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الْمَسْكُونِيِّ السَّابِعِ وَالْأَحَدِ الرَّابِعِ مِنْ لَوْقَا

THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF  
THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AND  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



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Monday–Friday: 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

## **WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:**

Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and

10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy

Confession by Appointment

## **Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!**

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

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

**Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!**



## THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who 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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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، الإِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ  
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ،  
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِلَهُ، 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،  
وَالْإِلَهُ أَبَدَ الْأَبَدِ

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

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكَالِنَا عَلَيْكَ.  
مُبَارَكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمْنِي 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 فَعَلَّمْنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،  
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهِي

لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الْحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.  
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلْآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

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

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ارْحَمْنَا

# TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

## 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  
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لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدَّكَ.

## 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. خَلِّصْنَا يَا  
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا

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لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدَّكَ.

## TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS (TONE 8)

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهْنَا الْفَائِقُ التَّسْبِيحِ، يَا مَنْ أَسَّسْتَ  
أَبَاءَنَا الْقِدِّيسِينَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ كَوَاكِبَ لَامِعَةٍ، وَبِهِمْ  
هَدَيْتَنَا جَمِيعاً إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ الْحَقِيقِيِّ، يَا جَزِيلَ الرَّحْمَةِ،  
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 وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ  
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ  
وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي  
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جُيُوشِ اللَّابِسِ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ  
الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.



## KONTAKION (TONE 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْذُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بِادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

## 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 لَكَ رَايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ \* وَأَقْدِمْ لَكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ \* لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ \* اعْتَقِينِي مِنْ صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ \* حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ إِفْرَحِي يَا عَرُوسًا لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

## EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Kevin Freije

Today

Joanna Freije

Dr. Rachel Antypas

Oct 19

Sdn. Raymond Antypas

## THE SYNAXARION

On October 12th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Martyr Domnina at Anazarbus in Cilicia; and Virgin Martyr Anastasia of Rome.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

*Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,  
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.*

## The Reading from the Epistle of

### Saint Paul to Saint Titus (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicos, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all. Amen.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.

لَأَنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى تَيْطُسَ (3:8-15)

يَا وَلَدِي تَيْطُسَ، صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَإِيَّاهَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَرِّرَ حَتَّى يَهْتَمَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ فِي الْقِيَامِ بِالْأَعْمَالِ الْحَسَنَةِ، فَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْأَعْمَالُ الْحَسَنَةُ وَالنَّافِعَةُ. أَمَّا الْمُبَاحَثَاتُ الْهَذْيَانِيَّةُ وَالْأَنْسَابُ وَالْخُصُومَاتُ وَالْمُمَاحَاكَاتُ النَّامُوسِيَّةُ فَاجْتَنِبْهَا، فَإِنَّهَا غَيْرُ نَافِعَةٍ وَبَاطِلَةٌ. وَرَجُلُ الْبِدْعَةِ بَعْدَ الْإِنْذَارِ مَرَّةً وَأُخْرَى أَعْرِضْ عَنْهُ. عَالِمًا أَنَّ مَنْ هُوَ كَذَلِكَ قَدْ اعْتَسَفَ، وَهُوَ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ يَقْضِي بِنَفْسِهِ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ. وَمَتَى أَرْسَلْتُ إِلَيْكَ أَرْتِيمَاسَ أَوْ تِيخِيكُسَ، فَبَادِرْ أَنْ تَأْتِيَنِي إِلَى نِيكُوبُولِسَ لِأَنِّي قَدْ عَزَمْتُ أَنْ أَشْتِيَ هُنَاكَ. أَمَّا زِينَاسُ مُعَلِّمُ النَّامُوسِ وَأَبْلُوسُ، فَاجْتَهِدْ أَنْ تُشَيِّعَهُمَا مُتَأَهِّبَيْنِ لِنَلَّا يُعَوِّزَهُمَا شَيْءٌ. وَلْيَتَعَلَّمْ ذَوُنَا أَنْ يَقُومُوا بِالْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ لِلْحَاجَاتِ الضَّرُورِيَّةِ حَتَّى لَا يَكُونُوا غَيْرَ مُثْمِرِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ مَعِيَ، سَلِّمُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَنَا فِي الْإِيمَانِ، النِّعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ. آمِينَ

The Reading from the Holy Gospel  
according to Saint Luke (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا  
الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (8:5-15)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، سَقَطَ بَعْضُ عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ، فَوُطِئَ وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ عَلَى الصَّخْرِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ يَبَسَ لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ تَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ بَيْنَ الشَّوْكِ، فَنَبَتَ الشَّوْكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَّقَهُ. وَبَعْضُ سَقَطَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ، فَلَمَّا نَبَتَ أَثْمَرَ مِائَةَ ضِعْفٍ. فَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ. فَقَالَ: لَكُمْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرَارَ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ، وَأَمَّا الْبَاقُونَ فَبِأَمْثَالٍ، لِكَيْ لَا يَنْظُرُوا وَهُمْ نَاضِرُونَ، وَلَا يَفْهَمُوا وَهُمْ سَامِعُونَ. وَهَذَا هُوَ الْمَثَلُ: الزَّرْعُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إِبْلِيسُ وَيَنْزِعُ الْكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ لِنَلَّا يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرَحٍ، وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ أَصْلٌ، وَإِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِينٍ، وَفِي وَقْتِ التَّجَرُّبَةِ يَرْتَدُّونَ. وَالَّذِي سَقَطَ فِي الشَّوْكِ، هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ ثُمَّ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيَخْتَنِقُونَ بِهُمُومِ هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَغِنَاهَا وَمَلَذَّاتِهَا، فَلَا يَأْتُونَ بِثَمَرٍ. وَأَمَّا الَّذِي سَقَطَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْحَيَّةِ، فَهُمْ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ فَيَحْفَظُونَهَا فِي قَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ، وَيُثْمِرُونَ بِالصَّبْرِ. وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا نَادَى: مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ لِلسَّمْعِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ



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**Today** – Fayrouz Haddad and Family



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– Salwa Kari and Family

**Oct 26** – Naheel, Norma, and Mina Rantisi

– The Baddour Family

– The Hindeleh Family

– The Homsy Family

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- Oct 26**
- 2-Year Commemoration for †**ROMMIE KHALIFEH**, offered by Bassam and Jumana Khalifeh and family.
  - 7-Year Commemoration for †**CLAIRE HOMSY HADDAD**, offered by the Homsy family.

## **MEMORIALS**

- Oct 26**
- 40-Day Memorial Service for †**FADWA SAYAD**, offered by the Baddour family.
  - 6-Month Memorial Service for †**ATALLAH HINDELEH**, offered by the Hindeleh family.
- Nov 30** 1-Year Memorial Service for †**MAZIN ZAYED**, offered by Nizar Zayed and family.

## **BAPTISMS**

**Nov 2** **LEO**, son of Jesse and Deala Torres.

## **BLESSING OF RINGS**

**Today** **PHILIPPE**, son of Nicolas and Muriel Kfoury, and **SAMANTHA**, daughter of Samaan and Mariam Issa.

## **WEDDINGS**

**Sat, Nov 1** **FADY**, son of †Jiries and Fayrouz Haddad, and **MINDY**, daughter of Mitri and Ibtesam Ksar.

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**TODAY** – **Dn. John and Sh. Alice Zayed**

↳ **Oct 26** – **OPEN**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN (*see pgs. 12-13*)

OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO MONTH

Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>Sunday School Classes</li> <li>God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 18</i>)</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> <li>Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 16</i>)</li> <li>Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Officers' Zoom Meeting</li> </ul>	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Communion After Liturgy After Liturgy 7:00 pm
Mon, Oct 13	Sunday School Officers' Zoom Meeting	8:30 pm
Tue, Oct 14	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat, Oct 18	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Oct 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>Sunday School Classes</li> <li>God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 18</i>)</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> <li>Chicago Bears Watch Party hosted by Antiochian Men (A-MEN) (<i>see pgs. 22-23</i>)</li> <li>Antiochian Women (AW) Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (<i>see pgs. 20-21</i>)</li> </ul>	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Communion After Liturgy After Liturgy 12:30 pm
Fri, Oct 24	Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Social Outing ( <i>see pg. 22</i> )	7:00 pm
Sat, Oct 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peace of Mind Training (<i>see pg. 25</i>)</li> <li>Golf Classic Executive Committee Meeting</li> <li>Great Vespers Service</li> <li>Antiochian Women (AW) Pumpkin Spice &amp; Everything Nice Fall Gathering (<i>see pg. 19</i>)</li> </ul>	8:45 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm After Vespers
Sun, Oct 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Communion Prayers</li> <li>Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy</li> <li>Choir Rehearsal</li> <li>Sunday School Classes</li> <li>God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 18</i>)</li> <li>Coffee Hour</li> <li>Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 16</i>)</li> <li>Teen SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 15</i>)</li> </ul>	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Communion After Liturgy After Liturgy After Sunday School
Mon, Oct 27	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Tue, Oct 28	West Campus Ministry ( <i>see pg. 27</i> )	6:00 pm
Wed, Oct 29	Missions and Evangelism Meeting	7:00 pm
Thu, Oct 30	Saint Katherine the Great Antiochian Orthodox Mission Pastoral Ministry ( <i>see pg. 28</i> )	6:00 pm

## **The Broken Church**

*By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)*

The Church, in her visible and human face, is always broken by the sins of her children. She is hanged upon the Cross of tension stretched between her longing for the heavens as a radiant bride without blemish or fault; and the passions, weaknesses, and falls of her earthly members who knowingly or unknowingly stain her garment, hinder her mission, and pull her downward. This is also the image of the Christian. A believer is one who fully recognizes his weakness and his inclination toward sin yet continually strives toward the heights. This is the struggle of a lifetime. He draws from the grace of God and from constant repentance both his hope and his path to salvation. That is why we find, in the lives of the saints, men and women who reached great heights of purity and holiness, yet still, on their deathbeds, begged for a few more days so that they might begin repentance.

The visible face of the Church is revealed through her members. They are human beings who, through their union with Christ the Head of the Church, are united to one another as one Body. At least, that is how it should be. In reality, they are not always this bright image. Their ongoing repentance, which should be their daily way of life, helps them approach that ideal. But in truth, many within the Church, in all her ranks and orders, are caught up in many other concerns more than in the Lord of the Church Himself who is the very reason for their being in the Church at all.

The believers who are still living in this world are known as the “Church Militant,” while those who have entered eternal life are called the “Church Triumphant.” Yet the Church remains one; these are only educational terms, not dogmatic distinctions. The “Church Militant,” like every human community, is always vulnerable to corruption and failure. Therefore, she constantly needs spiritual struggle, correction, and renewal. Every human group is susceptible to weakness, and the earthly Church is no exception though she possesses the gift of repentance that can wash away the soot of her children from her face. As the Apostle Paul said, “We have this treasure [faith] in earthen vessels [sinful humans], (2 Cor. 4:7)” not in vessels of steel.

The more her members long for eternal life and begin to live it here and now, the more the Church reflects the image of the Kingdom in this world. Otherwise, everything in her remains of this world, even if wrapped in religious language and called “Christian.” Renunciation of worldliness and freedom from its temptations are essential conditions for the Church to remain faithful to her Lord. Whoever does not believe with certainty that in the Church we are “poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, yet possessing everything” (2 Cor. 6:10) is still far from the mind of Christ, which the Scriptures command us to acquire and make our own.

For many, the Church is seen as an organization to be run by the spirit of this world, since it holds resources, institutions, and influence. They think that as long as the Church has money, property, and administrative structures, her witness is secure. They imagine that material wealth alone can ensure her mission and thus they become careless about how it is obtained, justifying questionable means. They forget that the Lord of the Church provides what is needed when there are pure and faithful hearts devoted to Him. Certainly, earthly goods, when placed in service of the Gospel, can support the Church’s witness and ministry. But they cannot create it. True witness is born only from souls in love with Christ, who have made eternal life their goal.

When the People of God are consumed by earthly concerns, they fall into the trap of forgetting the Giver and losing sight of the goal. When believers rely on their own cleverness, planning, and worldly wisdom as though the Head of the Church (Christ) were absent, they estrange the Church from her Lord, instead of estranging themselves from the world (2 Cor. 5:8). Then, they begin to justify whatever seems profitable or advantageous, even crossing the boundaries of what the canons forbid, offering a thousand excuses. The Church needs saints to remain upright. The saints possess discernment, the ability to distinguish between what belongs to God and what belongs to the world. Only the humble keep the Lord’s voice audible and obeyed within the Church.

If you desire the Church to be faithful and striving, begin with yourself. Change yourself. Purify and cleanse your heart. Listen to the divine Word with reverence. Examine your thoughts and actions daily. Shake off the dust of sin and clothe yourself with repentance without ceasing. Then you will become a new person able to recognize your Lord’s voice and will, to act according to His pleasure, and to pass that breath of life to your brothers and sisters.

Once, a journalist tried to trap Mother Teresa of Calcutta with a provocative question: “What should change in the Church?” She replied with deep wisdom, “You and I.” Indeed, as long as believers continue to indulge in easy criticism, casting accusations at this or that person while excusing themselves, the face of Christ in His Church will remain wounded and nothing will change. With their constant criticism, they disfigure His face with their own hands often without realizing it. But ignorance does not excuse responsibility.

Christ is present in His Church: in the Liturgy, in the Holy Mysteries, in lives of virtue, in the patience of those who are suffering, in the joy of the pure, in the faces of those who love, in the struggle of the repentant, in the innocence of the chaste, in the smile of the gentle, in the cheerfulness of the generous, in the simplicity of the humble, in the detachment of the wealthy, in the contentment of the poor, in the integrity of the faithful, in the service of the needy, in the silence of those who are content, and in the hearts of those who are positive. Christ is in our midst, so let us recognize His presence, bear witness to Him, and work so that our sight of Him never fades from among us. Let us be those who light candles instead of merely cursing the darkness.

Then, perhaps, He will forgive our shortcomings and make us part of His little flock.



## الكنيسة المكسورة

المتربوليت سابا (اسبر)

الكنيسة، بوجهها المنظور، البشري، مكسورةً أبدأً على خطايا أبنائها. إنها معلّقة على صليب التوتر، بين انشدادها إلى السموات، عروساً بهيئةً لا شائبة فيها ولا عيب، وبين أهواء أعضائها الأرضيين وطبائعهم وسقطاتهم، الذين لا ينفكون، بمعرفة وبغير معرفة، يشوهون ثوبها ويعطلون رسالتها، ويشدّونها إلى السفليات. هذه صورة المسيحي أيضاً. فهو إنسان مدرك، تماماً، ضعفه وانشداؤه للخطيئة، لكنّه ساعٍ، دوماً، إلى العلى. هذا جهاد عمره. يتّخذ من نعمة الله، ومن توبته المستمرة، رجاءً وسبيلاً إلى الخلاص. لذا نجد في سيرة القديسين من بلغ شأواً عظيماً في الطهارة والقداسة، وظلّ، وهو على فراش الموت، يطلب تأجيل انتقاله لبضعة أيام، كيما يبدأ التوبة!!

يبدو وجه الكنيسة المنظور في أعضائها. هؤلاء بشر يستمدّون من اتحادهم بالمسيح، رأس الكنيسة، اتحاداً في ما بينهم، يجعلهم جسداً واحداً. أو قل هكذا يجب أن يكونوا. لكنهم، في الواقع، ليسوا على هذه الصورة المثقفة، دوماً. توبتهم المستمرة، المفروض أن يكونوا عليها، تساعدنا على أن يصيروا أقرب ما يكون إلى المثال. لكن الواقع يُظهر كثرة من أعضاء الكنيسة، بكلّ تنوع فئاتهم، مأخوذون بأمور كثيرة أكثر ممّا برّب الكنيسة، الذي هو علة وجود كلّ منهم فيها، أساساً.

يسمّي بعضهم المؤمنين الأحياء، الذين لم ينتقلوا إلى الحياة الأبدية بعد، "كنيسةً مجاهدةً". أمّا الذين انتقلوا إلى الحياة الأبدية فـ "كنيسة طاهرة". الكنيسة واحدة، وما هذه سوى تسميات تعليمية، لا عقائدية. "الكنيسة المجاهدة"، كلّ تراكم مجتمعي، عرضة للفساد والسقوط، في كلّ حين. لذا تراها بحاجة إلى جهاد روحي دائم، بغية التقويم والتصحيح. كلّ جماعة بشرية قابلة للمعطوبية، ولا تشدّ الكنيسة الأرضية عن هذه القاعدة، ولو أنّها مزودة بطاقة التوبة، القادرة على مسح سخام أبنائها عن وجهها. وقد قال بولس الرسول: "لنا هذا الكثر [الإيمان] في أوّان خرفيّة [بشر خطّائون]، (كو٢/٧)" ولم يقل في أوّان فولاذية.

بقدر ما يكثر فيها التائقون إلى الحياة الأبدية، والساعون إلى عيشها منذ الآن، تعكس الكنيسة صورة الملوكوت، في هذه الدنيا. عدا ذلك، كلّ شيء فيها من هذا الدهر، ولو اتّخذ مسحة إنجيليّة، سُمّيَتْ بالمسيح. الزهد بالدنويات، والتحرّر من إغراءاتها، شرطان أساسيان لبقاء الكنيسة على الأمانة المطلوبة. من لا يؤمن، يقيناً، بأنّها، في الكنيسة، "فقراء ونفغي كثيرين، ولا شيء عندنا ونحن نملك كلّ شيء" (١كو١٠/١)، فهو لا يزال بعيداً عن فكر المسيح، الذي طالبنا الكتاب المقدّس بأن نملكه ويكون فينا.

الكنيسة، عند كثيرين، هيئة يجب أن تدار بروح هذا العالم، ما دام فيها الكثير من المنافع والمصالح. وبما أنّها، كجماعة منظمة تملك مالاً وعقارات واستثمارات ومؤسسات

وجمعيّات وإلى ما هنالك من أمثالها، فإنّهم يعتقدون بأنّ مجرّد وجود الهيكلية الإدارية وتوفر الأمور الماديّة، يجعل الشهادة المسيحية مؤمّنة. يتوهمون بأنّ مجرّد توفر المال يمكنهم من تأمين احتياجات الكنيسة، وتفعيل شهادتها. فيتساهلون في كيفية الحصول عليه، ويتردّدون لأنفسهم طرق استجلابه. يغيب عن ذهنهم أنّ سيّد الكنيسة يؤمّن اللوازم عندما تتوقّر النفوس النقيّة والأمنية له. من المؤكّد أن توقّر الخيرات الأرضيّة، إذا وضعت في خدمة الإنجيل، يساهم في تفعيل الخدمة، وفي الشهادة لمحبة المسيح وخلاصه، لكنه لا يخلقها ولا يستطيع أن يوجدّها. هذه تأتي من نفوس عشقت الرب وجعلت الحياة الأبدية هدفها.

عندما يكون همّ شعب الله محصوراً في تأمين الخبرات الأرضيّة، يقع في فخاخ نسيان معطيها وتضييع هدفها. عندما يسلك المؤمنون بالاعتماد على ذكاوتهم وحكمتهم وحكمة هذا العالم، كما لو أن رأس الكنيسة (المسيح) غير حاضر فيها، يغربون الكنيسة عن سيّدّها، بدلاً من أن يتغربوا هم عن العالم (١كو٢/٨). آنذاك قد يحلّون ما يرونه مناسباً [رتيحاً]، ويتجاوزون ما حرّمته القوانين أو منعتهم، بألف حجة وحجة. تحتاج الكنيسة إلى قديسين حتّى لا تخرج عن استقامتها. يمتلك القديسون حسن التمييز بين ما هو لله وما هو للعالم. وحدهم المتواضعون يُبقون صوت السيّد مسموعاً ومطاعاً في الكنيسة.

إن أردت أن تكون الكنيسة مجاهدة أمينة أبدأ بنفسك. غير ذلك، طهرها، نقّها، اسمع الكلمة الإلهية بوع، قيّم سلوكك وفكرك ويومياً، وانقض غبار الخطيئة، والبس رداء التوبة رضاه، وتنقل هذا النقص إلى إخوتك.

حاول أحد الصحافيين أن يوقع الأم تريزا (كلكتا)، فسألها: ما الذي يجب أن يتغيّر في الكنيسة؟ فكان جوابها في غاية العمق والصواب، وأجابه: أنا وأنت. ورامين بالتّهم على هذا وذاك، مبرّزين أنفسهم، سيبقى وجه المسيح، في كنيسته، مدجّج، ولن يتغيّر شيء فيها. بالانتقاد المستمر يشوهون وجهه بأنفسهم. قد يفعلون هذا الشرّ وهم لا يدرون. لكن نتيجة جهلهم لا تعفيهم من المسؤولية.

المسيح حاضر في الكنيسة، في الليتورجيا، في الأسرار الإلهية، في حياة الفضيلة، في صبر المتألّمين، في فرح الأنقياء، في وجوه المحبّين، في جهاد التائبين، في براءة الأطهار، في بسمّة الودعاء، في بهجة المعطين، في بساطة المتواضعين، في زهد الأغنياء، في رضى الفقراء، في موضوعيّة المؤمنين، في خدمة المحتاجين، في صمت الممتلئين، في قلوب الإيجابيين. المسيح حاضر في ما بيننا، فلنح حضوره، حيث يوجد، ولنشهد له، ولنعمل على ألا يغيب. ولكن من الذين يضيؤون الشموع بدلاً من الاكتفاء بلعن العتمة.

علّه آنذاك يغفر لنا قصورنا، ويجعلنا من قطيعه الصّغير.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Curriculum Update

### Lesson 4: The Birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ

God was disappointed when Israel wanted a king other than himself. God wanted His people to be united with Him forever in the Kingdom of Heaven. From the prophet Isaiah and others, the people knew that God was going to send them a Messiah, a savior, a new king, who would be a descendant of David. Jesus came as a baby born in a stable. He was weak and poor in the eyes of the world, but was the Son of God sent to wash away the sins of Adam and Eve (mankind). He came to bring life, grace, unity with God, unity with each other, and everlasting love.



REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN!

*DON'T MISS ANOTHER WEEK!*



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## Calendar of Events

*Sunday School Classes -----Sundays After Communion*

*Youth Choir -----After Sunday School*

**Mandatory Christmas Concert**

**Rehearsal ----- Sat | Dec 6 @ 10am-Noon**

**Mandatory Christmas Concert**

**Rehearsal ----- Sun | Dec 14 after Sunday School**

**Christmas Concert ----- Sat | Dec 20**

[StGeorgeChi.org/register-student](http://StGeorgeChi.org/register-student)



# CREATING MEMORIES

smile!



**Teachers:**

**Sally Esber and Anthony Massih**



**11th/12th Grade Class**



**Meet**

**the**

**Staff**

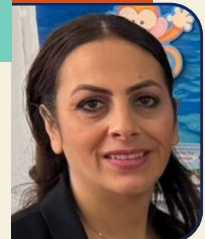
## **LUBNA RAYAN**

POSITION IN SS: Pre-K Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: A Life Testimony by Metropolitan SABA

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Sunday of Orthodoxy

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Basketball



## **OLGA KARAM**

POSITION IN SS: 1st/2nd Grade Teacher and Youth Choir Director

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Weekly Classes

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Musical Performances



**Did you  
KNOW?**

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is one of the most joyful days of the Orthodox Church. This Feast is also known as the "Incarnation of Christ." This means that Jesus became a man and came into the world to save us. We also refer to this joyous feast as Christmas.





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



# Teen SOYO

## Save the Date...

### **TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES**

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SUN, OCT 26      Teen SOYO Hour

SAT, NOV 1      Teen SOYO Christmas Card Letter  
Mailing and Dinner

SUN, NOV 23      Teen SOYO Annual Turkey Drive  
Meals Assembly

FRI, DEC 12      Teen SOYO Christmas Card Mailing  
and Christmas Gathering

# ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

# Teen SOYO

Sun | Oct 26  
after Sunday School\*  
free event

# SOYO HOUR

## Snacks!

## Smoothies!



\* Sunday School attendance is mandatory to attend SOYO Hour

# All Teens (13-18) Welcome!



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

## Young Adult Fellowship

# SAVE THE DATE!

**Sun, October 12th**

*YAF Coffee Hour*

**Sat, October 18th**

*Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Deanery Retreat  
Hosted by Saint Mary Antiochian Orthodox  
Church in Palos Heights*

*In collaboration with the young adults at  
All Saints in Chicago, Holy Transfiguration in  
Warrenville, Saint George in Spring Valley, and  
Saint George in Cicero*

**Sun, October 26th**

*YAF Coffee Hour*

**Sun, November 9th**

*YAF Coffee Hour*

**Fri, November 21st**

*Spiritual Retreat*

*Following Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of  
the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple*

**Sun, November 23rd**

*YAF Coffee Hour*

**Sun, December 7th**

*YAF Coffee Hour*

**Fri, December 12th**

*Advent & Humanitarian Retreat*

**Sun, December 21st**

*YAF Coffee Hour*

**Sat, December 27th**

*Christmas Dinner & Gathering*

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



# YAM DEANERY RETREAT

**Saturday,  
October 18th**

**St. Mary Orthodox Church  
6330 W 127<sup>th</sup> St.  
Palos Heights IL**

## **Chicago YAM Deanery event!**

**All young adults in  
the Chicago-land  
area are welcome  
to join us Saturday,  
October 18<sup>th</sup> for an  
all day retreat!**

**Keynote Speaker:  
Fr. Athanasios  
Papagiannis**

**Register Here:**



**\$25 per  
person**

### **Schedule:**

**10:00am: Divine Liturgy for  
St. Luke the Evangelist**

**11:30am: Breakfast**

**12:30pm: Session 1**

**1:30pm: Breakout activities**

**2:30pm: Session 2**

**3:30pm: Break**

**4:00pm: O&A**

**5:00pm: Vespers and Compline**

**6:30pm: Dinner at Portillos**

**Young Adult Ministry**

# God's

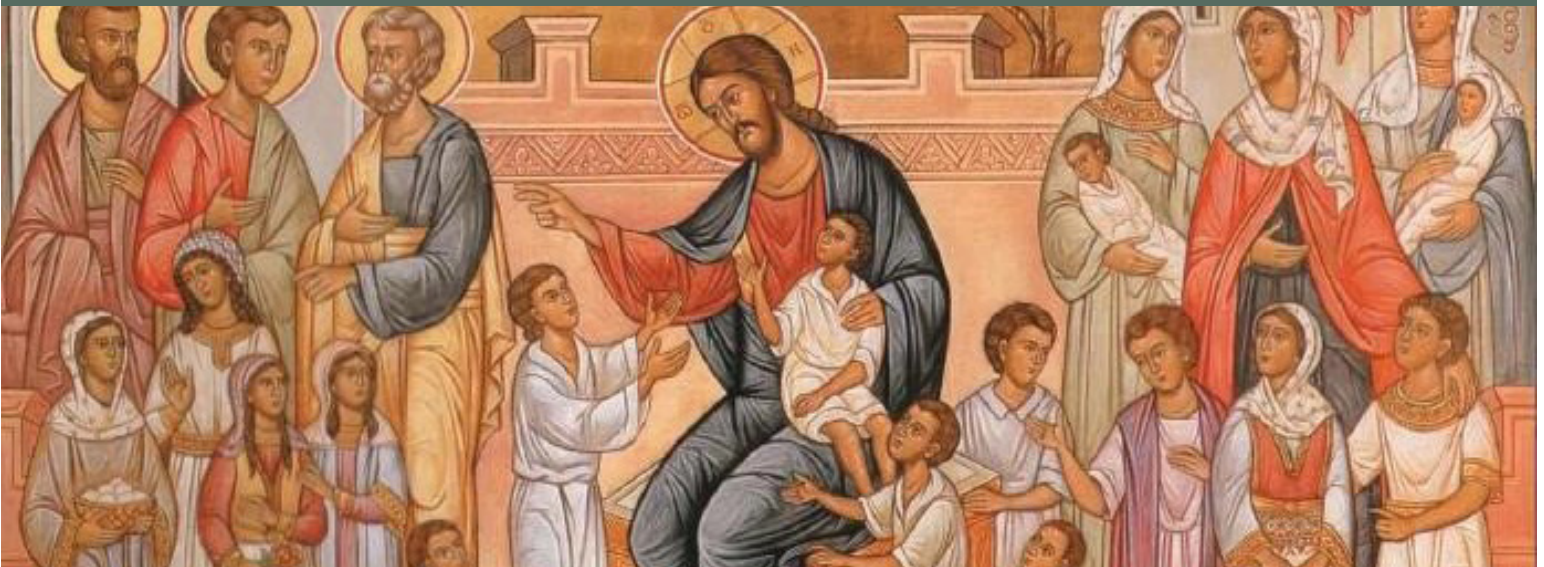


# Little Lights

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

Immediately after Communion, the children's ministry, **"GOD'S LITTLE LIGHTS"**, 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.





# Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice

A Cozy Fall Gathering with the  
Antiochian Women



 **Saturday, October 25th**

 **5:00 pm – Vespers, Event to Follow**

 **Courtyard – Weather Permitting**

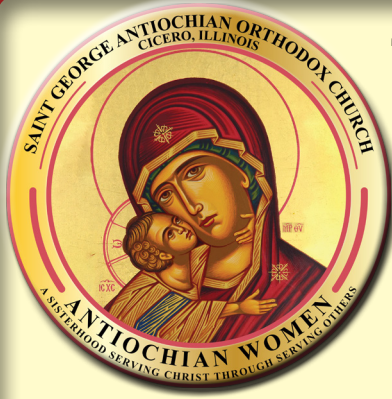
Enjoy warm drinks, sweet treats & cozy  
fellowship. Light dinner included.



**\$25 per person**

**RSVP by October 20th**





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

# Antiochian Women *You're Invited*

WHAT:

## *Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections*

*Coffee and Refreshments will be served*

WHEN:

*Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 12:30 pm*

WHERE:

*The Orthodox Club*

WHO:

*All Women ages 18+\**

RSVP HERE



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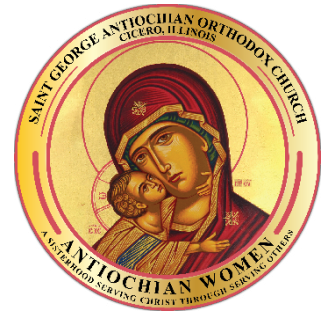
*\*YEARLY DUES  
MUST BE UP-TO-DATE  
PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING.*





## 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



# Antiochian Women

September 14, 2025

Dear Members of the Antiochian Women,

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 Women (AW)** to be held on **Sunday, October 19, 2025**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

At this Antiochian Women 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 Antiochian Women 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 Public Relations. If any woman (age 18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee by Sunday, October 12, 2025. The members of the Nominating Committee are Father Saba, Father Gabriel, and Deacon John.

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, October 12, 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, October 19, 2025.***

The Antiochian Women Membership Dues are \$30.00 annually for each member. If you haven't already done so, please see the Antiochian Women Treasurer, Kathy Kahoush, or pay online at [www.StGeorgeChi.org/Pay](http://www.StGeorgeChi.org/Pay), to submit your dues prior to the meeting date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of the Officers.

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

*V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel*

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel  
Spiritual Advisor

*Abeer Kari*

Abeer Kari  
AW President



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# Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

## SAVE THE DATE

- Sun, OCT 19/2025: Chicago Bears Watch Party
- Fri, OCT 24/2025: A-MEN Social Outing
- Fri, NOV 14/2025: A-MEN Social Event
- Sat, DEC 6/2025: Christmas Spiritual Retreat
- Sat, JAN 10/2026: Shawarma Night
- Sat, FEB 14/2026: Pre-Lenten Hafli

**ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited**



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

**Antiochian Men (A-MEN)**  
***INVITES YOU TO A...***

**WATCH PARTY**

**SUNDAY,  
OCT 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**AFTER LITURGY**



**in the Church Hall**



***ALL* are Invited!**







# 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



### JOY Club

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



### GLORY Club

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



### Sunday School

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." - Matthew 6:21*

لَآئِنَّهُ حَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكُمْ هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ قَلْبُكُمْ أَيْضًا. (مَتَّى 6:21)

**PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE  
IN THE CHURCH HALL OR  
SCAN NOW AND COMPLETE!**



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THE ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS

# PEACE OF MIND

ONE DAY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF  
THE HELLENIC FOUNDATION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

8:45 AM - 5 PM VESPERS AT 5PM

SAINT GEORGE  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
1220 S 60TH CT, CICERO, IL 60804

- For both clergy and laity
- Learn to recognize signs of a mental health challenge and how to interact with a person in crisis
- Become certified through a research/evidence based internationally recognized course
- Explore the connection between our Orthodox faith and mental health care

Click [HERE](#) to register

Questions? Contact: [mjannakos@assemblyofbishops.org](mailto:mjannakos@assemblyofbishops.org)

Learn more: [assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind](https://assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind)



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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.



## SAINT GEORGE PASTORAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

# WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY

FALL 2025 SESSION



2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

@ CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

275 S RICHMOND AVE. CLARENDON HILLS, IL. 60514

**TUESDAYS**

OCT 28, 2025 - NOV 4, 2025 - NOV 11, 2025  
NOV 18, 2025 - DEC 2, 2025 - DEC 9, 2025

### PROGRAM

6:00PM - 6:40PM



CHECK IN  
COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

6:40PM - 7:00PM



EVENING PRAYERS

7:00PM - 8:00PM



ADULT LESSONS  
KID'S CLUB (AGES 3-8)

7:00PM - 7:30PM



JOY CLUB (AGES 9-12) LESSONS  
TEEN SOYO (AGES 13-18)  
ACTIVITIES & GAMES

7:30PM - 8:00PM



JOY CLUB (AGES 9-12)  
ACTIVITIES & GAMES  
TEEN SOYO (AGES 13-18)  
LESSONS

8:00PM - 9:00PM



FAMILY SOCIAL HOUR  
& GAMES

### THEME DAYS



**OCT 28** - COSTUME CONTEST (CHURCH APPROPRIATE)



**NOV 18** - GOBBLE & GATHER (FALL THEMED OR COZY COLORED OUTFITS)



**DEC 9** - WEAR YOUR BEST (OR WORST) CHRISTMAS SWEATER!!

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT:

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With the blessing of  
THE MOST REVEREND METROPOLITAN SABA  
*Primate, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*  
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*Archiepiscopal Vicar, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest*  
and THE VERY REVEREND FATHER FOUAD SABA, *Pastor*

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH of Cicero, IL,  
joyfully and prayerfully announces the establishing of

# SAINT KATHERINE THE GREAT ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX MISSION

in the Northern Suburbs of Chicagoland!

## INAUGURAL VESPERS SERVICE

*Celebrating the Feast of  
Saint Katherine*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

6:00PM



### FALL PASTORAL MINISTRY...

SAINT KATHERINE THE GREAT  
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX MISSION

Welcomes you in **WORSHIP,**  
**EDUCATION, DINNER,** and  
**FELLOWSHIP**

### THURSDAYS:

October 30  
November 6, 13, 20  
December 4, 11  
6:00-9:00pm

# LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED!