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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!

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Next year will mark the 45th year that our teens have sponsored and participated in the Special Olympics Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village. This means we are now in our third generation of this wonderful ministry—an experience that is life-changing not only for the Special Olympians, but also for our teens, who learn from these athletes as they assist them in competition.

Each year, Teen SOYO sponsors—free of charge—a week of joy, fellowship, and faith for over 320 athletes and coaches. This ministry is especially close to my heart, as it puts our faith into action: helping those in need while bearing witness to the Gospel. At the same time, it teaches our youth how to give and how to love. Having spent many years caring for my own brother who was physically challenged, I can only wish that he might have experienced such a beautiful opportunity.

For all these reasons—and because of the ever-increasing costs of providing for these beloved Special Olympians—we ask each year that our faithful help offset the expenses of this outreach of love. In appreciation for your generosity, our teens will once again offer a beautiful icon card. This year's card features Christ the Great High Priest and highlights the theme for our 2026 Parish Life Conferences: “You shall be to Me a Royal Priesthood and a Holy Nation” (Exodus 19:6).

All of us—clergy and laity alike—share in the royal priesthood of Christ. As such, we are called to be examples of love, mercy, compassion, faithfulness, and every virtue. Supporting this ministry is one concrete way of living out our calling to the royal priesthood. With that in mind, I urge you to give generously.

Praying that our Lord will bless all who participate, help, and contribute to this worthy cause, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SABA', with a cross symbol to the left.

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE HISTORIC 45TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE IN AUGUST 2026, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO HELP MAKE THIS BELOVED MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

EACH YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 300 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE VOLUNTEER A WEEK OF THEIR TIME AND LIVE IN SERVICE TO THE ATHLETES—FULFILLING THE SCRIPTURAL CALL TO SERVE “AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN” *Colossians 3:23*.



Today our teens will be collecting financial donations to help sponsor this remarkable event. Your contributions make it possible for every athlete, coach, and teen volunteer to attend the camp at no cost. They also help cover travel expenses for the SOYO members who come to serve.

As a token of appreciation, our teens will offer bookmarks featuring the icon of Christ the High Priest to all who contribute.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to this ministry. Your support helps our youth grow in Christ by giving them a unique opportunity to love and care for others. Checks may be made payable to your local Teen SOYO group, with “SOAD 2025” in the memo line.

Donations can also be made online at
www.teensoyo.org/special-olympics.

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Your donations make this ministry possible!



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**Special
Olympics**

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.

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.

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

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

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْمَلِكُ، السَّمَائِيُّ، إِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلَّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ

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

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

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

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ 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.

قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلْآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.
الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.
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ارْحَمْنَا

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.

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنُ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيا

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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.

بِمَا أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ 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.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي 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.

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله * اكتبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا
جنديةً مُحاميةً * وأقدمُ لكِ الشكرَ كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ *
لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ * اعتقيني من
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً
لا عروسَ لها.

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Oct 26

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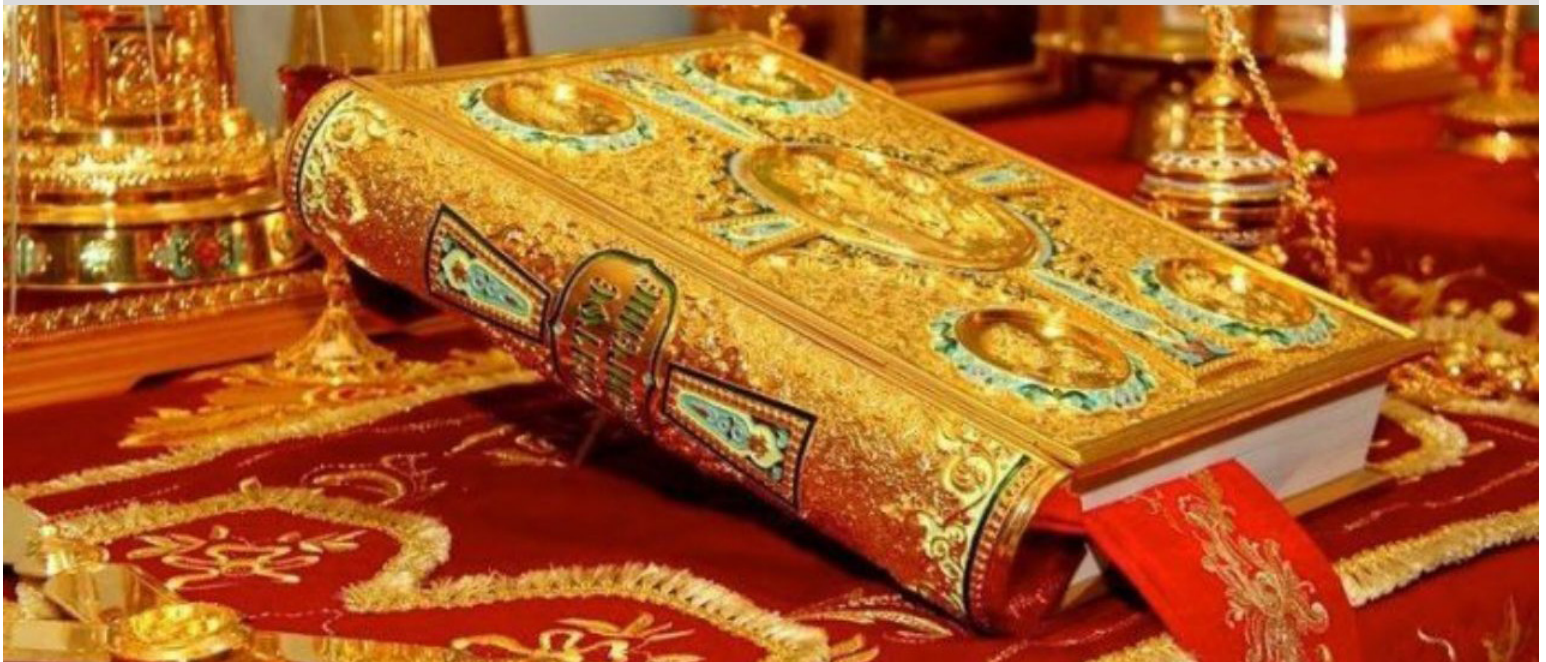
THE SYNAXARION

On October 19th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Joel.

*Joel, who in tragic strains sang the earth's sufferings,
Hath passed from the earth to a place above sufferings.
On the nineteenth, death concealed Joel.*

Joel was the son of Phanuel of the tribe of Reuben. He lived 800 years before Christ, and foretold the misfortunes of the Israelites and their captivity in Babylon for the sins that they had committed against God. He called the people to fasting and the priests to penitent and tearful prayer that God would have mercy on them; and they heard him. Joel also prophesied the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the outpouring of His grace on all the faithful. He foretold and described the Dreadful Judgment of God, and also the glory of God's holy Church.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Varos and seven martyrs with him; Righteous Mother Cleopatra of Palestine; and Venerable John of Rila. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



The Lord is my strength and my song.

The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows—who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth. But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

قُوَّتِي وَتَسَبَّحَتِي الرَّبُّ. أَدْبَا أَدْبَنِي الرَّبُّ.
فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ
الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ (11:31-12:9)

يَا إِخْوَةُ، قَدْ عَلَّمَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، الْمُبَارَكُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ أَنِّي لَا أَكْذِبُ. كَانَ بِدِمَشْقِ الْحَاكِمِ تَحْتَ إِمْرَةِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَارِثِ، يَحْرُسُ مَدِينَةَ الدِّمَشْقِيِّينَ لِيَقْبِضَ عَلَيَّ. فَذَلَّيْتُ مِنْ كُوَّةٍ فِي زَنْبِيلٍ مِنَ السُّورِ، وَنَجَوْتُ مِنْ يَدَيْهِ. إِنَّهُ لَا يُوَافِقُنِي أَنْ أَفْتَخِرَ، فَآتَى إِلَى رُؤْيِ الرَّبِّ وَإِعْلَانَاتِهِ. إِنِّي أَعْرِفُ إِنْسَانًا فِي الْمَسِيحِ مُنْذُ أَرْبَعِ عَشْرَةِ سَنَةٍ (أَفِي الْجَسَدِ، لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُ، أَمْ خَارِجَ الْجَسَدِ لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُ، اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ) اخْتُطِفَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الثَّالِثَةِ. وَأَعْرِفُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانَ (أَفِي الْجَسَدِ أَمْ خَارِجَ الْجَسَدِ لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُ، اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ) اخْتُطِفَ إِلَى الْفِرْدَوْسِ، وَسَمِعَ كَلِمَاتٍ سِرِّيَّةً لَا يَحِلُّ لِنَاسٍ أَنْ يَنْطُقَ بِهَا. فَمِنْ جِهَةٍ هَذَا أَفْتَخِرُ، وَأَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةِ نَفْسِي فَلَا أَفْتَخِرُ إِلَّا بِأَوْهَانِي. فَإِنِّي لَوْ أَرَدْتُ الْإِفْتَخَارَ، لَمْ أَكُنْ جَاهِلًا لِأَنِّي أَقُولُ الْحَقَّ، لَكِنِّي أَتَحَاشَى لِنَلَّا يَظُنَّ بِي أَحَدٌ فَوْقَ مَا يَرَانِي عَلَيْهِ أَوْ يَسْمَعُهُ مِنِّي. وَلِنَلَّا أَسْتَكْبِرَ بِفَرْطِ الْإِعْلَانَاتِ، أُعْطِيتُ شَوْكَةً فِي الْجَسَدِ، مَلَكَ الشَّيْطَانِ لِيَلْطِمَنِي لِنَلَّا أَسْتَكْبِرَ. وَلِهَذَا طَلَبْتُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ أَنْ تُفَارِقَنِي. فَقَالَ لِي “تَكْفِيكَ نِعْمَتِي، لِأَنَّ قُوَّتِي فِي الضَّعْفِ تَكْمُلُ.” فَبِكُلِّ سُرُورٍ أَفْتَخِرُ بِالْحَرِيِّ بِأَوْهَانِي، لِنَسْتَقَرَّ فِي قُوَّةِ الْمَسِيحِ

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Luke (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ لُوقَا

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (7:11-16)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، كَانَ يَسُوعُ مُنْطَلِقاً إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ اسْمُهَا نَايْنُ، وَكَانَ كَثِيرُونَ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِهِ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ مُنْطَلِقِينَ مَعَهُ. فَلَمَّا قَرَّبَ مِنْ بَابِ الْمَدِينَةِ، إِذَا مَيِّتٌ مَحْمُولٌ، وَهُوَ ابْنٌ وَحِيدٌ لِأُمِّهِ، وَكَانَتْ أَرْمَلَةً، وَكَانَ مَعَهَا جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْمَدِينَةِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا الرَّبُّ، تَحَنَّنَ عَلَيْهَا وَقَالَ لَهَا: "لَا تَبْكِي." وَدَنَا، وَلَمَسَ النَّعْشَ فَوَقَفَ الْحَامِلُونَ. فَقَالَ: "أَيُّهَا الشَّابُّ، لَكَ أَقُولُ قُمْ." فَاسْتَوَى الْمَيِّتُ، وَبَدَأَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، فَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى أُمِّهِ. فَأَخَذَ الْجَمِيعَ خَوْفٌ، وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: "لَقَدْ قَامَ فِيْنَا نَبِيٌّ عَظِيمٌ، وَافْتَقَدَ اللَّهُ شَعْبَهُ."

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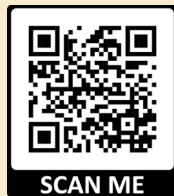
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The clergy and parishioners of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Cicero offer their sincerest condolences to:

The Sweis family on the falling asleep of †FADWA NICHOLA SWEIS, wife of †Michael Mofadi Sweis and mother of †Dn. Bassam, Basil, Khaled, Manal, and Nawal, this past week in Jordan.

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COMMEMORATIONS

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.

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Oct 26 • 40-Day Memorial Service for †YAGOUB S. GHANMA, offered by the Ghanma family.

• 40-Day Memorial Service for †FADWA SAYAD, offered by the Baddour family.

• 6-Month Memorial Service for †ATALLAH HINDELEH, offered by the Hindeleh family.

ENGAGEMENTS

Oct 19 MATTHEW Sweiss and DIANA Makdah

WEDDINGS

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN (*see pgs. 16-17*)

OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO MONTH

Today	• 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	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	After Communion
	• Teen SOYO Induction of Officers	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Chicago Bears Watch Party hosted by Antiochian Men (A-MEN) (<i>see pgs. 23</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (<i>see pgs. 20</i>)	12:30 pm
Fri, Oct 24	Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Social Outing (<i>see pg. ____</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Oct 25	• Peace of Mind Training (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	8:45 am
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Pumpkin Spice & Everything Nice Fall Gathering (<i>see pg. 21</i>)	After Vespers
Sun, Oct 26	• 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	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	After Communion
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	• Antiochian Women (AW) Induction of Officers	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 19</i>)	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

NOVEMBER IS PARISH COUNCIL MONTH

Sat, Nov 1	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Teen SOYO Christmas Card Letter Mailing including Dinner (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	7:00 pm

CHURCHINGS

Oct 26 JOSHUA MICHAEL, son of Jaime and Theresa Valle.

BAPTISMS

Nov 2 LEO, son of Jesse and Deala Torres.

A Bishop's Scribbles
By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

This title may surprise many. Most believers are used to relating to their pastor in only one direction — he gives and they receive. They expect his hand to remain always extended toward them, carrying whatever they think they need or desire. To them, he exists to fulfill their requests. They often treat him like a “superhuman” or someone who must not make mistakes, get tired, or need rest! Why, they think, should he even have to worry about food or drink? They forget that he is a human being, and that he too needs to feel a living spiritual and emotional connection with his flock and with others. In fact, such connection is not a luxury, it is essential for him to continue his ministry and fruitful service.

For a pastor to endure being forgotten by his people, he would have to be an angel in a body without human limits. But if he is a man with a sensitive conscience and a tender heart, living his priestly calling in sincerity and truth, then he can only accept carrying his cross daily, fixing his eyes on the Lord and seeking from Him alone true comfort and consolation.

The needs of God's people are many and varied — spiritual, social, material, psychological. That is why the role of faithful believers, who are conscious of their responsibility, is indispensable. How can a pastor meet all these needs when so many expect only to be embraced, but few ever embrace him?

I sometimes wonder: what image do believers really have of their pastor? Many are astonished to discover that he is, in fact, human — that he needs human connection, if not also spiritual companionship. In their minds, they place him on a very high pedestal — yet they leave him there alone, excusing themselves from striving for that same holiness to which he and they are equally called.

At the same time, they show him little mercy for any action, behavior, or even word that displeases them. Their measure is not whether his ministry aligns with the Gospel. What matters to them is that he didn't fulfill their request, even if he tried his best and went beyond his strength.

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk described this painful reality from his own experience: “If a priest guards himself from sin, they call him rigid;

if he grieves over his sin, they call him gloomy;
if he gives alms, they call him a hypocrite;
if he prays much, they call him an extremist;
if he is insulted and forgives, they call him weak;
if he gives generously to the poor, they call him a fool.”

A Romanian metropolitan, whose diocese numbers just over a million people, once confided to me that his greatest suffering lies in how to shepherd his flock according to the demands of the Gospel, when many of them do not want that Gospel, and sometimes even ask him to do what contradicts it.

His words reminded me of the great Saint Isaac the Syrian, who in the seventh century was appointed bishop of Nineveh. Two men once came before him, quarreling over a field. He told them, “The Gospel says so-and-so.” One of them replied, “What do I have to do with the Gospel? I just want my rights.” At that, the bishop said, “Then what am I doing here? I have no work except the Gospel.” He left the episcopate for the desert, where he became one of the greatest spiritual saints.

Another deep pain for a bishop comes when his flock shows no interest in renewing their lives, purifying their hearts, or growing spiritually, and they are content to remain as they are. For what is the bishop's role, if not to sanctify the lives of his people and help them walk that path? His primary service is to nurture everything that leads them to progress in living their Christian faith.

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk served his spiritually and materially poor diocese with selfless devotion. He tried with all the wisdom and strength God gave him to lift up his people spiritually. Yet he wrote in his notes about the preacher he had invited to teach them: “In vain does the poor preacher wear out his voice.” His illness — the reason he gave the Russian Holy Synod when asking to be relieved of his episcopal duties — was no doubt the result of deep suffering among a people unprepared to live the ways of the Gospel and unwilling to learn. He spent the rest of his life in a monastery, devoted to prayer, contemplation, and charity.

People generally treat a bishop more as a social or political figure than as a spiritual father watching over their salvation. They want him to provide for their material needs, not their spiritual ones. In our Eastern lands, where religion and society intertwine, they often expect him to approve whatever they desire, even if it contradicts the Gospel. If he refuses, he's labeled “strict” or “fanatical.”

This places him in constant inner struggle: How far can his conscience go in accommodating people? Can he look the other way when they insist on imposing their will in matters of faith, twisting or wounding its essence? Has he fulfilled his duty if he guides them according to God's will and they still refuse to follow?

Some expect him to be a businessman, building projects, launching initiatives, managing investments. Others expect him to be a politician, and by “politics,” they mean securing their own interests and influence. Some want him at their social events, presiding at grand banquets, engaging in all conversations except those that concern his true spiritual mission. Then they call him “charming” or “well-mannered.”

But if he is truly a man of God — pure, prayerful, devoted to visiting his people, strictly faithful to the Gospel commandments — they say, “He belongs in a monastery, not a diocese,” even if he gives his very body to the poor.

Our Christian people in the East have yet to move beyond the Ottoman-era idea of the “strong bishop” — the powerful community chief who, for four hundred years, acted as both governor and representative of his people before the civil authorities.

What most deeply isolates a pastor, however, is when he finds no response within his own diocese, when his flock shows indifference to his preaching, when they abandon their responsibilities toward the Church yet still expect him to produce wonders and achievements. For some to consider the diocese and its resources as the bishop's personal property shows a complete withdrawal from their faith commitment. But to expect every service and every solution to come from the bishop or priest alone is ignorant at best and tragic at worst.

Many are quick to criticize their pastors “for every little thing,” whether fair or not, whether it concerns something that displeases them or simply doesn't benefit them personally, while at the same time excusing themselves from any responsibility. They seem to think their only duty is to complain and attack. Worse still, they scrutinize every aspect of the bishop's personal life, his home, his spending, his daily habits. They watch him and judge him on how he lives, while only a few truly care for him, support him, and connect with him at a deeper level. Those who genuinely want him to be a man of God are fewer still.

And yet, they wonder why he sometimes feels alone in their midst.

خريشات أسقف المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

عنوانٌ قد يستعربه الكثيرون. هذه المقال كتب لينقل معاناة الأسقف الذي يطلب وجه الله وتقديس شعبه. وهي لتسليط الضوء على معاناة الكنيسة في المشرق هذه الكنيسة التي تعيش وشعبها تحت ظروف قاسية مما جعل الشعب ينظر الكنيسة كخشبة خلاص ومع المعاناة أضحووا يتطلبون من الكنيسة ما هو أكثر من طاقتها. المقال ما هو الا دعوة غير مباشرة من أجل أن تكثف الصلاة لكنيستنا

إذ اعتاد معظم المؤمنين على التعاطي مع الراعي باتجاه وحيد؛ هو يعطي وهم يستقبلون. يريدون ليده أن تبقى ممدودةً باتجاههم، وحاملةً ما يعتقدونه، هم، اللازم لهم، أو ما يرغبون، هم، به. عندهم، هو موجود لتأمين مطالبهم. يتعاملون معه كـ «سوبر إنسان»: لا يجوز أن يخطيء، ويتعب، ويرتاح!! ولماذا عليه، حتى، أن يفكر بالطعام والشراب!! ينسون أنه إنسان، ومن حقّه، أن يشعر بتواصل روحي وجداني مع أبناء رعيته، ومع غيرهم. لا بل إن هذا التواصل حاجة أساسية ولازمة له، من أجل تأمين استمرار خدمته ونجاحها

يحتاج الراعي إلى أن يكون ملاكاً بجسد لا جسدي، حتى يتحمل نسيان رعيته له. أما إن كان ممّن يتمتّعون بضمير مرهف، وقلب حنون، ويعيش رسالته الكهنوتية، بكل صدق، فليس له إلا أن يرتضي حمل صليبه بشكل دائم، متطّلاً، أبداً، إلى ربّه، ملتصقاً منه، ومنه وحده، التغذية الحقيقية.

حاجات شعب الله كثيرة ومتنوعة؛ فيها الروحي والاجتماعي والمعيشي والنفسي... ما يجعل دور المؤمنين، الواعين لمسؤوليتهم الإيمانية، لا غنى عنه. فكيف للراعي أن يحقق في شخصه كل هذه الأمور، وهو لا يرى إلا من يطالبه باحتضانه، فيما ما من أحد يحضنه هو.

أتساءل بين حين وآخر: ما هي صورة الراعي حقاً في أذهان المؤمنين؟ في الواقع، ثمة من يُدهش منهم، عندما يكتشفون أنه إنسان، وبحاجة إلى تواصل إنساني على الأقل، إن لم نقل روحياً!! فصورته في أذهانهم تصنّفه في مرتبة سامية جداً. ولكنهم يقيمونه وحده فيها، ويعفون أنفسهم منها، متناسين أنه وإياهم مدعوون إلى القداسة ذاتها.

وفي الوقت ذاته، لا يرحمونه إزاء أيّ تصرّف أو سلوك أو موقف أو حتى كلمة لم تعجبهم. ليس المقياس، عندهم، مدى توافق رعايته مع الإنجيل! المهم، عندهم، أنه لم يؤمن لهم مطالبهم، حتى لو حاول وبذل ما يفوق طاقته ولكنه عجز

وصف القديس تيجون الزادونسكي هذه الحالة، منطلقاً من معاناته الشخصية، فقال: «إذا حفظ نفسه من الخطيئة قالوا إنه «متزمت!»؛ وإذا حزن على خطيئته قالوا إنه «سوداوي!»؛ إذا ورّع الحسنات قالوا إنه «مراء!»؛ وإذا استزاد من الصلاة، قالوا «من الغيورين»، إذا أهين وسامح، قالوا: «لا يقوى على الدفاع عن نفسه!»؛ وإذا سخى على الفقراء، قالوا: إنه «أحمق مبدي!»

أسرّ لي مطران روماني، تعدّ أبرشيته ما يزيد قليلاً عن مليون نسمة، بأن معاناته العظمى تكمن في كيفية رعاية المؤتمن عليهم، بحسب متطلبات الإنجيل، في حين لا يريد ذلك كثر منهم، بل يطلبون منه أحياناً ما يخالف الإنجيل

ذكرني كلامه بالقديس الكبير اسحق السورّي، الذي أقيم أسقفاً على مدينة نينوى (العراق)، في القرن السابع. هذا أتى إليه رجلان متخاصمان حول حقل. قال لهما يقول الإنجيل كذا. فأجابهما أحدهما مالي وللإنجيل، أنا أريد حقي. فقال الأسقف ماذا أفعل هنا إذن؟ وليس لي عمل سوى الإنجيل! فهجر المطرانية إلى البرية حيث تنسك، وصار من أكبر القديسين الروحانيين

أما عدم اهتمام الرعية بإصلاح حالها، وتطهير نفوسها، وبرودتها الروحية، واكتفائها بما هي عليه، فميدان آلام روحية أخرى للراعي. ما هو عمل الأسقف إن لم يكن تقديس حياة أبنائه، ومساعدتهم على السير في هذا الطريق؟! تقوم الأولوية في خدمته على رعاية كل ما من شأنه أن يؤدي بهم إلى تقدّم في عيش إيمانهم المسيحي.

خدم القديس تيجون الزادونسكي أبرشيته الفقيرة، روحياً ومادياً، بتفانٍ، وحاول إنهاض شعبها، روحياً، بكل ما منحه الله من حكمة وقوة. لكنه كتب في مذكراته عن الواعظ، الذي استقدمه لكي يعلم الرعية: «عينا يُعجب الواعظ الفقير صوته.» ولا شك في أنّ مرضه، الذي احتجّ به، ليطلب من المجمع المقدس الروسي إعفائه من خدمة الأسقفية، إنما كان نتاج معاناته الأليمة، مع شعب لم يتحضّر بأداب الإنجيل، ولا يريد ذلك. فأكمل بقية حياته في أحد الأديرة، منصرفاً إلى حياة التأمل والصلاة وعمل الصدقات

يتعاطى الناس، عموماً، مع الأسقف، بصفته صاحب مركز اجتماعي أو سياسي، له مكانة عليا، أكثر ممّا يعاملونه أباً روحياً، مُقاماً للسهر على خلاصهم. يريدونه أن يؤمن احتياجاتهم المادية لا الروحية. وفي بلداننا الشرقية، حيث لا ينفصل الديني عن الاجتماعي، يريدونه موافقاً لهم على ما يرغبون به، ولو كان مضاداً للإنجيل. وإلا كان بنظرهم متشددًا، أو متزمتًا.

هذا يجعله في مخاض ضميريّ دائم. فإلى أيّ حدّ يمكن لضميره أن يسايرهم، ويغضّ الطرف عن بعض تصرّفاتهم، خاصة، عندما يفرضون مشيئتهم على قضايا إيمانية أساسية، فيحرفونها ويطنونها في الصميم؟ أيكون قد بلغ الأمانة إن وجههم بحسب مرضاة الربّ، ولم يستجيبوا؟

بينما يريده بعضهم رجل أعمال، بقاء، مُطلقاً لإنجازات، مستثمراً في الوقف، يراه آخرون رجل سياسة. والسياسة، في عرفهم، تثبتت لوجودهم، وتحقيق لمنافعهم. بعضهم يطالبونه بتلبية ما يعتبرونه واجبات اجتماعية، ويرغبون بترؤسه ولائمهم الفاخرة، ولو كان الحديث يطرق كلّ الميادين، إلا ما يختصّ برسالته الدينية أو الروحية. آنذاك يكون، في عرفهم، محدثاً لبقاً «ببيض الوجه.»

أما أن يكون رجل الله، طاهراً، نقياً، رجل صلاة، وافتقاد، مُلزم نفسه بوصايا الإنجيل، فلا يعتبرونه وافياً بالمطلوب. يقولون: مكانه الدير لا الأبرشية، ولو ورّع جسده على الفقراء.

لم يخرج شعبنا المسيحي في الشرق من مفهوم المطران القيصاي، المدعوم أربعمئة سنة من النظام العثماني، الذي قام على أساس الملة، وجعل المطران بمثابة محافظ لطائفه، ومدبّر لشؤونها الزمنية أمام السلطات

أما أكثر ما يُشعر الراعي بالغيرة الداخلية، فهو أن لا يجد تجاوباً معه، في نطاق أبرشيته. كأن لا يلاقي اهتماماً من رعيته، سواء وعظ أم لا؛ أو أن يتحلّوا من مسؤولياتهم تجاه كنيستهم، ويطلبوه في الوقت ذاته، باجتراح الإنجازات والعجائب. أن يعتبر المؤمنون أنّ الأبرشية ومواردها مزرعة الأسقف الشخصية، لهو منتهى الانسحاب من التزامهم الإيماني، ولكن أن يجعلوا تأمين كل خدمة، على أكتاف الأسقف أو الكاهن، فهو منتهى الجهل، إن لم نقل توصيفاً واقعياً أفسى

يكفي الكثيرون بانتقاد رعاتهم «ع الطالع والنازل»، بما يصحّ ولا يصحّ، بما لا يعجبهم ولا يرونه نافعا لهم، وفي الوقت ذاته يعفون أنفسهم من كلّ مسؤولية. وكأنّ مسؤوليتهم تختصر في الانتقاد والتهميم! والانكى من هذا، أنهم يتناولون حياته الشخصية في كلّ تفصيل، بدءاً ببيته وليس انتهاء بمصروفه. يراقبونه ويحاسبونه على أمور معيشته، وقلة منهم فقط، هي التي تهتم به حقاً، لترعاه وتتواصل، في العمق، معه. أما الذين يريدونه رجل الله بامتياز فهم أقلّ من القلة!

ومع ذلك يستغربون أن يختبر الغربة وهو في وسطهم.

God's

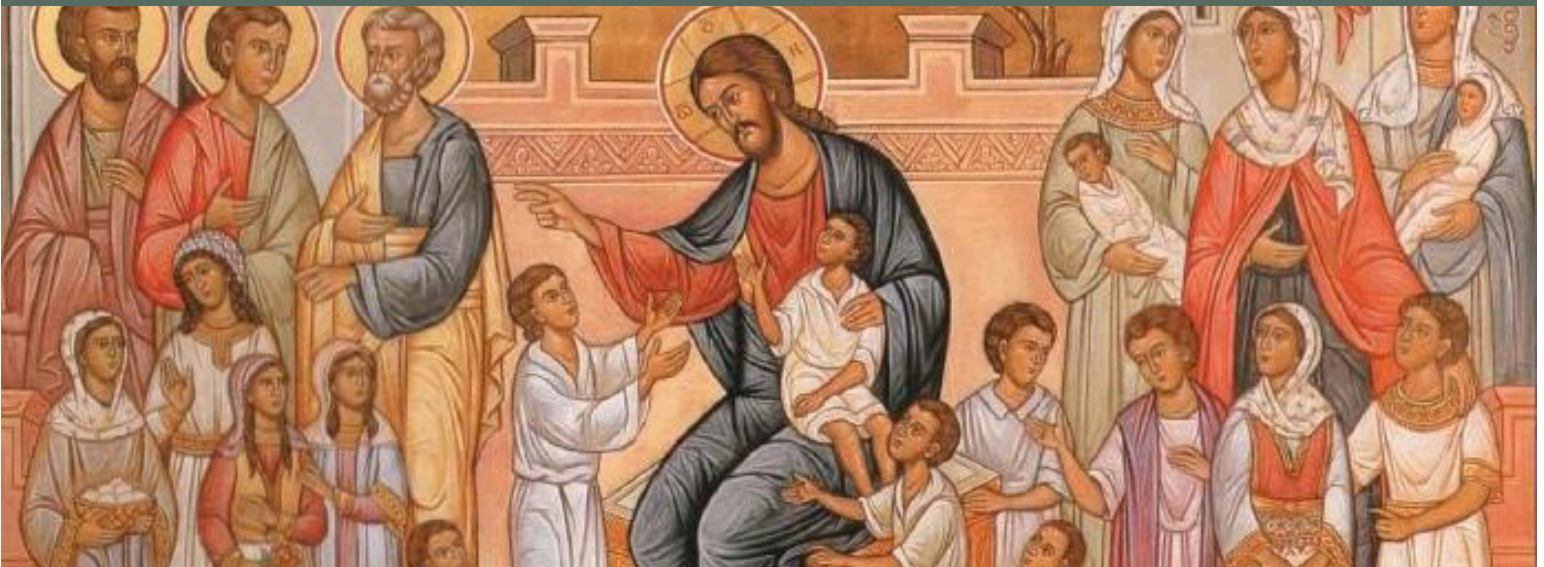


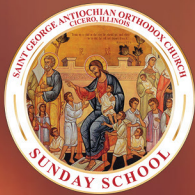
Little Lights

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.





SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christmas Concert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

Vespers 5:00PM

followed by

Concert and Fasting Dinner

♪ MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSALS ♪

Saturday, December 6th — 10AM to 12NOON

Sunday, December 14th — after SUNDAY SCHOOL

REGISTER
FOR
SUNDAY
SCHOOL



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♪ NOTE ♪

*All Christmas Concert participants must be registered as
Sunday School Students and attend Sunday School Classes.*

SIGN-UP
FOR
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 5: The Presentation of the Lord into the Temple and the Flight into Egypt



In obedience to the Jewish law that all firstborn sons were to be taken up to the temple to be presented to the Lord, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. This is called the Presentation of the Lord. King Herod told the three wise men to locate the child. When Herod realized the wise men did not return and he was fooled, he was obsessed with the idea of getting rid of the child and ordered all male infants two years old and under to be killed. God warned Joseph in a dream to take the child and his mother and flee into Egypt and stay until He sent word that it was safe to leave. When King Herod was dead, an angel appeared to Joseph telling him it was safe to leave, and so the Holy Family returned to Nazareth to fulfill the prophecy that He (the savior) would be called a Nazarene.

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

CREATING MEMORIES



Teachers:
Sh. Alice Zayed and Karla Palafox

8th Grade Class

Meet

the

Staff

SH. ALICE ZAYED

POSITION IN SS: 8th Grade Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: Spiritual Awakening by Saint Paisios

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Christmas Concert

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Football



KARLA PALAFOX

POSITION IN SS: 8th Grade Assistant Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: White Nights by Dostoyevsky

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Talking about how to apply scripture to our daily lives with our class

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Aerial Art



**Did you
KNOW?**

In the Orthodox faith, we continue the timeless tradition of Churching, where we bring a new baby before the Lord. This sacred moment reminds us that every child is a gift from God, with a unique purpose yet to be revealed. As we present them to Him, we open our hearts to the blessings that their life and service may bring to us all.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

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!

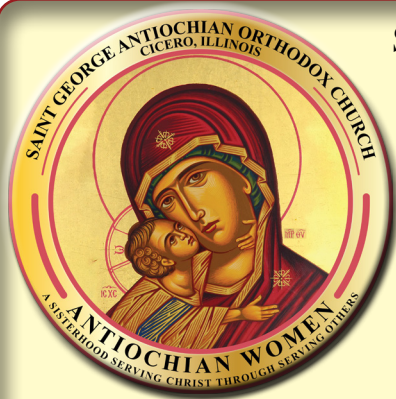
Smoothies!



in the
Orthodox
Club

* Sunday School attendance is mandatory to attend SOYO Hour

All Teens (13-18) Welcome!



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

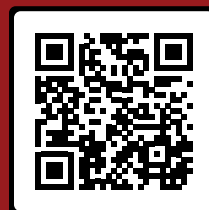
WHERE:

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.*

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**

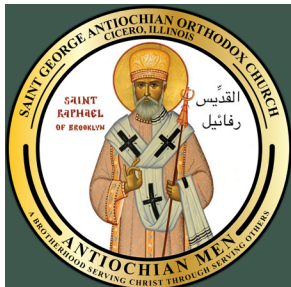
Enjoy warm drinks, sweet treats & cozy
fellowship. Light dinner included.



\$25 per person

RSVP by October 20th





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

- TODAY: 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 19TH**

AFTER LITURGY



in the Church Hall



***ALL* are Invited!**





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+)



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 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." - Matthew 6:21

لأنَّه 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

Learn more: assemblyofbishops.org/peaceofmind



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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!!

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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

7313 N WAUKEGAN ROAD, NILES, IL
(AT FACILITIES OF SAINT MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH)