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

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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.

أهلا و سهلا! Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan!

#### THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who has shown forth the Light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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المَجْدُ لَكَ يا مُظهرَ النور، المَجْدُ اللهِ في العَلاءِ، وعلى الأرْضِ السَّلامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسترة نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبِارِ كُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ أجل عظيم جَلالِ مَجْدِك

أيُّها الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّماويُّ، الإلهُ، الآبُ الضابطُ الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإبْنُ الوَحيدُ، يا يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، ويا أيُّها الرّوحُ القُدُس

أيُّها الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يا حَمَلَ الله يا ابنَ الآب، يا رافِعَ خطيئة العالم ارْحَمْنا، يا رافِعَ خَطايا العالم

تَقبَّلْ تَضرُّ عَنا أَيُّها الجالِسُ عَنْ يمينِ الآبِ و ارْ حَمْنا

لأنَّكَ أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ الْمَسيحُ، في مَجْدِ اللهِ الآب، آمين. فى كُلِّ بَومٍ أَبارِكُك، وأَسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إلى الأبَدِ، والي أبَدِ الأبَد

أهِّلْنا يا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ في هذا اليَومِ بِغيرِ خَطيئةٍ.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ بِا رَبُّ إلهَ آبائِنا، وَمُسَبَّحٌ ومُمَجَّدٌ اسْمُكَ إلى الأبدِ، آمين

لِتَكُنْ يِا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنا، كَمِثْل اتِّكالِنا عَليك.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ يا رَبُّ عَلِّمني حُقوقَك. (ثلاثاً)

يا رَبُّ مَلْجاً كُنْتَ لنا في جيلٍ وجيلٍ، أنا قلْتُ يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْني واشْفِ نَفْسى لَأَنَّني قد خَطِئتُ

يا رَبُّ إليكَ لجأتُ فَعَلِّمْني أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رضاكَ، لأنَّكَ أنتَ هُوَ إلهي

لأنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عِيْنَ الحياةِ، وبنوركَ نعاينُ النورِ. فابسُطْ رَحْمَتُكَ على الذين يعرفونَك.

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المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوح القُدُسِ.

الآنَ وكُلَّ أوان وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارحَمْنا.

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#### **TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS**

#### **RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 2)**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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.

هَلُمّوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا والهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأمواتِ، لِنُرَتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا

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#### 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.

بما أنَّكَ للمأسُورينَ مُحَررٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقراءِ والمَستاكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضتى طبيبٌ وشافٍ وعنِ المؤمنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاور جيوسُ اللَّإِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

#### KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos who nourisheth our life.

إِنَّ يُوَاكِيمَ وَحَنَّةَ مِنْ عَارِ الْعُقْرِ أُطْلِقًا، وَآدَمَ وَحَوَّاءَ مِنْ فَسَادِ الْمَوْت، بِمَوْلِدِكِ الْمُقَدَّسِ يَا طَاهِرَةُ أُعْتِقًا. فَلَهُ يُعَيِّدُ شَعْبُكِ، وقَدْ تَخَلَّصَ مِنْ وَصْمَةِ الزَّلاَّتِ، صَارِخًا نَحْوَكِ: أَلْعَاقِرُ تَلِدُ وَالْدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْمُغَذِّيةَ حَيَاتَنَا.



## 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.

إني أنا عبدُكِ يا والدةَ الإله\* اكتُبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةً مُحامية \* وأُقدمُ لكِ الشُكرَ كَمُنقذةٍ منَ الشَّدائد \* لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَةَ التي لا تُحَارَب \* اعتقيني من صئنوف الشدائد \* حتى أصرُ خَ إليكِ إفر حي يا عروساً لا عروس لها.

#### **EPISTLE READERS**

English			Arabic	
	Fadel Khoury	Today	Sandy Eseed	
	Anthony Massih	Aug 31	Amanda Imseih	

#### THE SYNAXARION

On August 24th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Eutyches, disciple of John the Theologian and Paul the Apostle.

Prosperously hast thou prospered, prosperity's namesake; With God as thy portion, O Eutyches, hast thou prospered. On the twenty-fourth, a stone hid Eutyches.

Though not numbered among the Seventy Apostles, Eutyches is also called an apostle because he was a disciple of the great apostles and he displayed true apostolic zeal in his evangelical service. Consecrated a missionary bishop, Eutyches traveled much, having an angel as his companion. In prison, he received heavenly bread from an angel. When his body was scraped with a serrated iron rod, blood flowed from him with unusual fragrant myrrh. Eutyches was thrown into a fire and before wild beasts and finally beheaded with a sword in Sebastopol, where he had been born. He now resides with the Apostles in the Heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the New Hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



The Lord is my strength and my song.

With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12)

Brethren, the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord. My defense to those who would examine me is this: Do we have no authority regarding what to eat and what to drink? Do we have no authority to lead about a wife, who is a sister, as the rest of the apostles, even as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no authority to refrain from working? Which soldier ever served at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit thereof? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat from the milk of the flock? Do I speak of these things according to human nature? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Thou shalt not muzzle an ox which treads out the grain." Is it for oxen that God cares, or does He say it altogether for our sakes? Indeed, for our sakes it was written: because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope, so that the same might partake in hope. If we have sown in you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we should reap your carnal things? If others are partakers of this authority over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this authority, but we endure all things, in order that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

قُوَّتي وتَسْبِحَتي الرَّبُّ الْدَبَا الْدَّبَني الرَّبُّ. فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القِديسِ بُولُسَ الرَسولِ الأولى إلى أهْلِ كورِنْتُوس (12-9:2)

يا إخْوَةُ، إنَّ خاتَمَ رسالتي هُوَ أنْتُمْ في الرَّبِّ. وهذا هُوَ احْتِجاجي عندَ الذينَ يَفْحَصونَني. أَلَعَلِّنا لا سُلطانَ لَنا أَنْ ناكُلَ ونَشْرَب؟ أَلَعَلَّنا لا سُلطانَ لنا أنْ نَجُولَ بامْراةِ أُخْتِ كسائِر الرسئل، وإخوةِ الرَّبِّ وصنفا؟ أمْ أنا وبَرنابا وحْدَنا لا سُلْطانَ لنا أَنْ لا نَشْتَغِلَ؟ مَنْ يَتَجَنَّدُ قَطَّ والنفَقَةُ على نَفسِهِ؟ مَنْ يَغْرِسُ كَرْماً ولا يِأْكُلُ مِنْ ثَمَرهِ؟ أو مَنْ يَرْعي قطيعاً ولا يأكُلُ مِنْ لَبَن القَطيع؟ ألعَلَّى أتَكَلَّمُ بهذا بِحَسَبِ البشريَّةِ؟ أَمْ لَيْسَ الناموسُ أيضاً يقولُ هذا؟ فإنَّهُ كُتِبَ في ناموس موسى "لا تَكُمَّ ثَوْراً دارساً." ألعلَّ اللهُ تُهمُّهُ الثيران؟ أمْ قالَ ذلكَ من أجلنا لا محالة؟ بَلْ إنَّما كُتِبَ من أجلنا. لأنَّهُ يَنْبَغي لِلْحارِثِ أَنْ يَحْرُثُ على الرَّجاءِ، ولِلدارسِ على الرَّجاءِ أَنْ يَكُونَ شريكاً في الرَّجاء. إنْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ قَدْ زَرَعْنَا لَكُمْ الروحِيَّاتِ، أَفَيكُونُ عَظيماً أَنْ نَحْصُدَ مِنْكُمُ الجسدِيَّات؟ إِنْ كَانَ آخَرونَ يَشْتركونَ في السلطان عليكُم، أفلسنا نحن أَوْلِي؟ لَكِنَّا لَمْ نَسْتَعْمِلْ هَذَا السُّلطانَ، بَلْ نَحْتَمِلُ كُلَّ شَيءِ لِئَّلا نُسَبِّبَ تَعْوِيقاً ما لِبشارَةِ المسيح

## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

# فَصْلٌ شَريفٌ مِنْ بِشَارَةِ القِدّيسِ مَتّى الإنْجيلِيّ البَشير والتِّلْميذِ الطاهِر (35-18:23)

قالَ الرَّبُّ هَذا المَثل: يُشْبِهُ ملكوتُ السماواتِ إنساناً مَلِكاً أرادَ أَنْ يُحاسِبَ عبيدَهُ. فَلَمَّا بَدَأَ بالمحاسبة، أحضر إليه واحدٌ عليه عشْرةُ آلاف و زنة و إذْ لَمْ يكُنْ لَهُ ما يُوفِي، أَمَرَ سيّدُهُ أَنْ يُباعَ هو وامر أَتُهُ وأولادُهُ وكُلُّ ما لهُ ويُوفَى عنهُ. فَخَرَّ ذلِكَ العبْدُ ساجِداً لِـه قَائِلاً: تَمَهَّلْ عَلَـيَّ فأُو فِبِكَ كُلَّ ما لَكَ. فَرَقَّ سَيِّدُ ذلِكَ العبْدِ و أَطْلُقَهُ، وَتَرَكَ لَـهُ الدَيْن. وبعدَ ما خَرجَ ذلكَ العبدُ، وَجَدَ عبداً مِنْ رُ فَقَائِهِ مَدْيُوناً لَـهُ بِمِئَةِ دِينارٍ ، فأَمْسَكَهُ وأَخَذَ يَخْنُقُهُ قَائِلاً: أَوْفِنِي مِا لِي عَلَيْكَ. فَخَرَّ ذلِكَ العبْدُ على قَدْمَيْهِ، وطَلَبَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلاً: تَمَهَّلْ عَلَيَّ، فأو فيكَ كُلَّ ما لَكَ. فَأَبِي، وَمَضيى وَطَرَحَهُ في السجْن حتى يُو فِيَ الدَّيْنِ. فَلَمَّا رِأَى رُفَقاؤُهُ ما كانَ، حَزِنُوا جِدّاً وجاءُوا فأعْلَمُوا سيّدَهُمْ بِكُلّ ما كان. حينئِذِ دَعاهُ سَيِّدُهُ وقِالَ لَـهُ: أَيُّها العَبْدُ الشِّرِّيرُ! كُلُّ ما كانَ عليكَ تَرَكْتُهُ لَكَ لأنَّكَ طَلَبْتَ إلَى أَفْمَا كانَ يَنْبَغي لَكَ أَنْ تَرْ حَمَ أَنْتَ أَيضاً ر فيقَكَ كَما رَحِمْتُكَ أَنا؟ وَ غَضبَ سيّدُهُ، وَدَفَعَهُ إلى المعذّبينَ حتى يُوفِيَ جميع ما له عليهِ فهَكذا أبي السماويُّ يَصننعُ بكُمْ إِنْ لَمْ تَثْرُكُوا مِنْ قُلُوبِكُمْ كُلُّ واحِدٍ لأخيهِ ز لأته

#### **Holy Bread Offered By:**

Today – Klemans Zayed and Family



 Riad and Yara Abawi and Family

Aug 31 - Nader and Lana Mubayed and Family

Sep 7 – Saint George Sunday School Staff and Students and their **Families** 

**Sep 14 - OPEN** 

Sep 21 – *OPEN* 

**Sep 28 - OPEN** 



#### **Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

Today - Klemans Zayed and Family



Aug 31 – *OPEN* 

Sep 7 - Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and Family

Sep 14 - OPEN

Sep 21 - OPEN

**Sep 28 - OPEN** 



**YAF COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS** 



→ Aug 31 - George Fashho

→ Sep 7 - Fr. Gabriel, Kh. Amelia and Family

#### **CHURCHINGS**

Today MUNTHER, son of Jacob and Nicole Rayyan.

DOUNIA, Sep 7 NATALIA daughter of Sonhero and Amanda Khoshaba.

#### **BAPTISMS**

SALIBA, son of Dr. David and Alexa **Aug 31** Rayan.

**CHRISMATIONS** 

#### Last Sunday NOOR Dababneh.

FADIA Jugovich Sep 7

**EMILY** Jugovich

#### **BLESSING OF RINGS**

YACOUB, son of †Majed and Salwa Last Sunday Awwad, and JEANETTE, daughter of Nicola and Mary Habash.

#### WEDDINGS

Aug 30 CJ Kari and NOOR Dababneh.

#### COMMEMORATIONS

Today Commemoration for **†FARHA ABAWI**, offered by Riad and Yara Abawi and family.

#### **MEMORIALS**

Today 6-Month Memorial Service for †NADIA LUSSI, offered by Klemans Zayed and family and the Lussi family.

#### CONDOLENCES

The clergy and parishioners of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Cicero offer their sincerest condolences to:

Riad and Yara Abawi and family on the falling asleep of his mother, **†FARHA ABAWI**, this past week in Jordan.

Memory Eternal!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
Today	Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am				
	Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am				
	· Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am				
	<ul> <li>Creative Arts Festival Awards Ceremony (see pgs. 10-12)</li> </ul>	After Liturgy				
	Coffee Hour	After Liturgy				
	AC2025 Convention Team Appreciation Celebration and Dinner	1:00 pm				
Mon, Aug 25	Parish Council Monthly Zoom Meeting	7:00 pm				
Tue, Aug 26	Missions and Evangelism Committee Meeting	7:00 pm				
Fri, Aug 29	Antiochian Men (A-MEN) End of Summer Cookout <i>(see pg. 21)</i>	7:00 pm				
Sun, Aug 31	Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am				
	<ul> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	9:15 am				
	· Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am				
	Coffee Hour	After Liturgy				
	<ul> <li>Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 16)</li> </ul>	After Liturgy				
	SEPTEMBER IS YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF) MONTH					
Mon, Sep 1	OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY					
	Holy Indiction (Ecclesiastical New Year)					
Wed, Sep 3	Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Meeting	7:00 pm				
Thu, Sep 4	Parish Council Officers' Zoom Meeting	6:00 pm				
Sat, Sep 6	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm				
Sun, Sep 7	Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am				
	<ul> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>	9:15 am				
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am				
	<ul> <li>Sunday School Induction and Blessing of Building, Students, and</li> </ul>	After Liturgy				
	Parents and Orientation Packet distribution to Parents (see pg. 24)					
	• Sunday School First Day of Classes (see pg. 24)	After Liturgy				
	· Coffee Hour	After Liturgy				
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 16)	After Liturgy				
Fri, Sep 12	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm				
Sat, Sep 13	Great Vespers Service for Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross	6:00 pm				
	<ul> <li>Annual Bonfire hosted by Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) (see pg. 17)</li> </ul>	After Vespers				
Sun, Sep 14	Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am				
	Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am				
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am				
	• Sunday School Classes  Personalize for the Food of the Floreties of the Green	After Communion				
	Procession for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross     Coffee House	After Liturgy				
	Coffee Hour     Value Adult Fallowship (VAF) Coffee and Fallowship (and an 16)	After Liturgy				
F.: 0 - 10	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 16)	After Liturgy				
Fri, Sep 19	AC2025 Executive Committee Final Close-Out Meeting	7:00 pm				

#### <u>SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH</u> CICERO. ILLINOIS

# CONGRATULATIONS

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### 2ND PLACE PRE-TEEN TEAM

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

#### **EXAM PARTICIPANTS**

- Charlie Barbari
- **Anthony Batmani**
- Raneem Karam

### IST PLACE AND

MATIONAL CHAMPIONS

#### TEEN TEAM

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

#### **EXAM PARTICIPANTS**

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

### 1ST PLACE **ADULT TEAM**

- **Nathaniel Humphrey**
- Anthony Massih
- **Anthony Montesinos**

#### **EXAM PARTICIPANTS**

Linda Bynum

ALL NAMES LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

### ORATORICAL CONTINTS

1ST PLACE JUNIOR ORATORICAL

Juliana Nawas

JUNIOR ORATORICAL PARTICIPANT

Katherine Saba

IST PLACE AND MATIONAL CONTESTAN SENIOR ORATORICAL

Sophia Layous

SENIOR ORATORICAL PARTICIPANT

Mena Khoury

## SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CICERO. ILLINOIS

# CONGRATULATIONS

### POSTRY

#### IST PLACE

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

#### 2ND PLACE

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

#### 3RD PLACE

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

ALL PROJECTS

OF

ALL CATEGORIES

WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE

CHURCH HALL ON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025.

### ART

#### IST PLACE

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

#### 2ND PLACE

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

#### 3RD PLACE

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

#### CONTESTANTS

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

### MUNITURE

#### IST PLACE

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

#### ZNID PLACE

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

### PROTOGRAPRY

#### IST PLACE

Catalina Coronel - 6th Grade

#### CONTESTANTS

Christian Barbari – 2nd Grade

# WAY TO GO CICERO!





ORATORICAL NATIONAL
CONTESTANT

#### SOPHIA LAYOUS

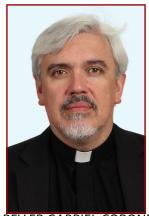
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"MY KIND OF TOWN" THURSDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Christina Araj

**ARABIAN NIGHTS FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT** 

Faten Imseeh

**ANTIOCHIAN LEGACY BANQUET SATURDAY** 

Lena Fakhouri

**TEEN EVENTS** 

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**YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES** 

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**SATURDAY WELCOME DINNER** 

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**SUNDAY KICK OFF LUNCH** 

Suhaila Imseeh

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Deacon George Nassief The Brotherhood of the Noble

and Joseph

VIP LUNCHEON

ALICE ZAYED

**ANTIOCHIAN GAME SHOW MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT** 

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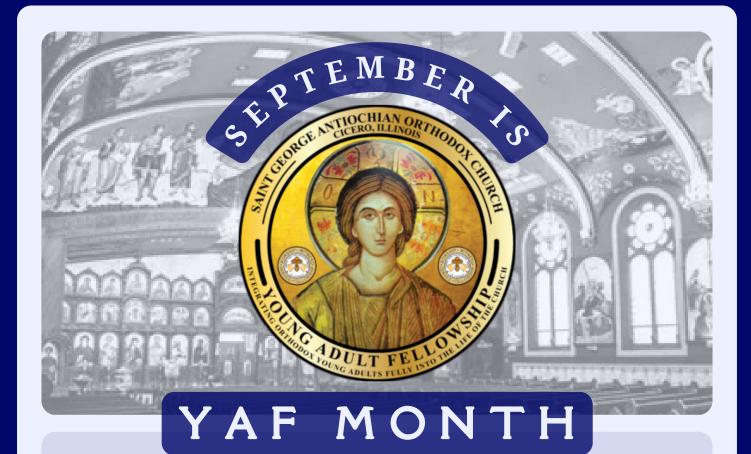
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Please forgive us if we missed anyone's name.

Thank you to everyone who has made this a successful convention!



Sun, September 7 Following Liturgy

**Coffee Hour** - Courtyard Padre vs President Ping Pong Match

Sat, September 13 6:00 PM Open to All Families **Annual Bonfire & Dinner** - Courtyard Following Great Vespers Service for The Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Sun, September 14 Following Liturgy

**Coffee Hour** - The YAF House Bears vs Lions Game - Viewing & Lunch

Sun, September 21 Following Liturgy

**Coffee Hour** - The YAF House *General Meeting & Elections* 

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



# ANNUAL BONFIRE

Sat | Sep 13 6:00 pm

GREAT VESPERS SERVICE

FOR THE FEAST OF THE

ELEVATION

OF THE CROSS followed by

ANNUAL BONFIRE and

DINNER

in the Church Courtyard



Adults (13+) \$20/ea

Children (6-12) \$10/ea

Ages 0-5 Free







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





August 17, 2025

Dear Members of YAF,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections for the Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) to be held on Sunday, September 21, 2025, after Liturgy (Coffee and Fellowship at 12:00pm and the Annual General Assembly at 12:30pm) in The YAF House.

At this YAF General Assembly Meeting, the last meeting of the term, all members in good standing will be able to hear reports on the progress of the organization and participate in discussion on how to enhance the work which YAF does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2025-2026 term. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any young adult (college age and up -18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba or Father Gabriel by Sunday, September 14, 2025.

Per the Constitution, only members in good standing, both spiritually and financially, will be eligible to be nominated or vote on all decisions including Elections in the General Assembly Meeting. However, all are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Nominating Committee will receive nominations until Sunday, September 14, 2025. A member of the Committee will then speak with the person nominated to get their acceptance (you can nominate yourself). Per the Constitution, there will be NO nominations accepted from the floor of the meeting on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

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

Yours in Christ.

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel

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Nina Ghanayem

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Spiritual Advisor

Nina Ghanayem *YAF President* 



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### Teen SOYO



August 17, 2025

Dear Members of Teen SOYO,

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the **Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections for the Teen SOYO** to be held on **Saturday, September 20, 2025,** at 5:00 p.m. at Saint George Church.

At this Teen SOYO General Assembly Meeting, the last meeting of the term, all members in good standing will be able to hear reports on the progress of the organization and participate in discussion on how to enhance the work which Teen SOYO does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2025-2026 term. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any teenager (ages 13-18) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba or Father Gabriel by Saturday, September 13, 2025.

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Sophia Fasheh
Teen SOYO President



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### Antiochian Men (A-MEN)



August 17, 2025

Dear Members of Antiochian Men (A-MEN),

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections for the Antiochian Men (A-MEN) to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Saint George Church Hall.

At this A-MEN General Assembly Meeting, the last meeting of the term, all members in good standing will be able to hear reports on the progress of the organization and participate in discussion on how to enhance the work which A-MEN does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2025-2026 term. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any gentleman (ages 18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba, Father Gabriel, or Deacon George Nassief by Saturday, September 13, 2025.

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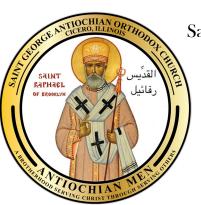
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# Antiochian Men (A-MEN)



Social Gathering

DINNER

SOUCOUTI SOUCOUTI

Little Compline

RSVP by Wed, Aug 27





Fri, Aug 29

@ 7PM

ALL MEN AGES 18+ WELCOME!

#### 19TH ANNUAL

# Walk the Walk for IOCC

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Join us for our 5K Walk/Run and make a difference for those in need around the world!

#### St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church

5649 N. Sheridan Rd. • Chicago, IL 60660

Registration 8:00 AM • Walk/Run Begins 9:00 AM • Breakfast following the race \$25 – Registration before 9/19 | \$35 – Registration after 9/19 | \$10 – Children under 12 Sponsorship levels: Titanium \$2,500 | Platinum \$1,000 | Gold \$500 | Silver \$250

To guarantee a t-shirt, register by 9/19/2025.

Register or sponsor online at

### iocc.org/chicago

Questions? Contact ioccchicago5K@gmail.com





# 2025 MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

#### DID YOU KNOW?

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



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



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



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



Young Adult Fellowship
22 Young adults 18+ attend
Spiritual Retreat and
Monastery Pilgrimage



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



GLORY Club

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



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



North and West Campuses 200+ individuals attend 4-week Lenten Session (combined)

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

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

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - والمنتفى المنتفى المنتفى

# PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE IN THE CHURCH HALL OR

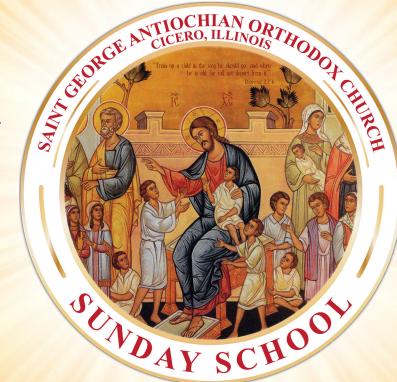
SCAN NOW AND COMPLETE!



# 2025-2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION BEGINS SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN

GRADES
PREK-12



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR of EVENTS

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

· Staff Training

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

 Orientation Packet distributed to Parents after Liturgy

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

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