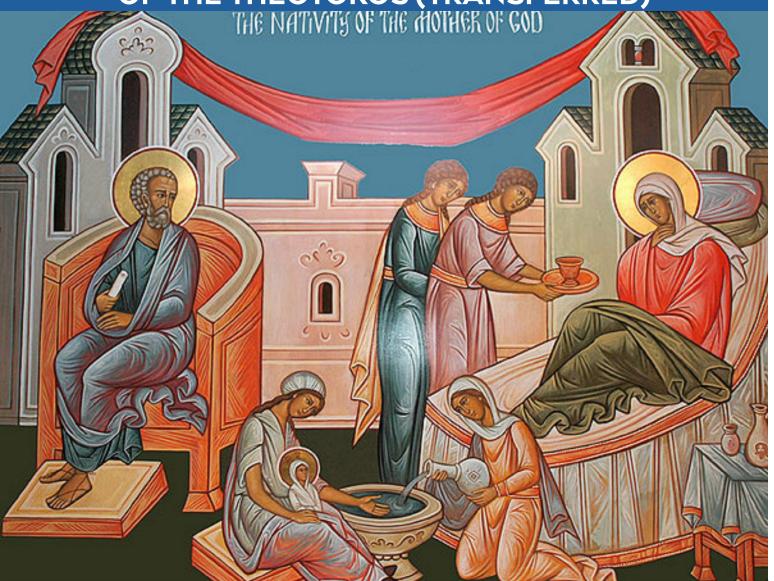


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Confession by Appointment

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.

mercy on us.

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 أَبارِكُكَ، 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 النور. فابسُطْ رَحْمَتُكَ على الذين يعرفونَك.

قُدّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدّوسٌ القويّ، قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يموتُ ارحَمْنا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوح القُدُسِ.

الآنَ وكُلَّ أوان وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارحَمْنا.

قُدّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدّوسٌ الْقَويّ، قُدّوسٌ الْذي لا يَموتُ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.

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

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning.

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.

أُذْكُرْ يَا رَبُّ دَاؤُدَ وَكُلَّ دَعَتِهِ. هوذا قد سمِعْنا به في أفراثا. وجدْناهُ في حقولِ الوَعر.

اللازمة: بِشَفاعات والدة الإله، يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصنا.

فِيكِ قِيلَتِ المَفَاخِرُ يَا مَدِينَةَ الله. أللهُ في وَسَطِها ولذلكَ لنْ تَتَزَعزَع، أللهُ يُعِينُها عندَ انبِلاجِ الصُّبْح.

اللازمة: بِشَفاعات والدَةِ الإله، يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنا. المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوحِ القُدُسِ. الآنَ وكُلَّ أوانٍ وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

اللازمة: بِشَفاعات والدَةِ الإله، يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not annul it. Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

There will I make to spring forth a horn for David. I have prepared a lamp for My Christ.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; 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...

حَلَفَ الرَّبُّ لِدَاوُدَ بالحقِّ وَلا يُخْلِف. إِنِّي مِنْ ثَمَرَةِ بَطْنِكَ أُجْلِسُ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّكَ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنايا أبنَ اللهِ، يامَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأموات، لِنُرَبِّلَ لكَ. هَلِلوييا.

هُنَاكَ أُنْبِتُ لِدَاوُدَ قَرْنًا، هَيَّأْتُ لِمَسِيحِي سِرَاجًا.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنا يا أبنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأموات، لِنُرَبِّلَ لكَ. هَلِلوييا.

لأَنَّ الرَّبَّ اخْتَارَ صِهْيَوْنَ وَارْتَضَاهَا لَهُ مَسْكِنًا.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنا يا أبنَ اللهِ، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأموات، لِنُرَبِّلَ لكَ. هَلِلوييا.

المجدُ للآبِ والإبنِ والروحِ القدس، الآنَ وكلَّ أوانٍ والله دهرِ الدآهرينَ. آمين.

يا كُلِمةَ اللهِ الإبنَ الوحيدَ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Here will I dwell, for I have desired it. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness.

هَا هُنَا أَسْكُنُ لأَنِّي إِيَّاهَا اصْطَفَيْتُ. أَلعَلِيُّ قَدَّسَ مَسْكِنَهُ. قُدُّوسٌ هُوَ هَيْكَلُكَ، وَعَجِيبٌ أَنْتَ فِي عَدَالَتِك

TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

مِيلادُكِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الإِلَه، بَشَّرَ بِالفَرَحِ كُلَّ الْمَسْكُونَة، لأَنَّهُ مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ الْعَدْلِ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، فَحَلَّ اللَّعْنَة، وَوَهَبَ البَرَكَة، وَأَبْطَلَ الْمَوْت، وَأَعْطَانَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّة.

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.

هَلْمُوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأمواتِ، لِنُرَتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ تِلْميذاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَاكِ الْكَرْزَ بالقيامَةِ الْبَهِج، وطَرَحْنَ القَضاءَ الْجَدِّيَّ، وخاطَبْنَ الرُّسُلَ مُفْتَخِراتٍ وقائم الْمَسيخُ الْمَوْثُ وقامَ الْمَسيخُ الْإِلهُ، ومَنَحَ الْعالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمى.

TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting. مِيلادُكِ يَا وَالِدَةَ الإِلَه، بَشَّرَ بِالْفَرَحِ كُلَّ الْمَسْكُونَة، لأَنَّهُ مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ الْعَدْلِ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، فَحَلَّ اللَّعْنَة، وَوَهَبَ البَركة، وَأَبْطَلَ الْمَوْت، وَأَعْطَانَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّة.

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 وَالِدَةَ 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.

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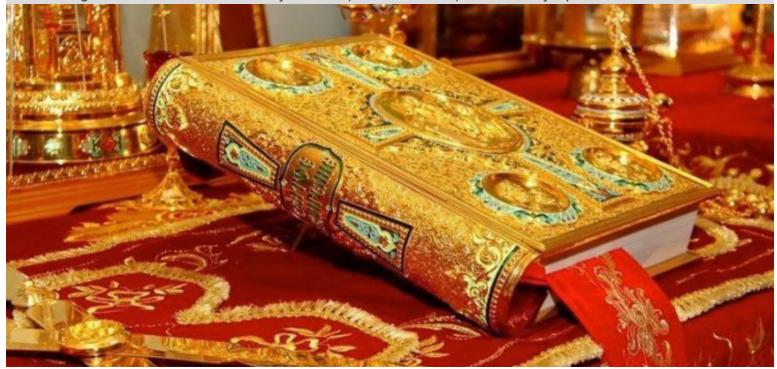
THE SYNAXARION

Today in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

Truly, O Anna, thou surpassest all mothers, Until that day thy daughter shall become a mother. On the eighth Anna brought God's Mother into the light.

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him Who would be born of her as King and High Priest. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.

Through the intercessions of Thy Mother, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

خلِّصْ يا ربُّ شعبكَ وبارِكْ مير اثْكَ. البك يا ربُّ أصرخُ الهي. فصلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القديسِ بولُسَ الرَسولِ إلى أهْلِ غلاطية (18-6:11)

يا إخْوَةُ، أَنْظُروا ما أعْظَمَ الكِتاباتِ التي كَتَبْثُها إِلَيْكُمْ بِيَدى. إِنَّ كُلَّ الذينَ يُريدونَ أَنْ يُرضُوا بَحَسَبِ الجَسَدِ يُلْزِمُونَكُمْ أَنْ تَخْتَتِثُوا، وإِنَّما ذلِكَ لِـئَلاَّ يُضْطُهَـدوا مِـنْ أَجْـلِ صَليبِ الْمَسيح. لأنَّ الذينَ يَخْتَتِنونَ هُمْ أَنْفُسُهُم لا يَحفظُونَ الناموسَ بَلْ إِنَّمَا يُريدونَ أَنْ تَحْتَتِنُوا لِيَفْتَخِروا بِأَجْسَادِكُمْ. أمَّا أنا، فَحاشى لى أنْ أفْتَخِرَ إلَّا بصَليب رَبِّنَا يَسوعَ المَسيح، الذي به صُلِبَ العالمُ لي وأنا صُلِبْتُ لِلْعالَمِ. لأنَّهُ في المسيح يسوعَ أيْسَ الخِتانُ بِشَيْءِ ولا القَلَفُ بَلِ الخَليقَةُ الجَديدةُ. و كلُّ الذبنَ بَسِلُكُونَ بِحَسَبِ هِذَا القانون، فَعَلَبْهِمْ سَلامٌ ورَحْمَةٌ وعلى إسرائيلِ الله. فَلا يَجْلِبْ عَلَيَّ أَحَدُ أَتْعَاباً فيما بَعْدُ، فَإِنِّي حَامِلٌ في جَسَدي سِماتِ الرَّبِّ يَسوع. نِعْمَةُ رَبِّنا يَسوعَ المسيح مَعَ روحِكُمْ أَيُّها الإخْوَةُ. آمين The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint John (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

فصل شريف مِنْ بشارة القديس يوحنا

الإنْجيلِيّ البَشير والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (17-3:13)

قالَ الرَّبُّ: لَمْ يَصْعَدْ أَحَدُ إلى السَّماءِ إلاَّ الذي

نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّماءِ، ابْنُ البَشَرِ الذي هُوَ في السَّماءِ.

وكما رَفَعَ موسى الحَيَّةَ في البَرّيَّةِ، هَكَذا يَنْبَغي

أَنْ يُرِفَعَ ابْنُ البَشَرِ. لِكَيْ لا يَهلِكَ كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤمِنُ

بِهِ، بَلْ تَكُونُ لهُ الحَياةُ الأبَدِيَّةُ. لأنَّهُ هَكَذا أَحَتَّ

اللهُ العالَمَ حَتَّى بَذَلَ ابْنَهُ الوَحِيدَ لِكَى لا يَهلِكَ كُلُّ

مَنْ يُؤمِنُ بِهِ بَلْ تَكُونُ لَـهُ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ. فإنَّـهُ لَمْ

يُرْسِلِ اللهُ ابْنَـهُ الوحيدَ إلى العالَمِ ليَدينَ العالَمَ، بَلْ

ليُخَلَّصَ بِهِ العالَمُ

MAGNIFICATION HYMN OF THE FEAST (TONE 8)

the earth bless thee unceasingly.

يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ إِنَّ الْبَثُولِيَّةَ لَمُسْتَحِيلَةٌ عَلَى الْأُمَّهَاتِ، | Virginity is alien to mothers, and childbirth is كَمَا أَنَّ الْولادَةَ مُسْتَحِيلَةٌ عَلَى الْعَذَارَى. غَيْرَ foreign to virgins; in thee, O Theotokos, both أَنَّهُ فِيكِ قَدْ تَمَّ تَدْبِيرُ كِلا الأَمْرَيْنِ. فَلِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ were granted. Wherefore, all we the tribes of الأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا، بِلا فُتُور

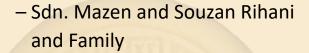
COMMUNION HYMN OF THE FEAST (TONE 8)

ا will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

كَأْسَ الْخَلاصِ أَقْبَلُ، وباسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعو.

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Omar and Lillian Rihani and Family



Sep 14 – Nadim and Reham Haddad and Family

Sep 21 – Samar Rihani and Etihad Rihani and their Families

Sep 28 – OPEN

Oct 5 – The Homsy and Haddad Families

Oct 12 – Fayrouz Haddad and Family

Oct 19 - OPEN

Oct 26 - OPEN



Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and Family

Sep 14 – Nadim and Reham Haddad and Family

Sep 21 – Samar Rihani and Etihad Rihani and their Families

Sep 28 - OPEN

Oct 5 - OPEN

Oct 12 – Fayrouz Haddad and Family

Oct 19 - OPEN

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CHURCHINGS

Today NATALIA DOUNIA, daughter of Sonhero and Amanda Khoshaba.

BAPTISMS

Last SALIBA, son of Dr. David and Alexa Sunday Rayan.

REMOVAL OF CROWNS

Sep 21 CJ Kari and NOOR Dababneh.

<u>Ponate to</u>

Your Church

Today



COMMEMORATIONS

Today 28-Year Commemoration for †SALIEM FARES RIHANI, offered by Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani and family.

Oct 5 6-Year Commemoration for †GEORGE
J. HOMSY, offered by the Homsy and
Haddad families.





TODAY - Fr. Gabriel, Kh. Amelia and Family

→ Sep 14 - Sarah Alamir

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN (see pg. 24)			
	SEPTEMBER IS YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF) MONTH			
Sun, Sep 7	 Pre-Communion Prayers Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Induction and Blessing of Building, Students, and Parents and Orientation Packet distribution to Parents (see pg. 24) 	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Liturgy		
	 Sunday School First Day of Classes (see pg. 24) God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (see pg. 11) Coffee Hour Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 13) 	After Liturgy After Liturgy After Liturgy After Liturgy		
Wed, Sep 10	Sunday School Officers' Zoom Meeting	8:00 pm		
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 Annual Bonfire hosted by Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) (see pg. 12) 	6:00 pm After Vespers		
Sun, Sep 14	 Pre-Communion Prayers Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Classes God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (see pg. 11) Procession for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Coffee Hour Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 13) 	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Liturgy After Liturgy		
Fri, Sep 19	AC2025 Executive Committee Final Close-Out Meeting	7:00 pm		
Sat, Sep 20	 Great Vespers Service Teen SOYO Social Event and Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (see pgs. 16-17) Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (see pg. 15) 	5:00 pm After Vespers After Vespers		
Sun, Sep 21	 Pre-Communion Prayers Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Classes God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (see pg. 11) Coffee Hour Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 13) Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) General Assembly Meeting and elections (see pg. 14) 	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Communion After Liturgy After Liturgy 12:30 pm		
Sat, Sep 27	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm		

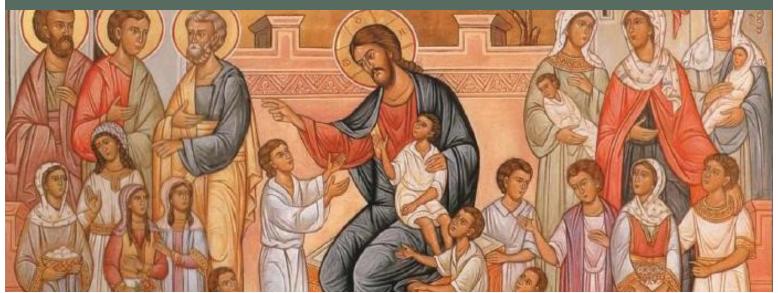




a Pastoral Ministry for 3- and 4-year-olds of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church | Cicero, IL

The first day of "GOD'S LITTLE LIGHTS" for the Church School year will be Sunday, September 7, 2025. It will take place in the cry room (2nd floor by elevator) every Sunday.

This ministry serves all **3-YEAR-OLDS** and **4-YEAR-OLDS** (born after September 1, 2021). At least one parent, father or mother, must attend along with their children. Younger siblings are welcome with the parents.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship

ANNUAL BONFIRE

Sat | Sep 13 6:00 pm

GREAT VESPERS SERVICE
FOR THE FEAST OF THE
ELEVATION
OF THE CROSS followed by
ANNUAL BONFIRE and
DINNER
in the Church Courtyard



Adults (13+) \$20/ea

Children (6-12) \$10/ea

Ages 0-5 Free

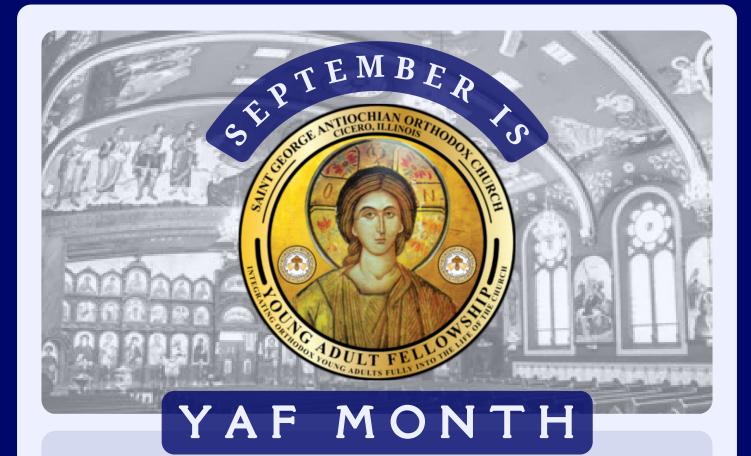






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Sun, September 7 Following Liturgy

Sat, September 13 6:00 PM

Open to All Families

Sun, September 14 Following Liturgy

Sun, September 21 Following Liturgy

Coffee Hour - Courtyard

Padre vs President Ping Pong Match

Annual Bonfire & Dinner - Courtyard Following Great Vespers Service for The Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

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

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

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

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

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel

Nina Ghanayem

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba *Pastor*

Spiritual Advisor

Nina Ghanayem *YAF 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.

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 Saturday, September 13, 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 Saturday, September 20, 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. Fouad Saba *Pastor*

Dn. George Nassief

Dn. George Nassief Spiritual Advisor

Jeries Kahoush

Jeries Kahoush
Antiochian Men President



Social Event and Annual General Assembly

Meeting and Elections

EVENT:

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SAT | SEP 20 5:00 PM

THE ORTHODOX CLUB

RSVP by Thu | Sep 18



Vespers... Meeting...

Elections...

Dinner...

Competitions...

Games...

ALL TEENS AGES
13-18 WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Cicero, IL

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

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.

Per the Constitution, only members in good standing spiritually 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 Saturday, September 13, 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 Saturday, September 20, 2025.

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel

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

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Found Saha

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel Spiritual Advisor

Sophia Fasheh

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Sophia Fasheh Teen SOYO President

Pastor

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

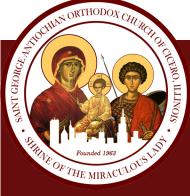
To guarantee a t-shirt, register by 9/19/2025.

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 3rd 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!







ON THE TREE OF LIFE



"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matthew 6:21 "لأَنَّهُ حَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكَم هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ قَلْبُكَم أَيْضًا. "(مَتَّى 21:6)

Stewardship is an annual and prayerful commitment to the Church. The following list, in alphabetical order, are those individuals or households to date who have completed their 2025 Membership Registration and Commitment to Saint George Church, Cicero. This list does not reflect all who are giving or eligible to be a voting member.

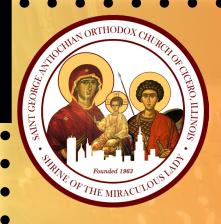
This is an ongoing campaign, if you would like to commit for the 2025 year, kindly complete your Membership registration online. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Membership Committee via email Membership@StGeorgeChi.org.

online. If you have any questions, please	reach out to the Membership Committee v	na eman <u>Membership@StGeorgeCin.org</u>
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Dn. George Nassief	Steven and Julia Baqleh	Nicola and Angela Eseed
Dn. John and Sh. Alice Zayed	Ibrahim and Norma Barbari	Dr. Anton and Lena Fakhouri
Dn. Moses and Sh. Linda Bynum	Khalil and Mary Barbari	Gus Fakhouri
Gloria Abboud	Michael and Sandra Barbari	Hani and Randa Fakhouri
Michael and Jennifer Abdo	Nick and Brittany Barbari	Mary Fakhouri
Roger and Aline Abdo	Azzam and Norma Barhoumeh	Michael Fakhouri
Matthew and Georgina Ablan	Edward and Noura Barhoumeh	Robby Fakhouri
Jennifer Aboukhair	George and Hiba Barhoumeh	Salameh and Caroline Fakhouri
Elias and Raida Abuelizam	Joseph and Rosel Barhoumeh	Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri
Elias and Maggie Akkari	Basil and Isabel Batmani	Suleiman and Ahlam Fakhouri
Yaacoub and Antoinette Akkari	Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara	Amir and Nicole Fakhoury
Dr. George and Samar Alamir	George and Carol Bitar	Amthal and JoAnn Fakhoury
Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra	Jalal and Manal Bitar	Dr. Nader and Cindy Fakhoury
Adel and Sheilia Alfakhori	Omar and Enas Bitar	Salvador and Rema Farias
Suleiman and Caroline Alhabash	Samir and Samar Bitar	Mike and Dena Fasheh
William Allan	Mazen and Victorita Bittar	George Fashho
Sdn. Raymond and Dr. Rachel Antypas	Drs. Dany and Manal Ibrahim Boulos	Patrick Fay
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Hussam and Dr. Rand Bachour	Christopher and Jessica Dedow	Julio and Nyssa Gomez
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Fady Haddad	Dennis and Constance Luisi	Michelle Rihani
Fayrouz Haddad	Nuha Lussi	Omar and Lillian Rihani
Sara Haddad	Suad Lussi	Sdn. Mazen and Souzan Rihani
Yasmin Haddad	Elias and Elaine Makdah	James and Anoulla Ryan
Sophia Hani	Anthony and Gina Massih	Bechara and Nengagran Saad
Hanna and Tanya Hinnawi	Johnny and Renata Massih	Bassam and Alice Saba
†Rosalie Hoffman	Ryan McMahon	Hanna Saba
Joseph and Dr. Nicole Homsy	Dimitrios and Betty Mestousis	Michael and Mariam Saba
Mary Homsy	Akhilesh and Jessica Mishra	Mousa and Amal Saba
Nathaniel Humphrey	Anees Mitri	Sameer and Mariana Saba
Salem and Marilyn Husary	Taoufik and Diala Moaqad	Steve and Reem Saba
Tony and Muna Husary	Anthony Montesinos	Peter and Susan Sakleh
Victor and Jackie Imreibe	Michael and Diane Moukheiber	Charlie and Rasha Salamy
Sami and Ruba Imsaih	Elias Moussi	Sam and Afaf Salamy
Abdo and Suhaila Imseeh	Dr. Daniel and Amanda Mseih	Norma Samaan
Ala and Faten Imseeh	Fady Mourice and Jenna Mseih	Harry Saunders
Francis and Amal Imseih	Mourice and Hanan Mseih	Adib and Evelyn Shaheen
Sami and Amanda Imseih	Sami and Abby Mseih	Faraj Shahrstan
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What Time Do I Arrive to Church on Sunday? What Am I Missing?

What time do I arrive?	What part did I miss?	I have deprived myself of the opportunity to		
10:15	Orthros (Matins)	Attend an entire service (beginning at 9:15 AM). Hear the hymns of the week and prepare for the Liturgy.		
10:25	Great Doxology	Begin the week properly by giving Glory to God and concluding the final preparation for the Divine Liturgy.		
10:30	Blessed is the Kingdom	Proclaim that God's Kingdom is blessed and to respond, "Amen."		
10:45	Litanies and Prayers	Pray for peace, the Church, the sick. Participate in the Entrance of the Holy Gospel.		
10:55	Epistle, Gospel, Sermon	Hear the Word of God, and think of how it applies to my daily life.		
11:10	Cherubic Hymn	Participate in the procession of the Holy Gifts among the people.		
11:20	The Creed and Offering	Proclaim what "I believe" and acknowledge the One Who is being offered.		
11:30	The Lord's Prayer	Prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.		
11:40	The Eucharist	Receive the Body and Blood of Christ from His table from which we hear His Gospel in the reading earlier in the service.		
11:45	Thanksgiving Prayers	Give praise and thanks to God for the Gift we have received from Him.		
11:50	The Dismissal	Commemorate Christ's saving work, and the prayers and intercession of all the saints.		



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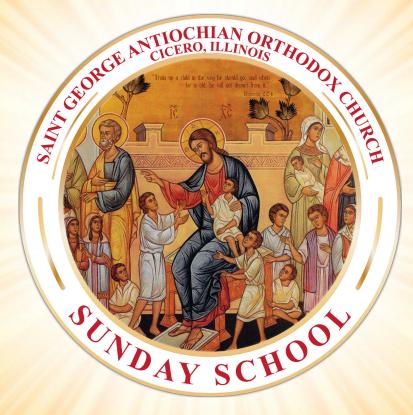
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 - FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES