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AND THE TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



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

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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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
الْكُلَّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ، يَا حَمَلَ اللَّهِ يَا ابْنَ الْآبِ، يَا رَافِعَ
خَطِيئَةِ الْعَالَمِ ارْحَمْنَا، يَا رَافِعَ خَطَايَا الْعَالَمِ
تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنَا أَيُّهَا الْجَالِسُ عَنْ يَمِينِ الْآبِ
وَارْحَمْنَا

لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ
يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ، فِي مَجْدِ اللَّهِ الْآبِ، آمِينَ.
فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ،
وَالْإِلَهِي إِلَى الْأَبَدِ

أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ 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 إِلَهِي
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.

قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

عَظِيمٌ هُوَ الرَّبُّ وَمُسَبَّحٌ جِدًّا فِي مَدِينَةِ إِلَهِنَا فِي جَبَلِ قُدْسِهِ. أَلْمُتْنِبْتُ الْجِبَالَ بِقُوَّتِهِ، أَلْمُتَمَنِّطُ بِالْقُدْرَةِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

الْلَّابِسُ النُّورَ مِثْلَ الثَّوْبِ. الْجِبَالُ سَتَهَلِّلُ قُدَّامَ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ آتٍ. إِنَّهُ آتٍ لِيَدِينِ الْأَرْضَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا. الْمَجْدُ لِلَّابِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ. الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Zion is our mother, a man shall say, and such a man was born in her; and the Most High Himself hath established her.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

فِي الْجِبَالِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ أَسَاسَاتُهَا. الرَّبُّ يُحِبُّ أَبْوَابَ صِهْيُونَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ جَمِيعِ مَسَاكِينِ يَعْقُوبَ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

فِيكَ قِيلَتْ الْمَفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ اللَّهِ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

الْإِنْسَانُ يَقُولُ إِنَّ أُمِّي هِيَ صِهْيُونُ، وَإِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ وُلِدَ فِيهَا، وَإِنَّ الْعَلِيِّ نَفْسَهُ هُوَ الَّذِي أَسَّسَهَا.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ تَجَلَّى عَلَى طُورِ تَابُورٍ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

الْمَجْدُ لِلَّابِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدَ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

لَمَرَا حِمِكَ يَا رَبُّ أَسْبَحْ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ. السَّمَاوَاتُ تَعْتَرِفُ بِعَجَائِبِكَ يَا رَبُّ، وَبَأْمَانَتِكَ فِي جَمَاعَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ. طُوبَى لِلشَّعْبِ الَّذِي يَعْرِفُ التَّهْلِيلَ. يَا رَبُّ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ يَبْتَهِجُونَ وَبِاسْمِكَ يَتَهَلَّلُونَ النَّهَارَ كُلَّهُ.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION (TONE 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

لَمَّا تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ فِي الْجَبَلِ، أَظْهَرْتَ مَجْدَكَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ حَسَبَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا، فَأَشْرَقَ لَنَا نُحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ نَوْرَكَ الْأَزَلِيِّ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْوِدَّةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، يَا مَانِحَ النُّورِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

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

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمُخَلِّصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِدُبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدَّكَ.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION (TONE 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

لَمَّا تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ فِي الْجَبَلِ، أَظْهَرْتَ مَجْدَكَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ حَسَبَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا، فَأَشْرَقَ لَنَا نُحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ نَوْرَكَ الْأَزَلِيِّ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْوِدَّةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، يَا مَانِحَ النُّورِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

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

بِمَا أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِي فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF 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 * اكْتُبْ 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 9th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ, and we commemorate the holy Apostle Matthias.

Judas went out and was raised up on a halter

Matthias came in and was raised up on a scaffold.

On the ninth, single-hearted Matthias was raised on a scaffold.

Born in Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, he was a pupil of St. Simeon the Host of God in Jerusalem. Matthias was among those who loved the Lord with all their hearts. Matthias was at first included among the “Seventy” Apostles of Christ, but, after the Lord’s Resurrection, because the place of Judas the betrayer fell vacant, the apostles chose Matthias to take his place as one of the twelve Great Apostles (Acts 1:23). Receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Matthias began to preach the Gospel, first in Judea then in Ethiopia, where he suffered greatly for the sake of Christ. In Judea, he was arrested and taken for trial before Ananias the High Priest, before whom he fearlessly witnessed to Christ. Ananias—the same who had earlier killed the Apostle James—condemned Matthias to death. Thus the Apostle went to the eternal joy of his Lord.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of America. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of
Saint Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)**

Brethren, God has revealed us, the apostles, last of all, as those appointed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are glorified, but we are dishonored. Even to this present hour, we both hunger and thirst, we are naked, and are buffeted, and are restless; and we labor, working with our own hands. While reviled, we bless; while persecuted, we endure; while blasphemed, we exhort; we have become the filth of the world and the off-scouring of all things, even until now. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children; for though you have a myriad of tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I begat you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا.

إِبْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ

الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ (4:9-16)

يَا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَبْرَزَنَا نَحْنُ الرُّسُلُ آخِرِي
النَّاسِ، كَأَنَّا مَجْعُولُونَ لِلْمَوْتِ. لِأَنَّا قَدْ صِرْنَا
مَشْهُدًا لِلْعَالَمِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْبَشَرِ. نَحْنُ جُهَّالٌ مِنْ
أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَحُكَمَاءُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ. نَحْنُ
ضُعَفَاءُ، وَأَنْتُمْ أَقْوِيَاءُ. أَنْتُمْ مُكْرَّمُونَ، وَنَحْنُ
مُهَانُونَ. وَإِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ نَحْنُ نَجُوعٌ وَنَعْطَشُ
وَنَعْرَى وَنُلْطَمُ وَلَا قَرَارَ لَنَا. وَنَتَعَبُ عَامِلِينَ.
نُسْتَمُّ، فَتُبَارِكُ. نُضْطَهَدُ، فَنَحْتَمِلُ. يُشْتَنَعُ عَلَيْنَا،
فَنَنْضَرَّعُ. قَدْ صِرْنَا كَأَقْدَارِ الْعَالَمِ وَكَأَوْسَاخٍ
يَسْتَحْبِثُهَا الْجَمِيعُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَسْتُ لِأُخْجِلْكُمْ
أَكْتُبُ هَذَا، وَإِنَّمَا أَعْظُكُمْ كَأَوْلَادِي الْأَحِبَّاءِ. لِأَنَّهُ
وَلَوْ كَانَ لَكُمْ رَبُّوَةٌ مِنَ الْمُرْشِدِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ،
لَيْسَ لَكُمْ آبَاءٌ كَثِيرُونَ. لِأَنِّي أَنَا وَلَدْتُكُمْ فِي
الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِالْإِنْجِيلِ. فَأَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونُوا
مُقْتَدِينَ بِي

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (17:14-23)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ، فَجَثَا لَهُ وَقَالَ: «يَا رَبُّ، ارْحَمِ ابْنِي، فَإِنَّهُ يُعَذِّبُ فِي رُؤُوسِ الْأَهْلَةِ وَيَتَأَلَّمُ شَدِيداً، لِأَنَّهُ يَقَعُ كَثِيراً فِي النَّارِ وَكَثِيراً فِي الْمَاءِ. وَقَدْ قَدَّمْتُهُ لِتَلَامِيذِكَ، فَلَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا أَنْ يَشْفُوهُ. فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «أَيُّهَا الْجِيلُ غَيْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِ الْأَعْوَجُ، إِلَى مَتَى أَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ؟ حَتَّى مَتَى أَحْتَمِلُكُمْ؟ هَلُمَّ بِهِ إِلَيَّ إِلَى هَهُنَا. وَانْتَهَرَهُ يَسُوعُ، فَخَرَجَ مِنْهُ الشَّيْطَانُ، وَشَفِيَ الْغُلَامُ مِنْ تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ. حِينَئِذٍ، دَنَا التَّلَامِيذُ إِلَى يَسُوعَ عَلَى انْفِرَادٍ، وَقَالُوا: «لِمَاذَا لَمْ نَسْتَطِعْ نَحْنُ أَنْ نُخْرِجَهُ؟» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «لِعَدَمِ إِيْمَانِكُمْ. فَإِنِّي الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، لَوْ كَانَ لَكُمْ إِيْمَانٌ مِثْلَ حَبَّةِ الْخَرْدَلِ، لَكُنْتُمْ تَقُولُونَ لِهَذَا الْجَبَلِ: «انْتَقِلْ مِنْ هَهُنَا إِلَى هُنَاكَ، فَيَنْتَقِلُ» وَلَا يَتَعَذَّرُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَيْءٌ. وَهَذَا الْجِنْسُ لَا يَخْرُجُ إِلَّا بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالصَّوْمِ.» وَإِذْ كَانُوا يَتَرَدَّدُونَ فِي الْجَلِيلِ، قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «إِنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ مُزْمِعٌ أَنْ يُسَلَّمَ إِلَى أَيْدِي النَّاسِ. فَيَقْتُلُونَهُ، وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ يَقُومُ.»

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – 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**



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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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MEMORIALS

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

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
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. 12</i>)	3:30 pm
	• Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Dormition at Saint Mary Church in Palos Heights, IL (<i>see pg. 12</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Teen SOYO Shawerma Outing (<i>see pg. 14</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
Sat, Aug 22	• Sunday School Staff Training (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	9:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Aug 23	• 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
Thu, Aug 27	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Aug 29	• Teen SOYO All-Day Retreat	10:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Aug 30	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Creative Arts Festival (CAF) Awards Ceremony (<i>see pgs. 22-23</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	After Liturgy
Thu, Sep 3	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	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

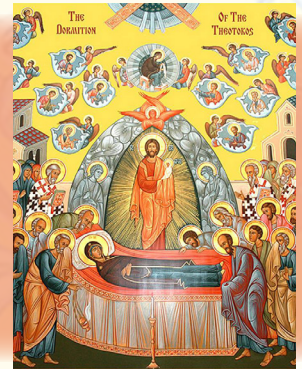
Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL

»»»»»»»» AUGUST 9, 2026 ««««««««

REGISTRATION!

Sunday School Registration is now OPEN!

Grades PreK-12! Sign-up your student(s) TODAY!

Sunday School
REGISTRATION online
only. Use the QR Code in
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SAT, AUG 22, 2026

Sunday School STAFF
TRAINING – 9:00^{am}-3:00^{pm}

SUN, AUG 23, 2026

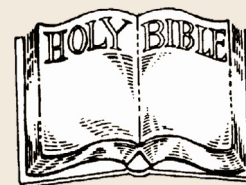
ORIENTATION PACKETS
distributed to Parents –
After Liturgy

SUN, SEP 13, 2026

- BLESSING of the
Sunday School
Building, Students, and
Parents – After Liturgy



- FIRST DAY
OF CLASSES –
After Blessing



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



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!

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

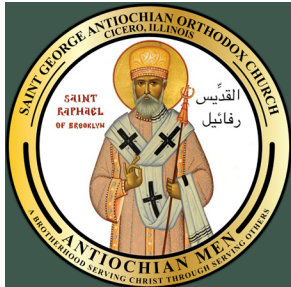
Thurs-Sat, October 15-17

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

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

Thu-Sat,
OCT 8-10/2026:

A-Men Pilgrimage to Antiochian Village in
Pennsylvania

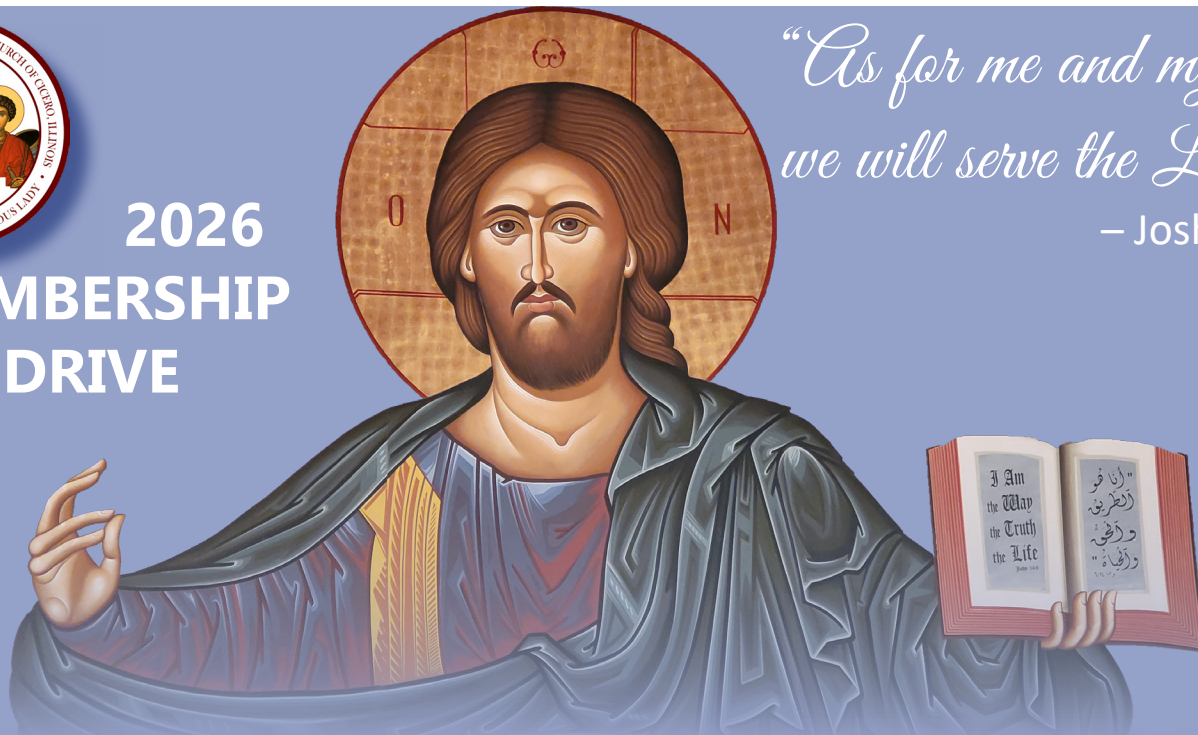
Sat, DEC 12/2026: Advent Spiritual Retreat

Sat, JAN 9/2026: Annual Shawerma Night

ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited



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.

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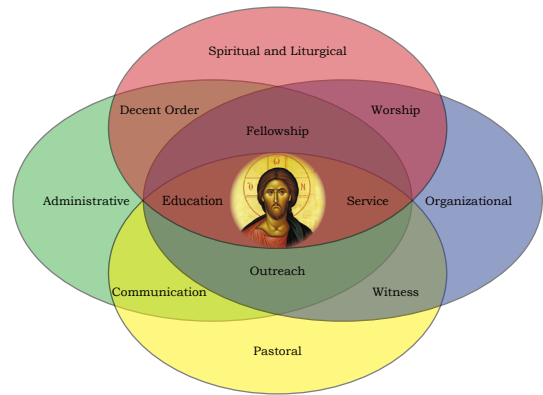
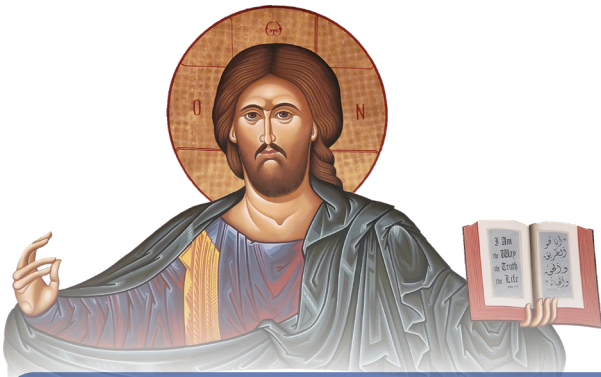
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united
in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- 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

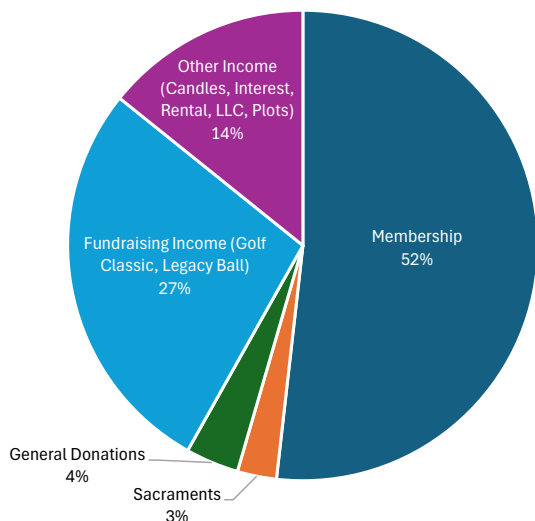
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

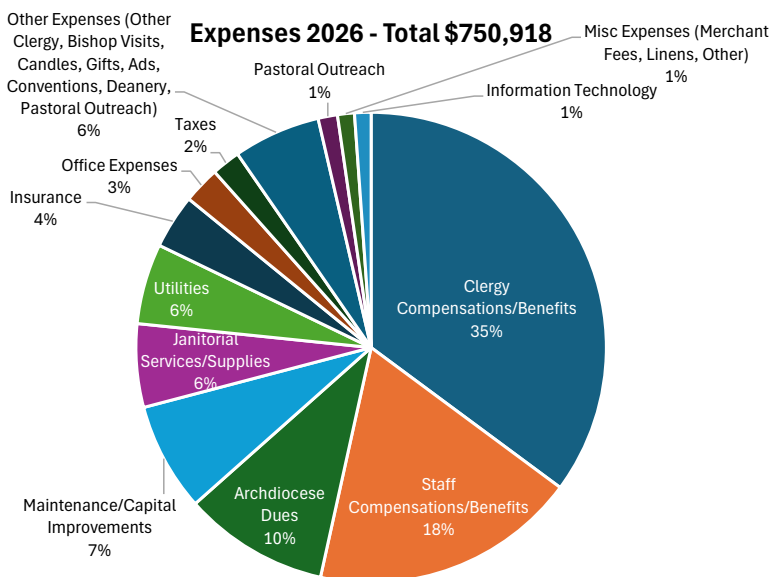
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

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+
☐	Guardian Steward	\$3,600+	\$300+	\$68+	\$9+
☐	Protector Steward	\$2,400+	\$200+	\$46+	\$6+
☐	Archangel Steward	\$1,800+	\$150+	\$35+	\$5+
☐	Angel Steward	\$1200+	\$100+	\$23+	\$3+

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

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TO
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CONGRATULATIONS

MIDWEST DIOCESE BIBLE BOWL

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

4TH PLACE

PRE-TEEN TEAM

MARIELLA KHOURY
AVA MASSIH
ELENA RIHANI

ALTERNATES

RANEEM KARAM
CELINE MRAIBE

STUDY-BUDDY

SOPHIA LUSSI



1ST PLACE

TEEN TEAM

ANA CORONEL
JOHN KARAM
MENA KHOURY

ALTERNATE

CATALINA CORONEL

STUDY-BUDDY

NATALIA LUSSI



1ST PLACE

ADULT TEAM

NATHANIEL HUMPHREY
KAREEM KHOURY

ALTERNATE

SH. LINDA BYNUM

STUDY-BUDDY

ANTHONY MASSIH



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

ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS

Friday, June 19, 2026

JUNIOR ORATORICAL

★ SOPHIA KHOURY ★

SENIOR ORATORICAL

★ MENA KHOURY ★



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CONGRATULATIONS

CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL 2026 MIDWEST DIOCESE PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

ART

1ST PLACE

Niveen Shaheen, Grade 10

2ND PLACE

Ana Coronel, Grade 10

3RD PLACE

Lorene Butros, Grade 3

Katherine Conopeotis, Grade 9

Katherine Saba, Grade 10

CONTESTANTS

Mia Imreibe, Grade 1

Ava Imreibe, Grade 3

Sophia Lenhart, Grade 3

Amelia Youel, Grade 4

Julianna Zayed, Grade 5



POETRY

1ST PLACE

Jonah Youel, Grade 1

2ND PLACE

Ava Massih, Grade 6

3RD PLACE

Sam Shaheen, Grade 7

Katherine Conopeotis, Grade 9

Katherine Saba, Grade 10

CONTESTANTS

Mousa Saba, Grade 7

Jacob Zayed, Grade 7



PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE

Evelyn Khoshaba, Grade 2

Celine Mraibie, Grade 5

Celine Qumri, Grade 8

2ND PLACE

Catalina Coronel, Grade 7

Katherine Conopeotis, Grade 9



WRITING

2ND PLACE

Raneem Karam, Grade 6

John Karam, Grade 8



ALL PROJECTS of ALL CATEGORIES

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

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



The Brotherhood of
the Noble Joseph



BYZANTINE CHOIR

- Introductory Meeting Sun, Sep 13 @ 1^{pm}
- Weekly Zoom Classes
- Monthly In-Person Rehearsal @ 3^{pm}
followed by Great Vespers Service @ 5^{pm}

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE

SUN, AUG 30

NO ONE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE!



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

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