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

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Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! ***أهلا و سهلا!***

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, Who hast shown forth the light. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

O continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (thrice)

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

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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المَجْدُ لَكَ يا مُظهِرَ النور، المَجْدُ للهِ في العَلاءِ، وعلى الأرْضِ السَّلامُ، وفي النّاسِ المَسَرّة

نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ أجلِ عظيمِ جَلالِ مَجْدِك

أيُّها الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّماويُّ، الإلهُ، الآبُ الضابِطُ الكُلّ. أيُّها الرَّبُّ الإبْنُ الوَحيدُ، يا يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، ويا أيُّها الرّوحُ القُدُس

أيُّها الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يا حَمَلَ اللهِ يا ابنَ الآبِ، يا رافِعَ خطيئةِ العالَمِ ارْحَمْنا، يا رافِعَ خَطايا العالَم

تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنا أيُّها الجالِسُ عَنْ يمينِ الآبِ وارْحَمْنا

لأنَّكَ أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، في مَجْدِ اللهِ الآبِ، آمين.

في كُلِّ يَومٍ أُبارِكُكَ، وأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إلى الأبَدِ، وإلى أبَدِ الأبَد

أهِّلْنا يا رَبُّ أنْ نُحْفَظَ في هذا اليَومِ بِغيرِ خَطيئةٍ.

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

لِتَكُنْ يا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ علَيْنا، كَمِثْلِ اتِّكالِنا عَليك.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ يا رَبُّ عَلِّمْني حُقوقَك. (ثلاثاً)

يا رَبُّ مَلْجأً كُنْتَ لنا في جيلٍ وجيلٍ، أنا قُلْتُ يا رَبُّ ارْحَمْني واشْفِ نَفسي لأنَّني قد خَطِئْتُ إليك

يا رَبُّ إليكَ لجأتُ فَعَلِّمْني أنْ أعْمَلَ رضاكَ، لأنَّكَ أنتَ هُوَ إلهي

لأنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عيْنَ الحياةِ، وبِنورِكَ نعاينُ النور.

فابسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ على الذين يعرِفونَكَ.

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

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوحِ القُدُسِ.

الآنَ وكُلَّ أوانٍ وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارحَمْنا.

قُدّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدّوسٌ القَويّ، قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارْحَمْنا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 4)

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ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

هَلُمّوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، **يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأموات**، لِنُرَتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا

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TROPARION OF SAINTS MARCIAN AND MARTYRIOS (TONE 4)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

شَهيداكَ يا ربُّ بِجِهادِهِما نالا منكَ الأكاليلَ غيرَ الباليةِ يا إلهَنا. لأنَّهُما أحْرَزا قُوَّتَكَ، فحَطَّما المُغْتَصِبين، وسَحَقا بَأْسَ الشياطينِ التي لا قُوَّةَ لها. فَبِتَوَسُّلاتِهِما أيُّها المسيحُ الإلهُ خَلِّصْ نُفوسَنا.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

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

بما أنَّكَ للمأسُورينَ مُحَررٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقَراءِ والمَساكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضَى طبيبٌ وشَافٍ وعنِ المؤمِنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاورجيوسُ اللاّبِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

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 شَفيعَةَ المَسيحيينَ غَيْرَ الخازِيَة، الوَسيطَةَ لَدَى الخالِقِ غَيْرَ المَرْدُودة، لا تُعْرِضي عَنْ أصْواتِ طَلِبَاتِنا نحْنُ الخَطَأَة، بَلْ تَدارَكينا بالمَعونَةِ بِما أنَّكِ صالِحَة، نحْنُ الصارِخِينَ إلَيْكِ بإيمانٍ: بادِري إلَى الشَفاعَةِ وأسْرِعِي في الطِلْبَةِ، يا والِدَةَ الإلَه، المُتَشَفِّعَةَ دائِمًا بِمُكَرِّمِيكِ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEEPING ICON (TONE 8)

Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

To thee the champion leader, * I thy city offer thanks of victory. * O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. * But as thou hast that power which is invincible, * From all dangers set me free and deliver me. That I may cry unto thee: * Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إني أنا عبدُكِ يا والدةَ الإله* اكتُبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةً مُحامية* وأُقدمُ لكِ الشُكرَ كَمُنقذةٍ منَ الشَّدائد* لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَةَ التي لا تُحارَب* اعتقِيني من صُنوفِ الشدائد* حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

EPISTLE READERS

English		Arabic
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Omar Rihani	Nov 1	Sdn. Mazen Rihani
Celina Saba	Nov 8	Mariana Saba

THE SYNAXARION

On October 25th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrios, disciples of Saint Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Note ye in these notaries the pens of Jesus,
Dipped by the sword's nib in their own blood as Martyrs.
On the twenty-fifth, they beheaded Marcian and Martyrios.

These saints fought against the Arian heresy which blasphemed God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. The Emperor Constantius himself inclined towards it. Patriarch Paul was dethroned and driven out to Armenia, where the Arians strangled him. Orthodoxy had two fierce strugglers on hand against the pagans and the heretics. Marcian, a reader, and Martyrios, a chanter, ranged themselves decisively on the side of Orthodoxy. The Arians first tried to bribe them, but, when the two holy men refused this with scorn, the heretics condemned them to death. At their martyrdom, they raised their hands and prayed to God, thanking Him that they were finishing their lives as martyrs in 346. St. John Chrysostom later built a church in their honor over their relics, which worked miracles and cast out demons.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Valerios and Chrisaphios; and Tabitha the merciful, raised from the dead by the apostle Peter. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

EPISTLE

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

مـا أعْظَـمَ أعْمالَـكَ يـا ربُّ، كُلَّهـا بِحِكْمَـةٍ صَنَعْـتَ.

بارِكِـي يـا نَفْسـي الـرَّبّ

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القِدّيسِ بولُسَ

الرَّسولِ إلى أَهْلِ غَلاطِيَة (2:16-20)

يـا إخْـوَةُ، إذْ نَعْلَـمُ أنَّ الإنْسـانَ لا يُبَـرَّرُ بِأَعْمـالِ النامـوسِ، بَـلْ إنَّمـا بالإيمـانِ بِيَسـوعَ المَسـيحِ، آمَنَّـا نَحْـنُ أَيْضـاً بِيَسـوعَ المسـيحِ لِكَـيْ نُبَـرَّرَ بالإيمـانِ بالمَسـيحِ، لا بِأَعْمـالِ النامـوسِ، إذْ لا يُبَـرَّرُ بِأَعْمـالِ النامـوسِ أَحَـدٌ مِـنْ ذَوي الجَسَـدِ. فـإنْ كُنَّـا ونحْـنُ طالِبُـونَ التَبْريـرَ بالمَسـيحِ، وُجِدْنـا نَحْـنُ أيْضـاً خُطـاةً، أَفَيَكـونُ المَسـيحُ إذَنْ خادِمـاً لِلْخَطيئَـةِ؟ حاشـى. فإنّـي إنْ عُـدْتُ أَبْنِـي مـا قَـدْ هَدَمْـتُ، أَجْعَـلُ نَفْسـي مُتَعَدِّيـاً. لأنّـي بالنامـوسِ مُـتُّ لِلْنامـوسِ لِكَـيْ أَحْيـا لله. مَـعَ المَسـيحِ صُلِبْـتُ فَأَحْيـا، لا أنـا، بَـلْ المَسـيحُ يَحْيَـا فِـيَّ. ومـا لـي مِـنَ الحَيـاةِ فـي الجَسَـدِ أنـا أَحْيـاهُ فـي إيمـانِ ابْـنِ اللهِ الـذي أَحَبَّنـي، وبَـذَلَ نَفْسَـهُ عَنِّـي

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

فَصْلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ لوقا الإنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتِلْميذِ الطاهِر (8:26-39)

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، أَتى يَسوعُ إلى كورَةِ الجِرْجِسِيينَ، فَاسْتَقْبَلَهُ رَجُلٌ مِنَ المَدينَةِ بِهِ شَياطينُ مُنْذُ زَمانٍ طَويلٍ، ولَمْ يَكُنْ يَلْبَسُ ثَوْباً ولا يَأْوِي إلى بَيْتٍ، بَلْ إلى القُبورِ. فَلَمَّا رأى يَسوعَ، صاحَ وخَرَّ لَهُ، وقالَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظيمٍ: «ما لي ولَكَ يا يسوعُ ابْنَ اللهِ العَلِيِّ؟ أَطْلُبُ إليكَ ألاّ تُعَذِّبَني.» فإنَّهُ أَمَرَ الرّوحَ النَجِسَ أنْ يَخْرُجَ مِنَ الإنْسانِ، لأنَّهُ كانَ قَدِ اخْتَطَفَهُ مُنْذُ زَمانٍ طَويلٍ، وكانَ يُرْبَطُ بِسَلاسِلَ، ويُحْبَسُ بِقُيودٍ، فَيَقْطَعُ الرُّبُطَ ويُسَاقُ مِنَ الشَيْطانِ إلى البَراري. فَسَألَهُ يَسوعُ قائِلاً: «ما اسْمُكَ؟» فَقالَ لَهُ: «لَجِيُون»، لأنَّ شَياطينَ كَثيرينَ كانوا قَدْ دَخَلُوا فيهِ. وطَلَبُوا إلَيْهِ أنْ لا يَأْمُرَهُمْ بالذَهابِ إلى الهاوِيَةِ. وكانَ هُنَاكَ قَطيعُ خَنازيرَ كَثيرَةٍ تَرْعَى في الجبَلِ. فَطَلَبُوا إلَيْهِ أنْ يَأْذَنَ لَهُمْ بالدُخولِ فيها، فَأَذِنَ لَهُمْ. فخَرَجَ الشياطينُ مِنَ الإنْسانِ، ودَخَلُوا في الخَنازيرِ. فَوَثَبَ القَطيعُ عَنِ الجُرْفِ إلى البُحَيْرَةِ فَاخْتَنَقَ. فَلَمّا رَأى الرُعاةُ ما حَدَثَ، هَرَبُوا وأَخْبَرُوا في المَدينَةِ وفي الحُقولِ. فخَرَجُوا لِيَرَوْا ما حَدَثَ وأتُوا إلى يَسوعَ، فَوَجَدُوا الإنْسانَ الذي خَرَجَتْ مِنْهُ الشَياطينُ جالِساً عِنْدَ قَدَمَي يَسوعَ لابِساً صَحيحَ العَقْلِ، فَخافوا. وأَخْبَرَهُمْ الناظِرُونَ أَيْضاً كَيْفَ أُبْرِئَ المَجْنونُ. فَسَألَهُ جَميعُ جُمْهورِ كورَةِ الجِرْجِسِيينَ أنْ يَنْصَرِفَ عَنْهُمْ لأنَّهُ اعْتَراهُمْ خَوْفٌ عَظيمٌ. فَدَخَلَ السَّفينَةَ وَرَجَعَ. فَسَألَهُ الرَّجُلُ الذي خَرَجَتْ مِنْهُ الشَياطينُ أنْ يَكونَ مَعَهُ. فَصَرَفَهُ يَسوعُ قائِلاً: «إرجِعْ إلى بَيْتِكَ وحَدِّثْ بِمَا صَنَعَ اللهُ إلَيْكَ.» فَذَهَبَ وهُوَ يُنادِي في المَدينَةِ كُلِّها بِما صَنَعَ إليهِ يَسوع

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Sdn. Youssef and Mary Selim

Nov 1 – Samar Rihani and Family

– The Rihani Family

– Peter and Amani Isaid and Family

Nov 8 – ***OPEN***

Nov 15 – ***OPEN***

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Nov 29 – ***OPEN***

Dec 6 – ***OPEN***

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Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – The Haddad Family

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BAPTISMS

Last Sunday	**ISABELLA**, daughter of Fady and Jenna Mseih.
Today	**LORENZO**, son of Jerry and Amanda Haddad.
Nov 14	**ELIAS**, son of Ramez and Vanessa Fakhoury.

MEMORIALS

Nov 1

- 40-Day Memorial Service for **†HANI ZAHI RIHANI**, offered by Samar Rihani and family.
- 40-Day Memorial Service for **†FAWZIEH MARJI RIHANI**, offered by the Rihani family.

Camp St. George I-OWA

July 4-10, 2027

Summer Camp

- Program and Administrative Staff applications open Nov 1.
- Camper Registration and Counselor applications open Dec 1.
- Summer Staff applications are due Jan 1.
- Visit the camp website (csgiowa.org) for details and registration.

REFLECTION

Please be advised of our parish expectations regarding children at the Divine Liturgy:

- If your kids are loud, please still come to Liturgy.
- If you're running late because getting everyone dressed and out the door was a battle, please still come to Liturgy.
- If your toddler won't sit still, please still come to Liturgy.
- If your baby needs to eat, please still come to Liturgy.
- If your child asks questions at the least convenient moment, please still come to Liturgy.
- If someone cries, drops a toy, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, please still come to Liturgy.
- If your child doesn't know all the prayers, responses, or exactly when to sit or stand, please still come to Liturgy.
- If you feel like you spent the entire Liturgy managing your children and heard approximately 12% of the homily, please still come to Liturgy.
- If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to Liturgy.
- If you're worried your children are distracting the people around you, please still come to Liturgy.
- If your child has a disability or special needs, please still come to Liturgy.

Children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying home until they can sit quietly. They learn by being here.

- They learn the Sign of the Cross by watching us make it.
- They learn the prayers by hearing us pray them.
- They learn the Scriptures by hearing the Word of God proclaimed.
- They learn reverence by watching us bow and make prostrations.
- They learn that Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist by seeing the love and reverence with which we approach the Holy Chalice.
- They learn that the Church is their home because we make room for them here.

The wiggles, whispers, crying babies, and little voices are not signs that children don't belong at Liturgy. They are signs that the Church is alive.

So bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Sit where the little ones can see. Step out when you need to, but always come back in.

At Baptism and Chrismation, these children became full members of the Body of Christ. They belong here. They need the grace of the Holy Mysteries, the example of their parents, and the love and patience of their parish family.

Children are not simply the future of the Orthodox Church. They are part of the Church right now!

~Author Unknown

Prayer Requests



To request prayers be said during Liturgy for the *health of* loved ones or *in memory of* the dearly departed...

...email the Church Office by Thursday of that week at:

Office@StGeorgeChi.org

stating *"Health of"* or *"Memory of"* and the names in each category, as well as the name of the person offering prayers.

OR

...complete a **Prayer Request Card** that is in the back of the Church and give it to an Usher by 10:15AM (if a Sunday).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes *(see pg. 14-15)*	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights *(see pg. 27)*	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship *(see pg. 18)*	After Liturgy
Tue, Oct 27	• Finance Committee Zoom Meeting	5:30 pm
	• Saint Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir Zoom Training	7:30 pm
Wed, Oct 28	West Campus Ministry *(see pg. 33)*	6:30 pm
Thu, Oct 29	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program *(see pg. 32)*	6:30 pm
Fri, Oct 30	Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Meeting	5:00 pm
Sat, Oct 31	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Nov 1	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes *(see pg. 14-15)*	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights *(see pg. 27)*	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
Mon, Nov 2	• Teen SOYO Officers' Meeting	7:00 pm
	• Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training Session	8:00 pm
Tue, Nov 3	Saint Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir Zoom Training	7:30 pm
Wed, Nov 4	West Campus Ministry *(see pg. 33)*	6:30 pm
Thu, Nov 5	Saint Katherine Mission Evening Program *(see pg. 32)*	6:30 pm
Sat, Nov 7	• JOY Club Bowling Bash *(see pg. 17)*	1:00 pm
	• Great Vespers Service in Spanish *(see pg. 30)*	6:00 pm
	• Bible Study in Spanish *(see pg. 30)*	After Vespers
Sun, Nov 8	• Pre-Communion Prayers	8:45 am
	• Orthros (Matins)	9:00 am
	• Great Doxology	10:15 am
	• Divine Liturgy	10:20 am
	• Sunday School Classes *(see pg. 14-15)*	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights *(see pg. 27)*	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour *(see pg. 22)*	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship *(see pg. 18)*	After Liturgy
Mon, Nov 9	• Finance Committee Zoom Meeting	5:30 pm
	• Legacy Ball Committee Post-Event Recap Meeting	7:00 pm
Tue, Nov 10	• Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm
	• Saint Romanos the Melodist Byzantine Choir Zoom Training	7:30 pm

Dates to Remember!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

NOV 15	**MON-FRI** NOV 15-DEC 25	HOLY ADVENT SEASON
DEC 24	**THU** DEC 24	Christmas Liturgy
JAN 5	**TUE** JAN 5	THE GREAT FEAST OF EPIPHANY
MAR 15	**MON-SAT** MAR 15-MAY 1	GREAT LENT
MAY 2	**SUN** MAY 2	Great and Holy Pascha (Easter)

Saint Mother Maria Skobtsova of Paris

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

She was a rare personality, overflowing with strength and energy. She lived the commandment to love one's neighbor in an extraordinary way. She knew life in all its stark reality. She experienced marriage and divorce, as well as a mother's grief at the death of her children. She consecrated her life to monasticism in "the desert of this world." Her life resembled the ministry of a deaconess who washed the feet of the suffering and destitute, especially her fellow countrymen who had fled Russia and found themselves displaced in Paris. She rebelled against every form of stagnation. She wrote poetry, delivered theological and philosophical lectures, and interpreted contemporary reality in the light of evangelistic love. She died in a Nazi concentration camp, consumed by fire, shortly before the end of the Second World War.

This remarkable woman desired to live the monastic life in the world and to bear a message of consolation to a suffering world. She became known for her disregard of social conventions, her rejection of spiritual comfort, her radically simple evangelistic way of life, and her desire to serve the poor and the suffering—in whom Christ is found.

She was born in 1891 in a city in southern Russia, to devout Orthodox parents. She believed in the Lord Jesus and regarded love for people as the path leading to love for Him. She therefore sacrificed everything—her time and her health—to help those who were in desperate need of food, drink, and shelter. She searched for them in the narrow streets of Paris and beneath its trees, then brought them to the house she had rented for their sake, to shelter them and protect them from the bitter Parisian cold. She firmly believed that there was no other path to Paradise except participation in the Lord's mercy.

Her marriage was unsuccessful. After it collapsed and one of her children died, Metropolitan Evlogy encouraged her to embrace monasticism "in the desert of this world." She took the name Mother Maria and began her work in a rented house that was not fully furnished. She therefore had to wrap herself in blankets and sleep on the floor beneath an icon of the Mother of God.

On the very first night, benefactors gradually began sending furniture, while guests began arriving at the same time. At first, most of the guests were Russian women. To make room for others, Mother Maria gave up her own room and slept on an iron bed in the basement beside the water heater. She transformed an upstairs room into a chapel and enlarged the dining room so that it could be used as a hall for lectures and discussions.

After two years, the house could no longer accommodate everyone. She therefore searched for a larger one, where she was able to feed a hundred hungry people. She transformed its back garden into a chapel. There, her guests could catch their breath until the time came when they were able to resume their lives once again.

The work continued to grow. She rented another building and designated one of the houses for families in need and the other for single men. She also acquired a farm that was transformed into a convalescent home, where a group of women deprived of every consolation found refuge. No one knows how many souls this Russian nun saved in France during the German occupation. Hundreds? Certainly—and perhaps thousands, for she never kept count.

Mother Maria could have left Paris as the Germans advanced toward the city. She could even have departed for America. But her decision was firm: "If the Germans occupy the city, I shall remain here with my elderly women. Where else could I possibly send them?"

At Pascha in 1940, Mother Maria wrote:

"Death rules over the entire world. At this very moment, I know that death has struck hundreds of people, while thousands await their turn. I also know that mothers are waiting for the postman and tremble whenever the mail is more than a day late."

Hunger and poverty intensified after the fall of Paris. The authorities designated Mother Maria's house as a food-distribution center. This opened the way for her to enter a Nazi detention center, where she worked for three consecutive days, consoling the children and their parents, assisting them, and distributing whatever food she had been able to obtain. With the help of sanitation workers, she saved the lives of many children by hiding them in garbage containers and smuggling them out of the detention center.

On February 8, 1943, Nazi security forces arrested her son, Yuri, and took him and his elderly grandmother to an interrogation office. On February 10, Mother Maria was arrested together with thirty-four other women because she was sheltering Jews fleeing arrest in her house. She was deported to Germany. Her son Yuri and Father Dimitri, the priest who served the house chapel, later died in prison.

Mother Maria, prisoner number 19263, remained in the concentration camp for two years. She was placed in Barracks 27, situated in a corner of the large camp, not far from Barracks 31, which was filled with Russian prisoners. She was able to establish friendships with many of them.

She believed that her only way out of the camp would be through the crematorium. She therefore asked one of her fellow prisoners, whom she hoped would survive, to deliver an oral message to Father Sergius Bulgakov, Metropolitan Evlogy, and her mother:

"In my present condition, I must accept these sufferings, knowing that this is how things must be for me. And if I must die, I will receive it as a blessing from above."

In a postcard she was permitted to send to several friends in Paris, she wrote:

"I am still healthy and strong, but I have grown old."

Her work in the camp varied. For a time, she worked with a group of women who were forced to pull a heavy iron roller along the roads and entrances of the camp for twelve hours each day. At another stage, she worked in a weaving workshop. Her strength gradually began to fail, and her legs could no longer support her. During roll call, one of the prisoners would serve as a crutch for her. When her health collapsed, her friends would no longer accept any portion of her food, as they had so often done before when she sought to keep others alive.

As the Red Army approached from the east, those in charge of the concentration camp reduced the quantity of food and increased the number of prisoners housed in each barracks. By March 1945, Mother Maria's condition had become critical. She had to lie on her bed between roll calls and rarely spoke. Her face bore the signs of approaching death. Yet she never complained. Her eyes remained closed, and she appeared to be in a state of unceasing prayer.

Mother Maria died on March 30, at the age of fifty-three. That year, the date fell on Great and Holy Friday, while the sound of the approaching Red Army's bombardment could be heard.

Accounts of her death differ. According to one, she was simply one of the many prisoners selected to die that day. According to another, she took the place of a fellow prisoner—an account wholly consistent with the noble life she had lived. In either case, she consciously offered herself to the flames, and in doing so helped all of us to accept the Cross.

She was illumined by the peace of the Lord and transmitted that peace to us. Although she perished in the gas chamber, she did not die in the Church's memory. The survivors of the war who had known her continued to speak of her faith, her thoughts, her convictions, and her work as a nun of extraordinary character who had spent many years helping people living on the road of despair.

On January 16, 2004, the Ecumenical Patriarchate proclaimed her a saint, together with Father Dimitri and her son Yuri.

القديسة الأم ماريا سكوبتسوفا من باريس
المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

شخصية نادرة، تفور بالقوّة والطاقة. عاشت وصيّة حبّ القريب بشكل مذهل. خبرت الحياة بواقعيّتها. عرفت الزواج والطلاق، كما ذاقت فقدان الأمّ لأولادها بالموت. كرّست حياتها للرهبنة في "صحراء هذا العالم". عاشت أشبه بخدمة شمّاسة تغسل أرجل المتألمين والمعدمين، بخاصّة أبناء بلدها الفارّين من روسيا والمشرّدين في باريس. ثارت على كلّ جمود. كتبت الشعر وألقت المحاضرات اللاهوتية والفلسفية، وحلّلت الواقع على ضوء المحبّة الإنجيليّة. وماتت، حرقاً، في معتقل نازي، قبل انتهاء الحرب العالميّة الثانية بوقت قصير جدّاً.

أرادت هذه المرأة المميّزة أن تعيش حياة رهبانيّة في العالم، وتحمل رسالة تعزية في هذا العالم المتألم. عُرفت بعدم التقيّد بالأعراف، ورفض الترف الروحي، والعيش في البساطة الإنجيليّة بشكل جذريّ، والرغبة في خدمة الفقراء والمتألمين حيث يوجد المسيح

وُلدت في العام 1891 في مدينة في جنوب روسيا، لوالدين أرثوذكسيّين مؤمنَين. آمنت بالربّ يسوع واعتبرت محبّة الناس الطريق إلى محبّته، فضحّت بكلّ شيء؛ بوقتها وصحّتها، لمساعدة أولئك الّذين كانوا بأمسّ الحاجة إلى الطعام والشراب والمأوى. كانت تبحث عنهم في أزقّة باريس الضيّقة وتحت الأشجار، لتأخذهم إلى البيت الذي استأجرته من أجلهم، كي تؤويهم وتقيهم برد باريس الشّديد. آمنت بيقين أن ما من طريق آخر إلى الجنّة سوى المشاركة في رحمة الربّ.

لم تُوفَّق في زواجها، وبعد انهياره وموت أحد أولادها شّجعها المطران "إفلويي" على الرهبنة "في صحراء هذا العالم". فاتّخذت اسم الأمّ ماريّا، وبدأت بمنزل بالإيجار غير مفروش بشكل كامل، ما اضّطرها إلى أن تلفّ جسدها ببعض الأغطية وتنام على الأرض تحت أيقونة والدة الإله

في الليلة الأولى بدأ المحسنون بإرسال الفرش تدريجيّاً، وفي الوقت ذاته بدأ الضيوف بالوصول. شكّلت النساء الروسيّات النسبة العُظمى من الضيوف في البداية. ولكي تؤمّن مكاناً للآخرين تركت الأم ماريّا غرفتها لتنام على سرير حديديّ في القبو قرب سّخان المياه، وحوّلت غرفة في الطابق العلوي إلى كنيسة، بينما وسّعت غرفة الطعام لتُستخدَم كقاعة محاضرات ومناقشة

لم يعد المنزل يتّسع بعد عامين، فبحثت عن آخر أوسع، استطاعت إطعام مئة جائع فيه، وحوّلت حديقته الخلفية إلى كنيسة. هناك استطاع ضيوفها استرجاع أنفاسهم حتّى يحين الوقت الذي يستطيعون استئناف حياتهم ثانيةً

تطّور العمل فاستأجرت بناءً آخر وخصّصت أحدهما للعائلات المحتاجة والثاني للرجال العازبين، بالإضافة إلى مزرعة تحوّلت إلى مصّح، حلّت فيه مجموعة من النساء المحرومات من كلّ عزاء. لا أحد يعرف كَمْ من الأرواح أنقذت هذه الرّاهبة الرّوسيّة في فرنسا خلال الاحتلال الألماني. المئات؟ بالتّأكيد وربّما الآلاف فهي لم تُحصِ ذلك أبداً

كان بإمكان الأمّ ماريّا أن تغادر باريس عندما كان الألمان يتقدّمون نحو المدينة أو حتّى أن تغادر إلى أمريكا، لكن قرارها كان حاسماً: إذا احتلّ الألمان المدينة فسأبقى هنا مع نسائي العجوزات. فإلى أيّ مكان آخر أستطيع أن أُرسلهنّ؟

كتبت الأمّ ماريا في فصح 1940:

"إنّ الموت يحكم العالم بأسره. والآن وفي هذه اللّحظة بالذّات أعرف أنّ الموت قد أصاب المئات من النّاس، في حين الآلاف ينتظرون دورهم. كما أعرف أنّ الأُمّهات ينتظرن ساعي البريد ويرتجفن إذا ما تأخّرت الرسالة أكثر من يوم واحد"

ازداد الجوع والفقر بعد سقوط باريس. وأعلنت السّلطات منزل الأم ماريّا مركزاً لتوزيع الطعام، ففُتح الطريق لها للدخول إلى المعتقل النازي حيث عملت لمدّة ثلاثة أيّام متواصلة في مواساة الأطفال وأهلهم وتقديم العون لهم، موزّعةً الطّعام الذي استطاعت الحصول عليه، وقامت بإنقاذ حياة العديد من الأطفال بمساعدة عُمّال النّظافة؛ وذلك بوضعهم في حاويات القمامة وتهريبهم إلى خارج المعتقل

في الثامن من شباط 1943 اعتقلت قوّات الأمن النازيّة ابنها "يورا" ونقلته مع جدّته العجوز إلى مكتب التحقيق. وفي 10 شباط تمّ اعتقالها مع 34 امرأة أخرى لأنّها تؤوي اليهود الفارّين من الاعتقال في بيتها. ونُقلت إلى ألمانيا، أمّا ابنها "يورا" والأب ديمتري كاهن البيت فتوفّيا في ما بعد في السجن.

بقيت الأمّ مارّيا، السّجين رقم 19263، سنتين في المعتقل

ووُضِعت في المهجع رقم 27 الواقع في زاوية المعسكر الكبير، ليس بعيداً عن المهجع رقم 31 المليء بالسجناء الروس الذين استطاعت أن تقيم صداقات مع العديد منهم. وكانت تعتقد بأنّ مخرجها الوحيد من هذا المعسكر سيكون من خلال المُحرقة، لذلك طلبت، من أحد أصدقائها السجناء الذي أملت بنجاته، نقل رسالة شفويّة إلى الأب سيرغي بولغاكوف والمطران إفلويي وأمّها، تقول فيها: "في حالتي الرّاهنة عليَّ أن أتقبّل الآلام لعلمي أنّ الأجور يجب أن تكون هكذا بالنسبة لي. وإذا ما كان عليَّ أن أموت فإنّي أجد ذلك بركةً من الأعالي". وفي بطاقة بريديّة سُمح لها أن ترسلها إلى بعض أصدقائها في باريس كتبت: "أنا لاأزال بصحّةٍ جيّدةٍ وقويّة لكنّني أصبحت عجوزاً"

تنّوع عملها في المعسكر ففي إحدى الفترات كانت تعمل ضمن فريق من النّسوة يقمن بجرّ مدحلة حديديّة ثقيلة في طرق ومداخل المعسكر لمدّة 12 ساعة يوميّاً. وفي مرحلة أُخرى عملت في ورشة حياكة. بدأت قواها تخور ولم تعد ساقاها قادرتين على حملها. وعند قراءة التفقد كان أحد السجناء يعمل كعكاز لها. وعندما انهارت صّحتها لم يعد أصدقاؤها يقبلون أخذ جزءٍ من طعامها، كما كانت تفعل دائماً لتُبقي الآخرين على قيد الحياة.

مع اقتراب الجيش الأحمر من ناحية الشرق خّفض القائمون على معسكر الاعتقال كمّية الطعام وزادوا عدد السجناء في كلّ مهجع. ومع حلول آذار عام 1945 أصبحت حالة الأمّ ماريّا حرجة وكان عليها أن تستلقي على فراشها بين التفقّد والآخر، ونادراً ما كانت تتكلّم، وحمل وجهها علامات الموت، ومع ذلك لم تتذّمر أبداً، وقد أغلقت عينيها وبدت أنّها بحالة صلاة دائمة

توفيت الأمّ ماريّا في 30 آذار عن عمر 53 سنة. وصادف آنذاك يوم الجمعة العظيمة وكانت تُسمَع أصوات قصف قنابل الجيش الأحمر المتقّدِم. تختلف التفاصيل حول وفاتها؛ فتبعاً لإحداها فإنّها كانت، ببساطة، واحدةً من العديد الذين تمّ اختيارهم للموت في ذلك اليوم، وتبعاً لرواية أخرى فإنّها أخذت مكان سجين آخر، وهذا ينسجم مع حياتها الكريمة التي عاشتها. لكنّها، على أيّ حال، قدّمت نفسها بوعي للمحرقة، وبذلك ساعدتنا جميعاً على قبول الصليب. لقد استنارت بسلام الربّ ونقلته إلينا. ومع أنّها قضت في غرفة الغاز إلّا أنّها لم تمت في ذاكرة الكنيسة، والنّاجون من الحرب الذين عرفوها بشكل متواصل ظلّوا يتحدّثون عن إيمانها وأفكارها ووجهات نظرها وأنشطتها كراهبة ذات شخصيّة فريدة قضت سنوات عديدة في مساعدة الناس الّذين عاشوا في طريق اليأس

أعلنت البطريركية المسكونية قداستها مع الأب ديمتري وابنها يوري في 16 ك2/ 2004.

October 25, 2026 – Lesson 6

The Scroll

A Newsletter of Saint George Church Sunday School

THE LITURGY

The Liturgy is our best teacher and ultimate form of worship. It is commonly referred to as "the work of the people," and cannot be celebrated alone. It is celebrated together as a Church body, "on behalf of all and for all."

As our ultimate form of worship it includes giving thanks, praising, glorifying, and praying. We walk through each of these elements of worship in the Liturgy each week. The Liturgy is split into four parts—Introductory Prayers and Petitions (gathering, called the Synaxis), Liturgy of the Word, Presentation of the Gifts, and Consecration of the Gifts. The Liturgy is celebrated on the Lord's Day—Sunday—and special feast days. There are 4 different Liturgies written by different Church fathers, the main one being Saint John Chrysostom's. The others are The Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great (used 10 times throughout the liturgical year), The Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (used during the weekdays of Great Lent), and the Liturgy of Saint James (rarely used, but in some churches, on October 23, the feast of Saint James).

Worship is an act of humility. We humble ourselves before God, bow down, and revere Him. Through this act of humility, we allow God to strengthen, lift, and build us back up.

** Lesson 6 summary reflects last week's lesson from Sunday, October 18, 2026.*

Did You Know?

Rehearsals for the Annual Christmas Concert have already begun! They are Sundays directly after Sunday School classes. Register your students for Youth Choir right away, if you have not already done so, and send them to rehearsal each week, so they are well-prepared for the performance.

Creating Memories















REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

SCAN ME

Save the Date

Sun | Oct 25	• Sunday School Classes / God's Little Lights • Youth Choir / Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Sun | Nov 1	• Sunday School Classes / God's Little Lights • Youth Choir / Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Mon | Nov 2	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training
Sun | Nov 8	• Sunday School Classes / God's Little Lights • Youth Choir / Christmas Concert Rehearsal
Sun | Nov 15	• Sunday School Classes / God's Little Lights • Youth Choir / Christmas Concert Rehearsal



Glory Club

INVITING
– ALL KIDS –
(ages 5-8)

Give Thanks Give Hope

Sat, Nov 21 2026

9:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Free Event

Space is limited to 36 people

Phil's Friends
1150 N. Swift Road, Addison, IL 60101

Humanitarian Event

- Pack care packages for friends facing cancer
- Color and decorate care packages boxes and Cards of Hope
- **Bring 1 NEW BLANKET or WOMEN'S HAT PER CHILD as a donation**
- Each child must be accompanied by a parent
- Water bottles permitted – No Food allowed

SCAN ME

RSVP *REQUIRED*
by Sun | Nov 15





phil's friends
cancer is strong. hope is stronger.


JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH
THE THREE HOLY YOUTHS
J.O.Y. CLUB
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL
JOY Club
Junior Orthodox Youth
Bowling Bash
Sat, Nov 7 | 1PM - 4PM
LUCKY STRIKE BOWLING
7333 N MILWAUKEE AVE, NILES
$30/youth
includes shoe rental, cheese pizza, chicken tenders, french fries, unlimited soft drinks, arcade card w/20 credits
LUCKY LANES
RSVP HERE
by Tue, 11/3
SCAN ME
All youth (ages 9-12) welcome!

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL



YAF SAVE THE DATE

September

September is YAF Month!

Sunday - 27
YAF Coffee Hour

October

Sunday - 11
YAF Coffee Hour

Thursday-Saturday - 15-17
YAF Pilgrimage to Antiochian Village

Saturday - 24
Board Games and Baking Night

Sunday - 25
YAF Coffee Hour

November

Sunday - 8
YAF Coffee Hour

Friday - 20
YAF Humanitarian Event

Sunday - 22
YAF Coffee Hour

December

Saturday - 5
YAF Ice Skating Social Event

Sunday - 6
YAF Coffee Hour

Saturday - 19
YAF Spiritual Retreat

Sunday - 20
YAF Coffee Hour

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

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

Pilgrimage to Antiochian Village

Thu-Sat | Oct 15-17 2026

Memories from the Participants

Thursday-Saturday, October 15-17, 2026, the Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) of Saint George Church in Cicero, Illinois, went on a pilgrimage to Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pennsylvania. At the conclusion of the pilgrimage, each participant was asked to share, as listed below.

What was your favorite memory of this 2026 YAF AV Pilgrimage?	
Sarah Alamir	*"Meeting and speaking to people I hadn't met before in our icebreakers. Everyone had a part in making this trip so joyful."*
Anthony Araj	*"The walks around the Village seeing the scenery and shrines."*
George Bonkowski	*"Seeing the relics of Saint Raphael and venerating them."*
Cooper Brown	*"Spending time with my wonderful friends in the town of Ligonier."*
Alfonso Campos	*"When we said the evening prayers outside in the rain then visited the grave of †Metropolitan Philip."*
Theo Conopeotis	*"Spending time with everyone, bonding, and meeting new people."*
Daniel DiMartino	*"Staying up late on the last night talking to Abouna and playing games."*
Mikey Elmughrabi	*"The fellowship we had during the sessions. I got to see people's opinions and get to know them."*
Amanda N. Eseed	*"The nature walk and seeing all of [the] icons within the forest."*
Crystal Eseed	*"Leading the youth of our Church to strengthen their spiritual lives. The growth in such a short amount of time was beautiful and inspiring."*
Nancymarie Eseed	*"Spending time with the YAF."*
George Fashho	*"I really enjoyed hearing the extensive history of how AV came to be. Also, exploring around the campus (nature walks, outside chapel, camp chapel). Lastly, learning about how much effort and passion went into making AV what it is today."*
Nina Ghanayem	*"Deacon Moses' lesson, playing games at night, and bonding with new friends."*
Erick Guzman	*"The chapel full of young adults all singing and praising the Lord in unison."*

David Habash	*"Being able to be intimate with the people on my van on the way over, felt good to be open and honest with each other!"*
Mark Habash	*"On the bus ride receiving knowledge and wisdom from Deacon Moses, as young men planning for our future."*
Nabeel H. Hinnawi	*"V (Value) – This was very valuable as I was able to strengthen my faith. Q (Quality) – The quality of the pilgrimage was very eye opening as I was able to reflect on my faults and how I can improve in my day to day life. P (Presence) – Being surrounded by others from the Church was a great way to teach and learn from each other."*
Nathaniel Humphrey	*"All of the group discussions we've had with our clergy and connecting more deeply with my peers."*
Angelina Imseeh	*"The double U activity. I was opening up to people and sharing my experiences with people I normally wouldn't."*
Faris Jabaji	*"The nature walk and the lectures in the Chestnut Room were very effective as well as the prayers in the Chapel. Also the Village and the bookshop are great."*
Nicola Kahoush	*"Witnessing 40 young adults come together around the bonfire and look like one community and one family."*
Marina Kari	*"In the evenings when we would all come together and play board games, cards, and spend time in each other's company."*
Tamara Issam Maatouk	*"Enjoying the beautiful nature with lovely company – both new companions and old friends :-) As well as the Bible study discussions – very invigorating."*
Michael Johnny Massih	*"The lectures/chats that we had with Abouna Fouad, Abouna Gabriel, and Deacon Moses that went into deep beneficial topics."*
Anthony Montesinos	*"Exploring the town of Ligonier."*
Christian Najjar	*"I enjoyed the morning walks with Abouna and the YAF members. I liked seeing the icons and shrines spread through the camp."*
Justin Najjar	*"The amazing prayers together."*
Alex Nawas	*"Walking the camp grounds both mornings and specifically going into Saint Ignatius Chapel to venerate all the relics."*
Michael Nawas	*"Being in nature, away from all distractions. Seeing the history of our faith and Orthodoxy in America."*
Karla Palafox	*"Getting to spend quality time with everyone, and discussing our faith."*
Yacoub Rayan	*Our incredible discussions and the lessons learned during our sessions."*
Dia Rihani	*"Watching my brothers and sisters connecting, laughing, and making beautiful memories, throughout the weekend!"*

Hanna Saba	*"Praying with the YAF community every morning, evening, and night. Proof of the growth of our future in Orthodoxy."*
Peter Saba	*"Praying and attending services in a Chapel where the relics of Saint Raphael lay."*
Philip B. Saba	*"The discussions we had with each other. I believe we had the chances to learn more about each other and that made us grow in the faith."*
Hanna Shunnarah	*"The fantastic DJ sets during the car ride with DJ Mikey Massih."*
Layla Shunnarah	*"Morning walks with Abouna."*
Shouki Shunnarah	*"The free time that we did get, we spent getting to know each other having deep convos about one another and the Bible."*
Nicholas Sweis	*"I loved being able to revisit the memories I made with Saint George [Church] and spend time with my long-time friends. I also enjoyed meeting new people and make new friends that I'm sure will last a long time."*
Nick Zureikat	*"Friday night, when all activities were done, and a small group and I sat around Abouna Saba and listened to his stories and helped interpret our questions."*
Dn Moses Bynum	*"Riding to the retreat and hearing people share their hopes and challenges and how they asked me to share about my Orthodox journey."*
Fr Gabriel Coronel	*"Seeing everyone engaged, joyful, and eager to grow in Christ."*
Fr Fouad Saba	*"Hearing the Young Adults' voices in the Church services – seeing their faces as they discussed the topics at every session. Formation at every point. Thanks be to God.*



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO



Save the Date...

TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

SUN, NOV 8	Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour
SAT, NOV 21	Teen SOYO Humanitarian Day
SUN, NOV 22	Teen SOYO Turkey Drive
SUN, DEC 6	Teen SOYO – SOYO Hour and Kris Kringle Activity
SAT, DEC 12	Teen SOYO Christmas Card Mailing Preparation
MON, DEC 28	Teen SOYO Spiritual Retreat

All Teens (13-18) Welcome!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية

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

TEEN SOYO

WORSHIP WITNESS SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

October 24, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is a time of giving and remembrance. A time of exchanging greetings between friends and loved ones, near and far. In keeping with this spirit, Teen SOYO is asking that you join in subscribing to the 2026 Church Christmas Card. Let us do the work and take this off your busy to-do list!

Teen SOYO (ages 13-18) sponsors this card every year as the major fundraiser and to give all of us the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at Saint George Church. Your donation will help support the following Teen SOYO programs:

- Spiritual Retreats
- SOYO Social Outings
- Meetings
- Bible Studies
- Diocesan Events
- Outreach
- Field Trips
- Humanitarian Projects
- ...and much, more!

Please complete the subscription form below so that you may be included as one of the subscribers to the 2026 Church Christmas Card. A minimum donation will be appreciated by Sunday, November 29, to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser. Forms received after Sunday, November 29, will not be included in the card, however, will be published in the *Weekly Bulletin* in December.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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

Juliana Nawas
Juliana Nawas
Teen SOYO President

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Please make checks payable to **"Saint George Church – SOYO"** and return with this form to Church Office by **Sunday, November 29, 2026**, (or you may subscribe to the Christmas Card online at www.StGeorgeChi.org/teen-soyo or scan QR code).

SCAN ME

Please prayerfully consider one of the following donations to Teen SOYO for Christmas:

Manger Gift $50 ☐ Shepherd Tidings $75 ☐ Heart of Christmas $100 ☐

Angel of Love $150 ☐ Bethlehem Blessings $200 ☐ Mary's Miracle Over $200 *(indicate amount)* $_____

Please complete the 4 points below. The name(s) will be included in the Church Christmas Card **exactly as shown below.** **Please print clearly.**

1. CHOOSE ONE (1) CATEGORY: ☐ For Good Health... ☐ In Memory of...
2. Please PRINT one word that reminds you of Teen SOYO: _____
3. Please PRINT Name(s) to display on card: _____
4. Contact Information: _____
   Name *Phone*

Have a Blessed Nativity Season!

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

Pilgrimage to Antiochian Village

Thu-Sat | Oct 8-10 2026

Memories from the Participants

Thursday-Saturday, October 8-10, 2026, the Antiochian Men (A-MEN) of Saint George Church in Cicero, Illinois, went on a pilgrimage to Antiochian Village in Bolivar, Pennsylvania. At the conclusion of the pilgrimage, each participant was asked to share, as listed below.

What was your favorite memory of this 2026 A-MEN AV Pilgrimage?	
Adel Alfakhori	*"Going to the festival with my brothers."*
Khalil Barbari	*"Great Group. We bonded together. We had real fun, lots of laugh[s] and jokes. What a great time."*
Michael Barbari	*"Getting to know more about my brothers during the bonfire."*
Azzam Barhoumeh	*"Spending time with my Church brothers."*
George Barhoumeh	*"Getting to know Deacon George."*
George Conopeotis	*"Seeing the Deacons' passion for teaching and sharing their faith."*
Ala' Imseeh	*"We were one hand in Jesus Christ."*
Daoud Kahoush	*"Bonfire hanging [out] with A-MEN."*
Jeries Kahoush	*"Connecting with other men from Church and strengthening my relationship with them, personally and spiritually."*
Ryan McMahon	*"The valuable teaching and joyful fellowship."*
Cesar Montesinos	*"To get to know other brothers from the Church."*
Herbert Obah, Jr.	*"Enjoy a good drink and laugh with the brothers at the bonfire."*
Suhail Qumri	*"Bonding with my brothers and getting to now some of them at a deeper level."*
Hector M. Rodriguez	*"Love and friendship. Thanks everyone."*
Bassam Saba	*"At the bonfire when every[one] shared his stories about life outside Church and we bonded as one family."*

Samar Shunnarah	*"Ice breakers and morning walks."*
Akram Zanayed	*"The starting of the bonfire which quickly grew to a roaring flame was symbolic of the growing brotherhood during the entire event."*
Fadlallah Zanayed	*"To share this experience with everyone in this group with the love of Christ."*
Rammy Issa Zanayed	*"Truly meeting and getting to know better my brother in Christ, Herbert."*
Ronnie Zanayed	*"The new connections and bonds that I have created with my new brothers."*
Samer Zanayed	*"To be able to experience this retreat with my 78-year[-old] father and build my spiritual connections with my brothers to be a better father, son, husband, follower of Christ."*
Yacoub Zayed	*"Spending time with my brother at a wonderful facility."*
Dn Moses Bynum	*"One of the brothers apologizing for not knowing the names of some of his brothers. He promised to know more people going forward."*
Dn John Zayed	*"Prayers outside in the outdoor chapel."*
Dn George Nassief	*"The 5-part presentation and discussion about Joseph from the book of Genesis."*
Fr Gabriel Coronel	*"Seeing everyone engaged, joyful, and eager to grow in Christ."*
Fr Fouad Saba	*"Real men pray and submit to being a body, a Church. I saw this consistently throughout the pilgrimage. Love, respect, joy, kindness, brotherhood."*





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men *(A-MEN)*

SAVE THE DATE

Sat, DEC 12/2026: **A-MEN Advent Spiritual Retreat**

Sat, JAN 9/2027: **A-MEN Annual Shawerma Night**

ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" — Proverbs 27:17

«الحديد بالحديد يحدّد والانسان يحدّد وجه صاحبه.»
— امثال ٢٧:١٧

God's Little Lights



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

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

READY, SET, SHINE!

What is God's Little Lights?

God's Little Lights is a special ministry for our **3-year-old** and **4-year-old children** to grow in the love of Christ. Together, we will help share the love and the light of the Gospel, to make our children "little lights" in their families, their Church, and their everyday lives.

When and Where

- Sundays – right after Holy Communion
- Location – Cry Room
- Time – Short lessons, generally lasting 15-20 minutes
- Schedule – Follows the Sunday School calendar and curriculum
- Must attend with adult

What Will Children Learn?

Our time together is flexible and fun, focusing on:

- Simple prayers and Church practices
- Bible stories
- Celebrating feast days and holy seasons
- Special Church celebrations

Why Join?

God's Little Lights is a wonderful way to:

- Build a strong foundation for Sunday School
- Strengthen the faith life of families
- Help children feel at home in the Church

ALL FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Let's help our little ones grow together in Christ's light.



Antiochian Women

Upcoming Events

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
November 14, 2026

Spiritual Retreat
December 5, 2026

Epiphany Dinner
January 16, 2027

More information to come!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN PRESENT

Annual THANKSGIVING DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

VESPERS 6:00 PM

Followed by Dinner & Entertainment

SCAN ME

ADULTS $50

CHILDREN $25 *(12 and under)*

RSVP By: Sunday, November 8th

Portion of Proceeds Will Benefit The Family, Marriage, and Youth Ministries at Saint George Church

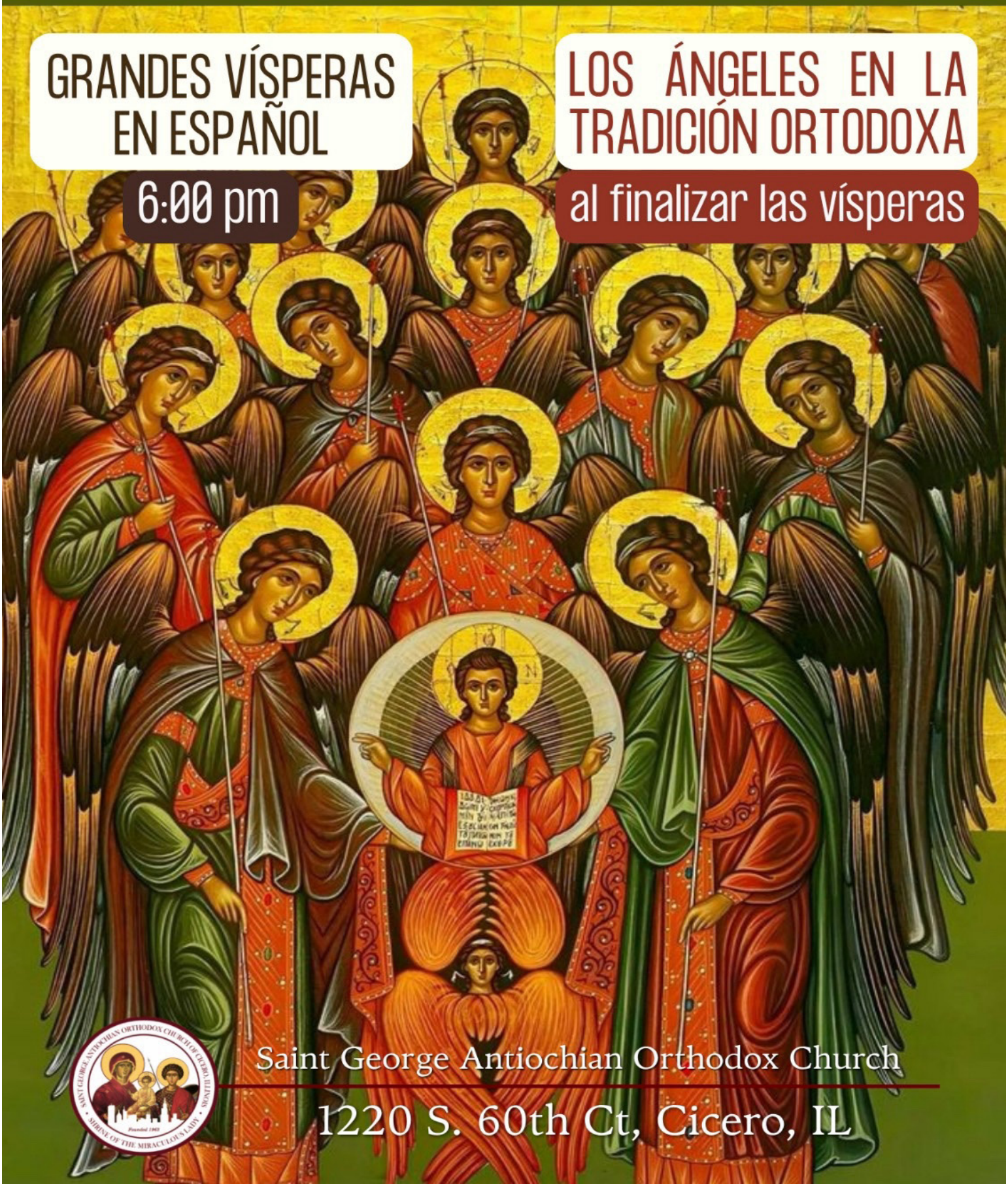
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Cicero, IL

All Ladies 18+ Welcome to Prepare for the Event

Friday, November 13th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
& Saturday, November 14th 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

No Tickets Sold at the Door and No Refunds for Cancellations After the RSVP Date.
Tickets Available Onilne Only.

SÁBADO 7 DE NOVIEMBRE



GRANDES VÍSPERAS EN ESPAÑOL

6:00 pm

LOS ÁNGELES EN LA TRADICIÓN ORTODOXA

al finalizar las vísperas

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church

1220 S. 60th Ct, Cicero, IL

مسيحيون أرثوذكس من أجل فلسطين
Orthodox Christians for Palestine

NOT IN CHRIST'S NAME

Join us!

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 14**, 2026

AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SUMMIT **FOR PALESTINE**
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **JOHN KIRIAKOU**

IN PERSON: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM, EST

Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 10620 River Rd, Potomac, MD
Join us for vespers *following the summit*

Orthodox Christians from every jurisdiction, along with those who share concern for justice and peace, are invited to gather for a one-day summit on Palestine.

As the suffering, ongoing persecution, and displacement of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land persists, we believe our Orthodox community and all people of conscience are called to respond. This summit brings our communities together to learn how we can put our faith into action. Inaction is not an option.

At the Summit, we will:

❖ **Learn about the realities facing Palestinians** and the intensifying persecution of the indigenous population ❖ **Hear from people with direct knowledge** and experience of the situation ❖ **Connect with Orthodox Christians and friends** from other faith traditions who are committed to justice and peace ❖ **Equip ourselves to advocate on Capitol Hill** and in our parishes, communities, and wider networks ❖ **Leave with practical ways to act** in support of our brothers and sisters in Palestine

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PROGRAM

9:15–9:30 AM **WELCOME ADDRESS**
Mother Agapia

9:30–10:30 AM **PANEL 1**
What the Tour Bus Won't Show You: Voices from the Ground

10:30–11:30 AM **PANEL 2**
The Status of the Holy Land: The Places, the Pious, and the Pilgrims

11:30 AM–12:30 PM **PANEL 3**
Whose Voice Is Speaking for Christians? Christian Zionism and the Orthodox Response

12:30–2:00 PM **LUNCH/KEYNOTE**
John Kiriakou

2:00–3:00 PM **PANEL 4**
The Nuts and Bolts of Advocating on the Hill

3:00–4:00 PM **PANEL 5**
Mobilizing the Next Generation

4:00–5:00 PM **PANEL 6**
Organizing & Activating Your Communities and Parishes

5:00–5:30 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

5:30 PM **VESPERS & CHANTERS**

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including those new to the Orthodox faith and part of other faith traditions.

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FALL PROGRAM

October 29 • November 5 • November 12 • November 19 • December 3 • December 10



COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS • EVENING PRAYERS
BIBLE STUDY • GROUP ACTIVITY

"Do everything in Love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

In his great mission to preach God's will to the nations, the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians calling them to remain faithful to God's teachings. Although the Isrealites failed to follow His commandments, God's will remains eternal. All nations are called to live according to His will rather than their own human desires.

The next session of this season will be held on **Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 pm**

All are welcome!

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WEST CAMPUS *Ministry*

2026 FALL SESSION

Kingswood Academy
133 Plainfield Road, Darien, IL 60561

Program

6:30pm – 9:00pm

- Coffee and Refreshments
- Evening Prayers
- Adults' Lesson
- Kids' Club
- Social Time and Games (in gymnasium)

Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

"Do everything in love."
(I Corinthians 16:14)

In his grand effort to preach to the nations (gentiles) about God's will, the Apostle Paul writes this detailed letter to the Corinthians instructing them to adhere to God's Old Testament law even though the Israelites did not follow the law. This law is valid forever and all the nations in the world are called to conduct themselves according to God's will and not by human nature.

Wednesdays

Oct 7 ✦ Oct 14 ✦ Oct 21* ✦ Oct 28*
Nov 4* ✦ Nov 11

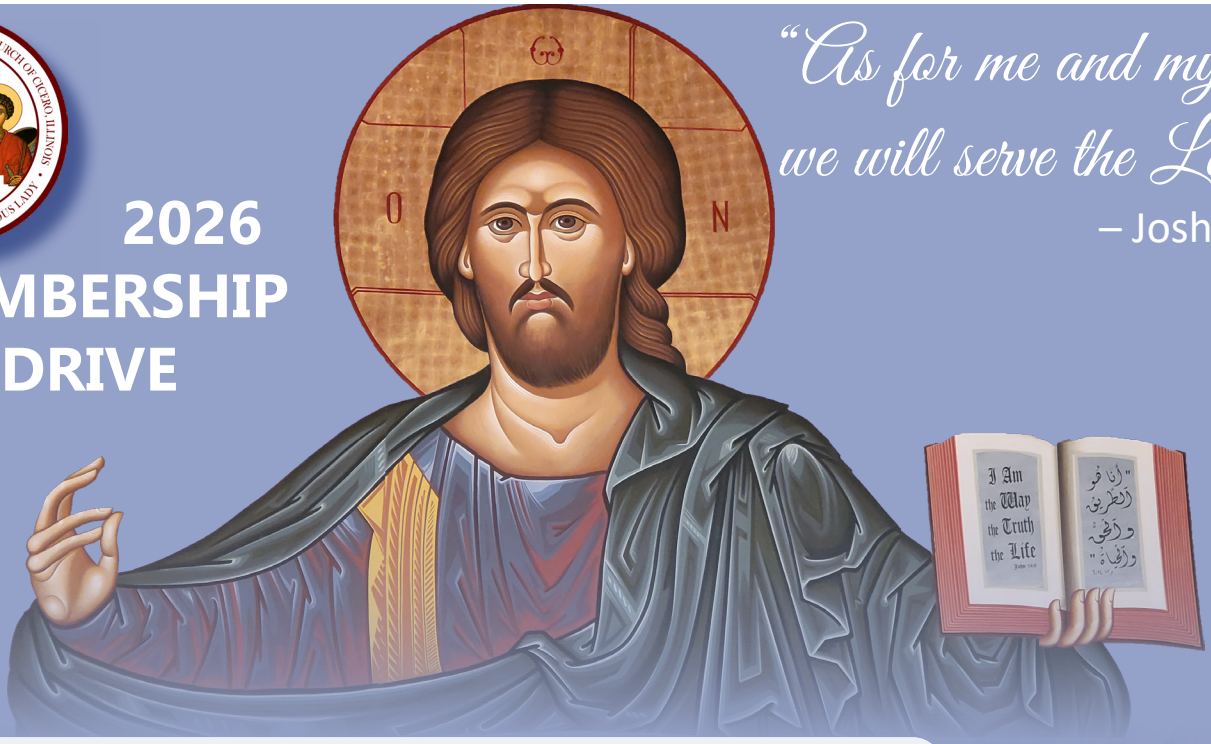
**Theme Days* *(optional)*

*Oct 21 – Wear Fall Colors/Cozy Outfits
*Oct 28 – Dress up (Church appropriate) for a Halloween Costume Contest
*Nov 4 – Wear your favorite sports team gear

ALL ARE WELCOME!

2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
– Joshua 4:15



DO YOU BELONG?

- Belonging is more than attending.
- Belonging is committing.
- Belonging is living the Orthodox Faith together.

AT SAINT GEORGE CHURCH,

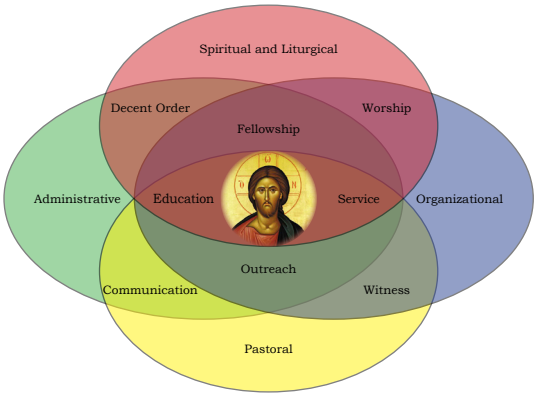
we are called to be one Body in Christ — united in worship, stewardship, service, and love.

- If this is your spiritual home...
- If you are nourished here...
- If you want your children rooted in the Orthodox Faith...

YOU DO BELONG!

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG?

Through Orthodox Baptism and Chrismation, we are joined to Christ and His Holy Church. Membership is how we actively live that calling.

TO BELONG MEANS:

- Worshiping faithfully
- Participating in the Sacramental life
- Supporting the Church through stewardship
- Offering your time and talents
- Strengthening one another as one Body
- Building a legacy for the next generation

Membership is not simply administrative — it is spiritual.

The Church is not "someone else's responsibility."

IT IS OUR CHURCH!

WHAT DOES MY MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT?

Your stewardship sustains the life and mission of the Church. Membership contributions help provide:

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

- Liturgical supplies
- Beautification of services
- Feast-day celebrations

CHURCH OPERATIONS

- Utilities and insurance
- Building maintenance and repairs
- Administrative and office support
- Diocesan obligations

FAITH FORMATION

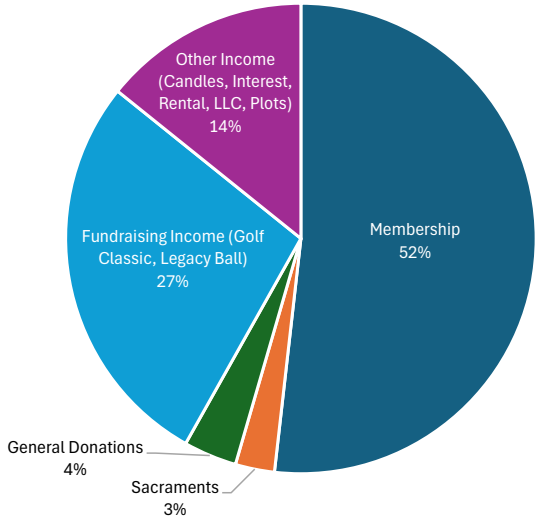
- Sunday School and youth programs
- Adult education
- Ministries for children and families

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY CARE

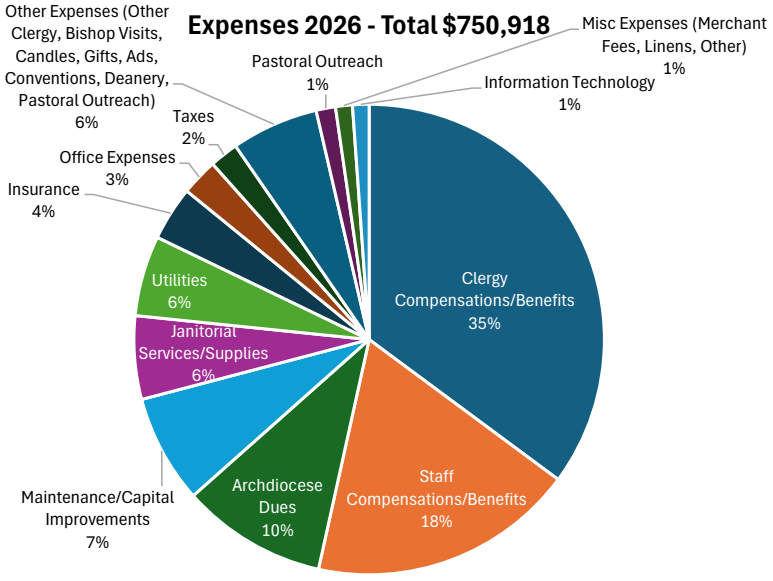
- Assistance to families in need
- Community support initiatives
- Charitable ministries

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Revenue 2026 - Total $723,962



Expenses 2026 - Total $750,918



HOW CAN I BELONG?

We invite every household to:

1. Complete an Annual Membership Form.
2. Make a Stewardship Pledge.
3. Participate faithfully in worship.
4. Offer your gifts in service.

WAYS TO GIVE...

- Annual Stewardship Commitment
- Monthly Recurring Giving
- Special Feast-Day Offerings
- Memorial Donations
- Legacy and Endowment Gifts
- Building and Maintenance Support

Giving is not a fee. It is an offering of gratitude to God.

BELONG. COMMIT. BUILD.

When you belong, you strengthen the Orthodox Faith, support the work of the Church, and help carry forward the legacy entrusted to us.

DO YOU BELONG?

Join us in building a firm foundation for today — and for generations to come.

REGISTER TO BE A MEMBER/STEWARD!

Consider prayerfully and sincerely your 2026 Membership Commitment Today!

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS, I/WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING 2026 MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT:					
STEWARD OPTIONS		ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY	DAILY
☐	Seraphim Steward	$25,000+	$2000+	$500+	$68+
☐	Cherubim Steward	$18,000+	$1500+	$345+	$49+
☐	Thrones Steward	$15,000+	$1250+	$285+	$41+
☐	Powers Steward	$12,000+	$1000+	$230+	$32+
☐	Dominions Steward	$9,000+	$750+	$172+	$24+
☐	Authorities Steward	$6,000+	$500+	$115+	$16+
☐	Preserver Steward	$4,800+	$400+	$92+	$13+
☐	Guardian Steward	$3,600+	$300+	$68+	$9+
☐	Protector Steward	$2,400+	$200+	$46+	$6+
☐	Archangel Steward	$1,800+	$150+	$35+	$5+
☐	Angel Steward	$1200+	$100+	$23+	$3+

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

WAYS TO GIVE!



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION OPEN

Christmas Concert

to be held

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2026

following Divine Liturgy

Rehearsals

Sundays, Oct 11-Dec 13 after Sunday School

(12:30pm-1:00pm)

- **ANGEL CHOIR** (Grades PreK-1st)
- **YOUTH CHOIR** (Grades 2nd-7th)
- **TEEN CHOIR** (Grades 8th-12th)

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