعُ الْآبِ.

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 * اكَتُبْ لِي رَايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا
جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ * وَأَقْدِمْ لِي 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 August 2nd in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the recovery of the sacred relics of the holy Proto-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen.

*A great many strange and divine things hast thou, O Zion:
So give Constantine's city the dead body of Stephen.
On the second Stephen's corpse was removed.*

When the wicked Jews stoned Stephen to death, they left his body for the dogs to eat. After two nights Gamaliel, Paul's teacher and a secret follower of Christ, came and took his body to Caphargamala, and buried it in a cave. Eventually, Gamaliel's friend Nicodemus, his nephew Abibos and he were laid to rest in the same cave. The graves were forgotten, but in 415, in the time of Patriarch John of Jerusalem, Gamaliel appeared three times in a dream to the Priest Lucian, in Caphargamala, and told him the exact location of the burial place. With the Patriarch's blessing, Lucian and others dug up the graves. A strong and fragrant odor from the relics of these saints filled the cave. Stephen's relics were solemnly translated to Zion and there buried with ceremony, and the relics of the others were taken to a hill above the cave and laid to rest in a church there. Later, Stephen's healing relics were translated to Constantinople.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Photeini the wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

*Make your vows and pay them to
the Lord our God. God is known in Judaea;
His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the First Epistle of
Saint Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا،

الله مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرِّسُولِ

الأولى إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ (3:9-17)

يَا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّا نَحْنُ عَامِلُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ، وَأَنْتُمْ حَرْثُ اللَّهِ وَبِنَاءُ اللَّهِ. أَنَا بِحَسَبِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْمُعْطَاةِ لِي، كَبْنَاءِ حَكِيمٍ وَضَعْتُ الْأَسَاسَ وَآخَرُ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ. فَلْيَنْظُرْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَيْفَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ. إِذْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَضَعَ أَسَاسًا غَيْرَ الْمَوْضُوعِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يَبْنِي عَلَى هَذَا الْأَسَاسِ ذَهَبًا أَوْ فِضَّةً أَوْ حِجَارَةً ثَمِينَةً أَوْ خَشَبًا أَوْ حَشِيشًا أَوْ تِبْنًا. فَإِنَّ عَمَلَ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ سَيَكُونُ بَيِّنًا، لِأَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ سَيُظْهِرُهُ لِأَنَّهُ يُعْلَنُ بِالنَّارِ، وَسَتَمْتَحِنُ النَّارُ عَمَلَ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَا هُوَ. فَمَنْ بَقِيَ عَمَلُهُ الَّذِي بَنَاهُ عَلَى الْأَسَاسِ، فَسَيَنَالُ أَجْرَةً. وَمَنْ اخْتَرَقَ عَمَلُهُ، فَسَيَخْسَرُ، وَسَيَخْلُصُ هُوَ وَلَكِنْ كَمَنْ يَمُرُّ فِي النَّارِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ وَأَنَّ رُوحَ اللَّهِ سَاكِنٌ فِيكُمْ؟ مَنْ يُفْسِدُ هَيْكَلَ اللَّهِ يُفْسِدُهُ اللَّهُ لِأَنَّ هَيْكَلَ اللَّهِ مُقَدَّسٌ، وَهُوَ أَنْتُمْ

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

فصلٌ شريفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

الإنجيليِّ البَشِيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهر (14:22-34)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، اضْطَرَّ يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا السَّفِينَةَ وَيَسْبِقُوهُ إِلَى الْعَبْرِ حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الْجُمُوعَ. وَلَمَّا صَرَفَ الْجُمُوعَ، صَعِدَ وَخَذَهُ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، كَانَ هُنَاكَ وَخَذَهُ. وَكَانَتِ السَّفِينَةُ فِي وَسْطِ الْبَحْرِ تَكْذُّهَا الْأَمْوَاجُ، لِأَنَّ الرِّيحَ كَانَتْ مُضَادَّةً لَهَا. وَعِنْدَ الْهَجْعَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ مَاشِيًّا عَلَى الْبَحْرِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى التَّلَامِيذُ مَاشِيًّا عَلَى الْبَحْرِ، اضْطَرَبُوا وَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ خَيَالٌ»، وَمِنْ الْخَوْفِ صَرَخُوا. فَلِلْوَقْتِ كَلَّمَهُمْ يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «ثِقُوا، أَنَا هُوَ، لَا تَخَافُوا». فَأَجَابَهُ بُطْرُسُ قَائِلًا: «يَا رَبُّ، إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ هُوَ، فَمُرْنِي أَنْ آتِيَ إِلَيْكَ عَلَى الْمِيَاهِ». فَقَالَ: «تَعَالَ». فَنَزَلَ بُطْرُسُ مِنَ السَّفِينَةِ، وَمَشَى عَلَى الْمِيَاهِ آتِيًّا إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى شِدَّةَ الرِّيحِ، خَافَ، وَإِذْ بَدَأَ يَغْرَقُ، صَاحَ قَائِلًا: «يَا رَبُّ نَجِّنِي!» وَلِلْوَقْتِ مَدَّ يَسُوعُ يَدَهُ وَأَمْسَكَ بِهِ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا قَلِيلَ الْإِيمَانِ، لِمَاذَا شَكَّكْتَ؟» وَلَمَّا دَخَلَا السَّفِينَةَ، سَكَنَتِ الرِّيحُ. فَجَاءَ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا فِي السَّفِينَةِ وَسَجَدُوا لَهُ قَائِلِينَ: «بِالْحَقِيقَةِ أَنْتَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ». وَلَمَّا عَبَرُوا، جَاءُوا إِلَى أَرْضِ جَنْيسَارَتِ

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – 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*

Sep 27 – *OPEN*



SCAN ME

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – *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*



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BAPTISMS

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.

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Today



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MEMORIALS

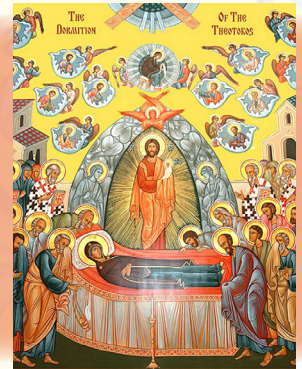
Aug 30 6-Month Memorial Service for †ELIAS
FINO, offered by Afaf Fino and family.



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 • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am 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. 24</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 • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am 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>) • Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Dormition at Saint Mary Church in Palos Heights, IL (<i>see pg. 9</i>) • Teen SOYO Shawerma Outing (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	3:30 pm 7:00 pm After Liturgy
Sat, Aug 15	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Aug 16	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am After Liturgy
Mon, Aug 17	• Finance Committee Zoom Meeting • Teen SOYO Officers’ Meeting • Sunday School Officers’ Meeting	5:00 pm 7:00 pm 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>) • Parish Council Officers’ Meeting	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
Sat, Aug 22	• Sunday School Staff Training (<i>see pg. 13</i>) • Great Vespers Service	9:00 am 5:00 pm
Sun, Aug 23	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) • Great Doxology • Divine Liturgy • Coffee Hour	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:20 am After Liturgy
Thu, Aug 27	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Aug 29	• Teen SOYO All-Day Retreat • Great Vespers Service	10:00 am 5:00 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

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!

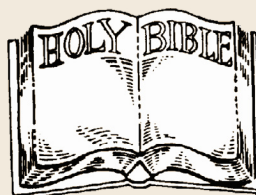
Don't miss out! Add these important dates to your calendar TODAY!

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

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

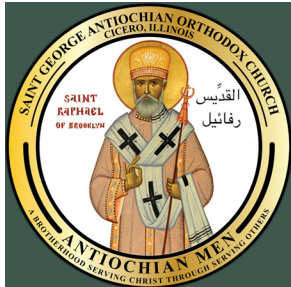


Creative Arts
Festival (CAF)
AWARDS
CEREMONY –
Sunday, August 30, 2026.



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, Aug 20 at 6:00 PM

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

All are Welcome!

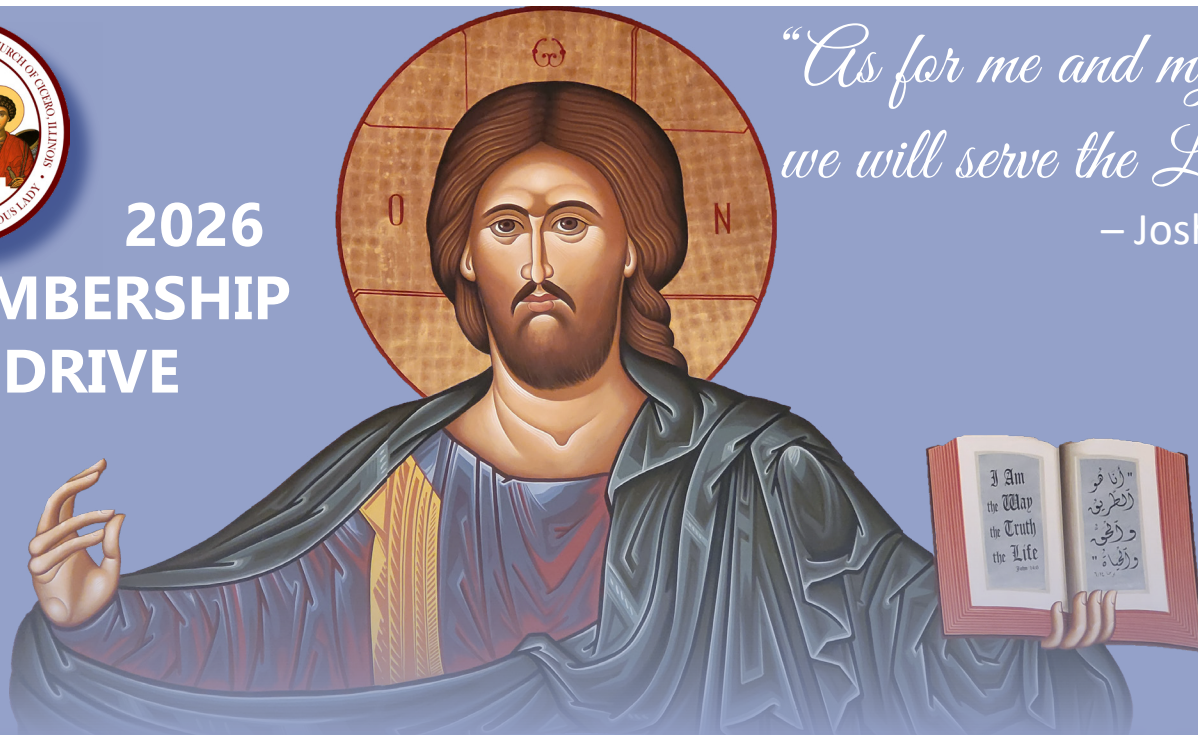
• June 25 • July 9 • July 16 • July 30 • August 20 • August 27 • September 3 •

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,

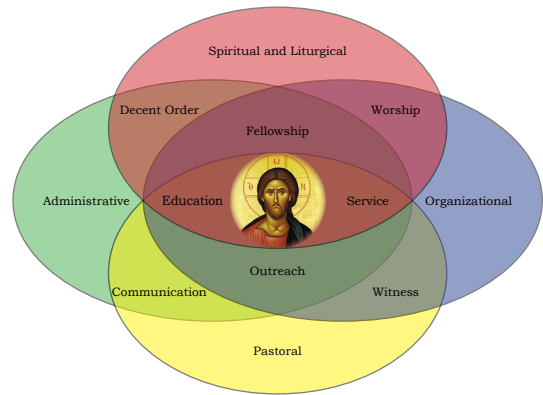
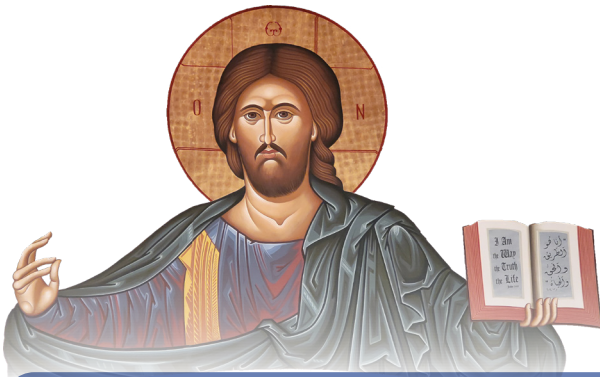
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united
in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- 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

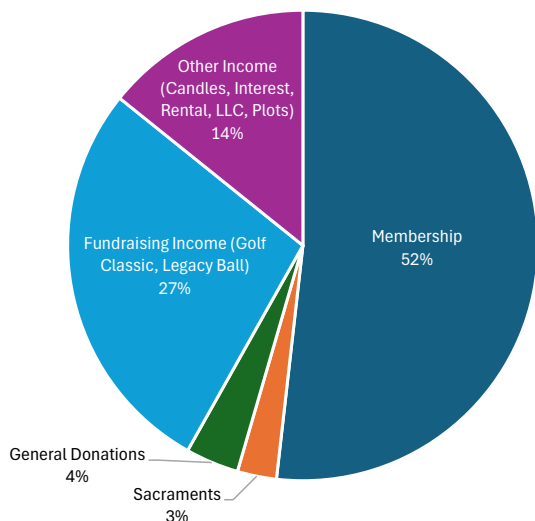
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

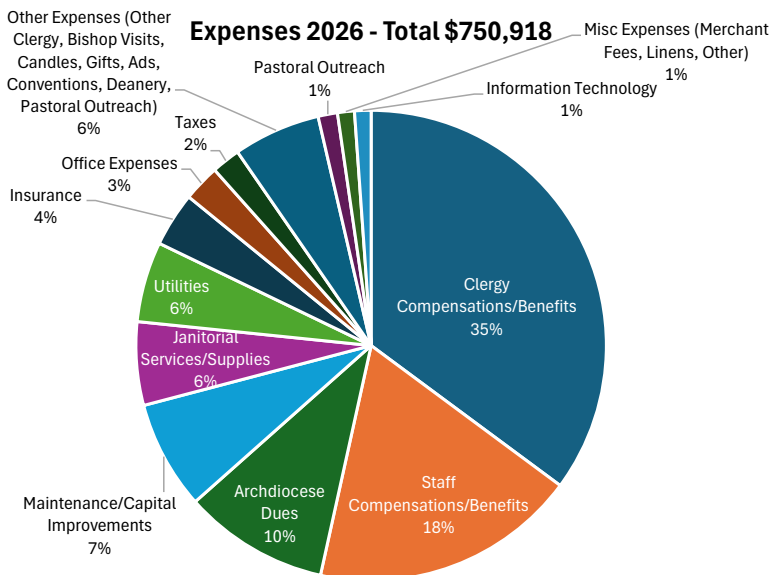
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

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+
☐	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+
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ELENA RIHANI

ALTERNATES

RANEEM KARAM
CELINE MRAIBE

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SOPHIA LUSSI



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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 ★

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★ 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

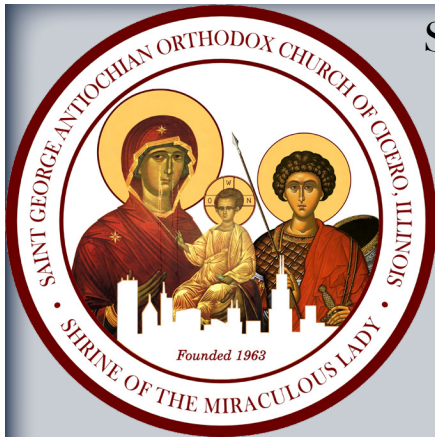
Raneem Karam, Grade 6

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The Feast of Transfiguration

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