

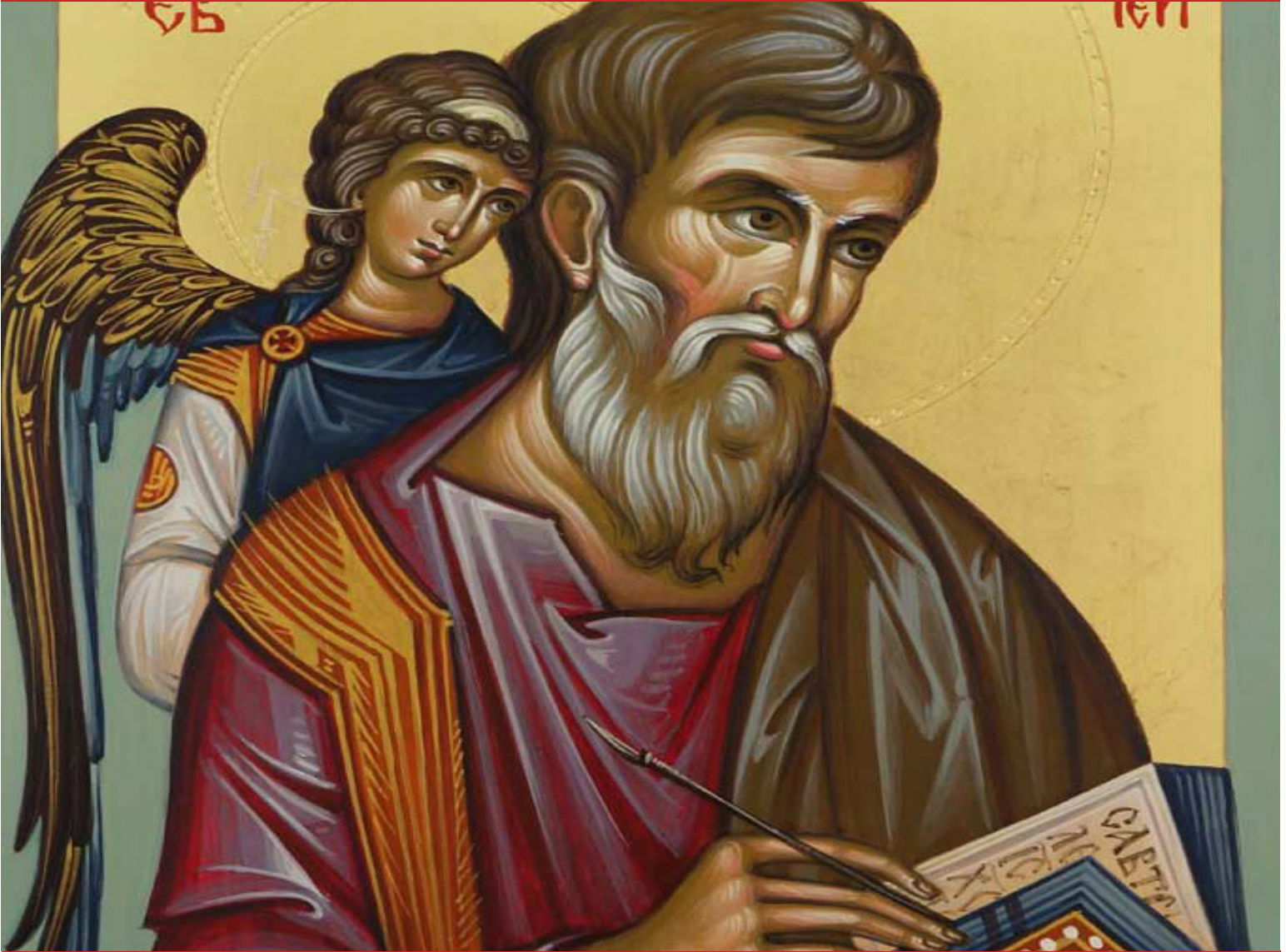


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EVANGELIST MATTHEW



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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and

10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy

Confession by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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، السَّمَاوِيُّ، إِلَهُ، الْآبُ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. 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.

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ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلْآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

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

قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ الْقُوَّاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ،
وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرْيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ
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مِنْهَا، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ
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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
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

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TROPARION OF SAINT MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST (TONE 3)

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

أَيُّهَا الرِّسُولُ الْقَدِيسُ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِي، تَشْفَعْ إِلَى
الْإِلَهِ الرَّحِيمِ، أَنْ يُنْعِمَ بِغُفْرَانِ الزَّلَّاتِ لِنُفُوسِنَا.

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 أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرِّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفَرِ تَشْفَعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.



KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

اليَوْمَ الْهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمُخَلَّصِ، الْكَلْبِيُّ النَّقَاءِ،
الْعَذْرَاءُ الْخَذِرُ ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ
الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ الْإِلَهِ، إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تُدْخِلُ
نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ مَعَهَا. فَلْتُسَبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ،
لَأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

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

إِنِّي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ * اكْتُبْ لِي رَايَاتِ الْغَلْبَةِ يَا
جَنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ * وَأَقْدِمْ لِي الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ *
لَكِنْ بِمَا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ * اعْتَقِنِي مِنْ
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ إِفْرَحِي يَا عَرُوسًا
لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Mena Khoury

Today

Dina Khoury

THE SYNAXARION

On November 16th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

Matthew from the midst of the fire cried:

My Jesus! I thank Thee, for even publicans Thou savest.

Indefatigable fire on the sixteenth slew Matthew.

He was the son of Alphaeus, and a tax collector when the Lord saw him in Capernaum and said: "Follow Me. And he arose, and followed Him (Matthew 9:9)." After that, Matthew received the Lord in his home and thus provided the occasion for the Lord to express several great truths about His coming to earth. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Matthew preached the Gospel to the Parthians, Medes and Ethiopians. Matthew baptized the wife and the son of the prince of Ethiopia, at which the prince became greatly enraged and dispatched a guard to bring Matthew to him for trial. The soldiers returned to the prince saying that they had heard Matthew's voice, but could not see him with their eyes. The prince then sent a second guard. When this guard approached the apostle, he shone with a heavenly light so powerful that the soldiers could not look at him; filled with fear, they threw down their weapons and returned. The prince then went himself. Matthew radiated such light that the prince was instantly blinded. However, the holy apostle had a compassionate heart; he prayed to God, and the prince was given back his sight. Unfortunately, he arrested Matthew and subjected him to cruel tortures. Eventually, after Matthew's death, the prince repented, was baptized, taking the name "Matthew," and served as a priest, giving up his princely wealth. Matthew the Apostle wrote his Gospel in the Aramaic language. It was soon translated into Greek and the Greek text has come down to us, while the Aramaic text has been lost.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Ephygenia of Ethiopia, disciple of St. Matthew; and Fulvian, prince of Ethiopia. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

His sound hath gone forth into all the earth.

The heavens show forth the glory of God.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of
Saint Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)**

Brethren, I think that God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the scourge of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ.

السَّمَاوَاتُ تُذِيعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ

الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ (4:9-16)

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَبْرَزَنَا نَحْنُ الرُّسُلُ آخِرِي النَّاسِ، كَأَنَّا مَجْعُولُونَ لِلْمَوْتِ. لَأَنَّا قَدْ صِرْنَا مَشْهُدًا لِلْعَالَمِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْبَشَرِ. نَحْنُ جُهَّالٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَحُكَمَاءُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ. نَحْنُ ضُعَفَاءُ، وَأَنْتُمْ أَقْوِيَاءُ. أَنْتُمْ مُكْرَّمُونَ، وَنَحْنُ مُهَانُونَ. وَإِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ، نَحْنُ نَجُوعٌ وَنَعْطَشُ وَنَعْرَى وَنُلْطَمُ وَلَا قَرَارَ لَنَا. وَنَتْعَبُ عَامِلِينَ. نُسْتَمُّ فَنُبَارِكُ، نُضْطَهُدُ فَنُحْتَمِلُ. يُشَتِّعُ عَلَيْنَا فَنَتَضَرَّعُ. قَدْ صِرْنَا كَأَقْدَارِ الْعَالَمِ وَكَأَوْسَاخٍ يَسْتَخْبِئُهَا الْجَمِيعُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَسْتُ لِأَخْجِلْكُمْ أَكْتُبُ هَذَا، وَإِنَّمَا أَعْظُكُمْ كَأَوْلَادِي الْأَحِبَّاءِ. لِأَنَّهُ وَلَوْ كَانَ لَكُمْ رَبُّوَةٌ مِنَ الْمُرْشِدِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لَيْسَ لَكُمْ آبَاءُ كَثِيرُونَ. لِأَنِّي أَنَا وَلَدْتُكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِالْإِنْجِيلِ. فَاطْلُبُوا إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونُوا مُقْتَدِينَ بِي

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Matthew (9:9-13)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

فصلٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيليّ

البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (9:9-13)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمانِ، فِيمَا يَسوعُ مُجْتَازٌ رَأَى إِنساناً جالِساً على مائدةِ الجِبايةِ اسْمُهُ متىّ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: "اتَّبِعْنِي". فَقَامَ وَتَبِعَهُ. وَفِيمَا كَانَ مَتَكِئاً فِي الْبَيْتِ إِذَا بَعْشَّارِينَ كَثِيرِينَ وَخَطَاةٍ جَاؤُوا وَاتَّكأُوا مَعَ يَسوعَ وَتَلَامِيذِهِ. فَلَمَّا نَظَرَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ قَالُوا لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: "لِمَاذَا مَعَلَّمُكُمْ يَأْكُلُ مَعَ الْعَشَّارِينَ وَالْخَطَاةِ؟" فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسوعُ قَالَ: "لَا يَحْتَاجُ الْأَصِحَّاءُ إِلَى طَبِيبٍ لَكِنْ ذَوُو الْأَسْقَامِ. فَادْهَبُوا وَاعْلَمُوا مَا هُوَ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ رَحْمَةً لَا ذَبِيحَةً. لِأَنِّي لَمْ آتِ لِأَدْعُو صِدِّيقِينَ بَلْ خَطَاةً إِلَى التَّوْبَةِ."

COMMUNION HYMN FOR FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW (TONE 8)

His sound hath gone forth into all the earth,
and their words unto the ends of the world.
Alleluia.

فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ، وَإِلَى أَقَاصِي
الْمَسْكُونَةِ كَلَامُهُ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Jeries and Kathy
Kahoush and Family



Fri, Nov 21 – **OPEN**

Nov 23 – Hanna and Tanya Hinnawi
and Family

Nov 30 – The Zayed Family

Dec 7 – Dina Saba and Children and
Their Families

Dec 14 – The Khoury Family
– Hon. William and Sandy
Haddad
– Kamal and Etihad Rihani and
Family

Dec 21 – Nabeel and Bulin Eseed and
Family

– Salim and Rania
Najjar and Family

Dec 28 – **OPEN**



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Kahoush and Family



Nov 23 – Hanna and Tanya Hinnawi
and Family

Nov 30 – Hanna and Marlene
Shunnarah and Family

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Dec 14 – Darlene Haddad

Dec 21 – Salim and Rania
Najjar and Family

Dec 28 – Frank and Reem
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Nov 30 1-Year Memorial Service for †MAZIN
ZAYED, offered by Nizar Zayed and
family.

Dec 7 1-Year Memorial Service for †MASAD
FADEL SABA, offered by Dina Saba
and children and their families.

Dec 14 . 6-Month Memorial Service for
†JOANNA DOMKO KHOURY, offered
by the Khoury family.
• Memorial Service for †EMIL
HADDAD, SR., offered by Hon.
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Nov 22 NOOR, daughter of Shadi and Maha
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN (*see pg. 14*)

NOVEMBER IS PARISH COUNCIL MONTH

Sat, Nov 15- • HOLY ADVENT SEASON (*see pg. 30*)

Thu, Dec 25 • Advent Humanitarian Drive

Sun, Nov 16 • 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) (*see pg. 12*) After Communion
 • Membership Appreciation Sunday (*see pg. 13*) After Liturgy
 • Coffee Hour After Liturgy
 • Youth Choir Rehearsal (*see pg. 15*) After Sunday School
 • Teen SOYO Support Team Meeting and Lunch 1:00 pm

Mon, Nov 17 • AC2025 Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm
 • Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training 8:00 pm

Tue, Nov 18 • Saint Katherine Mission Program Coordinators' Zoom Meeting 9:00 am
 • West Campus Ministry (*see pg. 28*) 6:00 pm

Wed, Nov 19 • 25th Annual Golf Classic Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 6:00 pm
 • Jerusalem Bookstore Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu, Nov 20 Saint Katherine the Great Antiochian Orthodox Mission Pastoral Ministry 6:00 pm

Fri, Nov 21 • Pre-Communion Prayers (*see pg. 31*) 6:45 pm
 • Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple (*see pg. 31*) 7:00 pm
 • Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Spiritual Retreat with Dinner (*see pg. 21*) After Liturgy

Sat, Nov 22 Great Vespers Service 5:00 pm

Sun, Nov 23 • 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) (*see pg. 12*) After Communion
 • Coffee Hour After Liturgy
 • Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (*see pg. 20*) After Liturgy
 • Youth Choir Rehearsal (*see pg. 15*) After Sunday School
 • Teen SOYO Thanksgiving Turkey Drive Packing and Delivery (*see pg. 16*) 1:00 pm

Mon, Nov 24 Saint Katherine the Great Antiochian Orthodox Mission: Great Vespers Service with Artoklasia for the Feast of Saint Katherine 6:00 pm

Thu, Nov 27- OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
 Fri, Nov 28

Impressions of a Visit, Part One
By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

The recently established Antiochian Archdiocese of the British Isles and Ireland includes one Arabic-speaking parish, with about 450 registered families, along with fifteen English-speaking parishes and four missions made up primarily of people of British origin.

The largest parish is in London, whose church—spacious and beautiful—was rented from the Anglican Church under a twenty-year renewable lease. The church was restored to the Anglican church two years ago, while the community is seeking a permanent home to serve as its own church.

Those serving the large Arabic-speaking parish explain that many families—both long-settled and newly arrived in the United Kingdom—are not officially registered with the parish. Reaching and caring for them requires continuous pastoral effort to nurture their relationship with the Church.

As for the other parishes, whose members are mainly of local British background, they joined the Antiochian Orthodox Church in the 1990s, which numbered nine parishes at the time. Fr. Michael Harper, who led the first group, has written the fascinating story of how they entered Orthodoxy.

The main reason they discovered the authenticity of the Orthodox Church was the radical transformations that took place in their former church—the Anglican Church—over the past forty years. Winds of change began to blow there in the 1970s, and soon the snowball began to roll and grow rapidly. Within a single decade, the Anglican Church began ordaining women to the priesthood and accepting homosexual clergy, alongside other developments too numerous to mention here.

Many of its faithful and clergy rejected these changes and did all they could to resist the growing influence of secular and worldly thought. When they realized they could not stop it, they left their church and searched for one with deep, authentic roots. Some discovered the Orthodox Church, which at that time was little known in Britain except among immigrant communities from traditionally Orthodox countries—communities that often functioned as ethnic enclaves.

Why did the Anglican Church become so deeply affected by secular culture? The reason lies mainly in two factors.

First, its decisions—even matters of faith—are made by vote, according to a democratic process. This means that truth is determined by the majority of voices rather than by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church or by a rooted tradition of right belief and knowledge of God.

The second reason is the loss of the early Christian roots and, consequently, the loss of the sacred tradition that guards right faith from deviation. A solid theological heritage helps preserve sound understanding and enables the Church to face contemporary challenges with discernment—knowing what in faith is unchanging and what can be expressed in new ways.

Anglicanism once prided itself on being “neither Eastern nor Western,” claiming to unite both. Yet its rapid decline before the waves of modernity—and now post-modernity—is very sad. Britain today is among the most secular countries in the West. European secularization, though varying from one country to another, has in most places separated religion entirely from public life. God has been pushed out of society and reduced to a private matter for individuals. Thus, man himself has become the only reference of values, morals, and laws.

In the 1990s, Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Christodoulos of Greece tried to insert the phrase “The cultural roots of the European Union are Judeo-Christian” into the European Union’s Constitution, but failed. When God is excluded from social order, humanity loses its only stable reference point for moral and human values. If man alone is the source of truth and law, then nothing is fixed and relativism reigns.

In our theological language, we say that humanity is in a fallen state, and Christ became man to raise us up and restore us to our original life in Paradise. When people exclude God from their lives, they exclude life itself. The disintegration of the family and the confusion about its meaning in the Western world is just one example of what happens when God is absent from society.

During a conversation with a professor of theology at an Anglican seminary—who happens to be the wife of the Anglican Bishop of London (their bishops may marry)—she told me that their faith is “protected” by the seven Ecumenical Councils. Yet, she admitted that the freedom of interpretation and belief within Anglicanism has created such a wide range of views that some even deny the core doctrines of Christianity. It is possible, for instance, to find an Anglican bishop who does not believe in the bodily Resurrection of Christ!

I was struck by her humility when she asked me, as we spoke about the challenges facing their youth: “What would you advise us to do to recover the sense of spirituality our young people are searching for, to help them face the challenges of modern life?”

A young Anglican bishop also told me that the controversy over women’s ordination is still unresolved, and that a schism of the African Anglican churches—with their millions of adherents—is a real possibility.

The current state of the Anglican Church raises pressing questions about the relationship between faith and culture:

- To what extent can culture influence or change faith and its interpretation?
- Where are the boundaries of legitimate theological reflection?
- What is God’s role in shaping the expression of faith within a deeply secular environment?
- How does the living presence of God in the Church protect it from deviation and give it strength to face the spiritual suffocation of modern secular society that is spreading across the world?
- Can religion exist independently of the surrounding culture?
- Does a closed culture produce a closed, defensive, and distorted religiosity?
- And does an open culture risk bending religion to its own desires, emptying it of its substance and spirituality?

Faith in the modern West has become like a branch of philosophy, with man as its only reference point. This shift began with the Great Schism and the growing exaltation of human reason at the expense of the Holy Spirit, who enlightens and sanctifies the mind to understand divine truth. Man became the final authority, and the spiritual and theological heritage that illuminated it grew weak. As a result, the living action of God has largely faded from view.

In the East, however, God remains the Alpha and Omega, ever-present in His Church through the Holy Spirit. Decisions of Church councils are still made in the spirit of the Apostolic phrase: “It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (Acts 15:28). Of course, practice does not always reach the level of the teaching. A council may err, since its members are human and not necessarily illumined. But faith itself remains preserved by the steadfast holy tradition and by the saints, who correct deviations. Only God, acting in His saints who are enlightened by the Holy Spirit, preserves the Church’s integrity.

When the imperial envoy said to St. Maximus the Confessor in the seventh century, “Hundreds of bishops and three patriarchs have signed the imperial decree. Orthodoxy has fallen—what are you waiting for?” the saint replied, “I am Orthodoxy.” And so it proved. The imperial doctrine of “one will” in Christ disappeared forever, while the Orthodox teaching of two wills—divine and human—prevailed in most Christian churches in the East and West. St. Maximus suffered the cutting of his right hand and tongue for this confession when he was eighty years old.

In the face of the spiritual emptiness produced by the dominance of today’s Western culture, the responsibility—and the judgment—of the Orthodox East are far greater than we may imagine.

انطباعات زيارة، الجزء الأول المتروبوليت سابا (اسبر)

تضم أبرشية الجزر البريطانية وإيرلندا، الأنطاكية المستحدثة، رعيةً من الناطقين بالعربية، تُعدُّ أربعمائة وخمسين عائلة مُسجَّلة، وخمسة عشرة رعية، وأربع إرساليات، ناطقة بالإنكليزية، ومن أصول بريطانية. مدينة لندن مركز الرعية الأولى والأكثر عدداً. كنيسةً كبيرة وجميلة. استأجرتها الرعية من الكنيسة الأنجليكانية، بعقد يتجدد كلَّ عشرين سنة، وقد استعادتها الآن، بينما تبحث الرعية عن مكان آخر ليكون بمثابة كنيسة

يؤكد القائمون على خدمة الرعية الكبرى وجود الكثير من العائلات التي قَدِمت إلى المملكة المتحدة، قديماً وحديثاً، وهي غير مُسجَّلة في قوائم الرعية. هذا يستدعي جهداً راعياً مُجهّداً، من أجل متابعتهم والوصول إليهم، ورعاية علاقتهم بالكنيسة

أما الرعايا الأخرى، التي تعود أصول عائلاتهما إلى سكان البلد، فقد انضمّت إلى الكنيسة الأنطاكية الأرثوذكسية، في تسعينيات القرن الماضي، وكانت آنذاك تسع رعايا فقط. وقد روى الأب مايكل هاربر، رئيس المجموعة الأولى، قصّة انضمامها هذه، بتفصيلٍ ممتع

يعود السبب الرئيس في اكتشافها أصالة الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية، إلى ما شهدته كنيسة الأم، الأنجليكانية، من تحولات وتغيّرات جذرية، في السنوات الأربعين الأخيرة. فقد هبّت رياح التغيير على هذه الكنيسة، في سبعينيات القرن العشرين، وسرعان ما بدأت كرة الثلج تتدحرج وتكبر، بتسارع هائل. فخلال عقد من الزمن، فقط، بدأت بقبول المرأة في سلك الكهنوت، وكذلك المثليين والمثليات، إلى جانب قضايا أخرى لا تتسع هذه المقالة لها

رفض قسم كبير من شعب هذه الكنيسة وكهناتها هذه التحولات، وسعوا، بقدر ما استطاعوا، إلى إيقاف حركة التأثير بالفكر الديني الدهري السائد. وعندما أدركوا عجزهم عن تحقيق ذلك، تركوا كنيسةهم، وبحثوا عن الكنيسة ذات الجذور الثابتة والأصيلة. فكتشف بعضهم الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية، غير المعروفة كثيراً في بريطانيا، إلا في رعايا المهاجرين من بلاد أرثوذكسية، الذين يشكلون، في الواقع، كنائس جاليات

لماذا تأثرت الكنيسة الأنجليكانية بالثقافة الدهريّة إلى هذا الحد؟ قد يكمن السبب في أمرين: أولهما أنّها تعتمد مبدأ التصويت، على الطريقة الديموقراطية في اتخاذ قراراتها، حتّى الإيمانية. ما يعني أنّ اعتماد قرار ما أو تحديد إيماني ما، يتم بناء على عدد الأصوات التي يحصل عليها، لا على الروح القدس الحاضر في الكنيسة، ولا استناداً إلى تراث راسخ في استقامة الرأي ومعرفة الله

أما السبب الثاني، فيعود إلى فقد الجذور الأولى للمسيحية، وتالياً فقد التقليد الشريف، الذي يحفظ استقامة الإيمان، وبقية من الانحراف. فالتراث اللاهوتي المتين يساعد على حفظ استقامة الرأي، ومواجهة التحديات المعاصرة، بروح التمييز بين الثابت والمتغير في الإيمان وتعبيراته

لطالما افتخرت الأنجليكانية، بأنّها لا شرقية ولا غربية، بل تجمع بين الاثنين. لكن تفهّمها السريع أمام موجة الحداثة، وما بات يُعرف الآن بما بعد الحداثة، أمر محزن جداً. تُعدّ بريطانيا البلد الأكثر إلحاداً في الغرب. والعلمنة الأوروبية، وإن تفاوتت في موقفها من الدين، بين بلد وآخر، إلا أنّها عندما فصلت الدين عن الدولة، أبعدت الله كلياً عن المجتمع، وجعلته إله أفراد فقط. فصار الإنسان المرجع الوحيد للقيم والأخلاق والتشريع

حاول البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني ورئيس أساقفة اليونان خريستودولوس، في التسعينيات، إدخال عبارة ”جذور الاتحاد الأوروبي الثقافية مسيحية – يهودية“، في دستور الاتحاد الأوروبي، ولم يفلح. عندما يُستبعد الله من التنظيم الاجتماعي، يفقد البشر المرجع الثابت الوحيد للقيم الاجتماعية والإنسانية. أن يكون الإنسان وحده، مصدر القيم والتشريع، يعني أن ما من قيم ثابتة، وأن النسبية هي الحكم

نقول بلغتنا اللاهوتية إنّ البشر، حالياً، في حالة السقوط، وقد تجسّد المسيح من أجل إنقاذهم وعودتهم إلى حالتهم الفردوسية الأولى. لذلك، فهم عندما يستبعدون الله من حياتهم، فإنّما يُبعدون الحياة عنهم. وما تفكك العائلة ومفهومها، في العالم الغربي، إلا أحد الأمثلة على ما يقود إليه غياب الله عن المجتمع

في حديث مع أستاذة العقيدة في كلية اللاهوت الأنجليكانية، وهي زوجة أسقف لندن (يسمح بالزواج للأساقفة الأنجليكان) قالت إنّ العقيدة عندهم محمية بالجامع المسكونية السبعة. ولكن حرية التفسير والاعتقاد، جعلت الأنجليكانية تحوي مروحة واسعة جداً ممّن يحملون اعتقادات مختلفة، قد تصل إلى حدّ إنكار العقائد الأساسية في المسيحية! فتجد، على سبيل المثال، أسقفاً لا يعتقد بقيامة المسيح بالجسد!

لفتني تواضعها الجَمّ، عندما سألتني، في معرض حديثنا عن تحديات الشبيبة عندهم، فقالت: ماذا ننصحنا بخصوص استعادة الروحانية، التي يبحث عنها شبابنا، لمواجهة تحديات الحياة المعاصرة؟

علمت من أحد الأساقفة الشباب أنّ النزاع حول كهنوت المرأة، لا يزال قائماً عندهم، وأنّ احتمال انفصال الكنائس الإفريقية، وعدد أتباعها بالملايين، أمر محتمل.

يطرح واقع الكنيسة الأنجليكانية، بحدّة، العلاقة ما بين الإيمان والثقافة:

- إلى أيّ حدّ قد تلعب الثقافة دوراً في تغيير الإيمان وتفسيره؟
- ما هي الحدود التي يقف الاجتهاد عندها؟
- أين دور الله في صياغة التعبير الإيماني ضمن بيئة دهرية متجدّرة، بعمق، في كلّ مناحي الحياة؟
- كيف يؤثر حضور الله، فعلياً، في الكنيسة، ليقبها خطر الانحراف، من جهة، ويمنحها القوة، لكي تواجه التحديات الخطرة، التي يفرزها مجتمع الحداثة الدهري، الخائق روحياً، والذي يسود العالم تدريجياً؟
- هل يمكن للمفهوم الديني أن يكون مستقلاً عن الثقافة العامّة؟
- ألا تدفع الثقافة المنغلقة نحو تدين منغلِق، وعدائي، ومشوّه للإيمان؟
- ألا تقود الثقافة المنفتحة نحو تدين قد يصل إلى حدّ تطويع الإيمان لها، وإفراغه، تالياً، من مضمونه وروحانيته؟

تكاد ترى الإيمان وقد صار كحقل من حقول الفلسفة، التي منشؤها ومرجعها الإنسان وحده. نحا الغرب هذا المنحى منذ الانشقاق الكبير، وتضخم دور العقل البشري، على حساب الروح القدس المنير والمقدّس للعقل، في فهم الإيمان وصياغته والتعبير عنه. فغدا الإنسان المرجع الرئيس، وضعف الإرث اللاهوتي – الروحي الاستناري، فغاب فعل الله الحيّ، إلى حدّ كبير

أما في الشرق، فبقي الله، الحاضر، بالروح القدس، في وسط كنيسة، الأولى والأخير. كذلك، بقي مبدأ اعتماد أيّ قرار صادر عن مجامع الكنيسة، قائماً على صيغة ”رأى الروح القدس ونحن“ (أعمال الرسل 15:28). لكن الممارسة ليست بمستوى التعليم دوماً. قد يُخطئ المجمع الكنسي، باعتبار أعضاءه بشراً، وغير مستنيرين بالضرورة، في حكم الواقع. لكن الإيمان يبقى محفوظاً بالتقليد الشريف الراسخ، وبالقديسين الذين يقومون الانحراف الحاصل. وحده الله الفاعل في قديسيه، المستنيرين بالروح القدس، يحفظ الاستقامة في الكنيسة

قال ممبّل الإمبراطور للقديس مكسيموس المعترف، في القرن السابع: ”مئات الأساقفة وثلاثة بطاركة وقّعوا على المرسوم الإمبراطوري. ماذا تنتظر؟ لقد سقطت الأرثوذكسية“. فأجاب القديس: ”أنا الأرثوذكسية“. وهذا ما تحقّق. فقد ذهب التعليم بالمشيئة الواحدة، الذي نادى به الإمبراطور، إلى غير رجعة، وبقي التعليم الأرثوذكسي بمشيئتي المسيح، الإلهية والبشرية، سائداً عند كلّ الطوائف المسيحية، شرقاً غرباً، حتّى الآن؛ وهو التعليم الذي دافع عنه القديس مكسيموس، ودفع مقابل موقفه هذا قطع يده اليمنى ولسانه، وهو في الثمانين من عمره!

أمام الخواء الروحي العميم والمعمّم بطغيان الثقافة الغربية الحالية، تصير مسؤولية الشرق الأرثوذكسي، ودينوته، أكبر، بكثير، ممّا قد نتصوّر.

God's

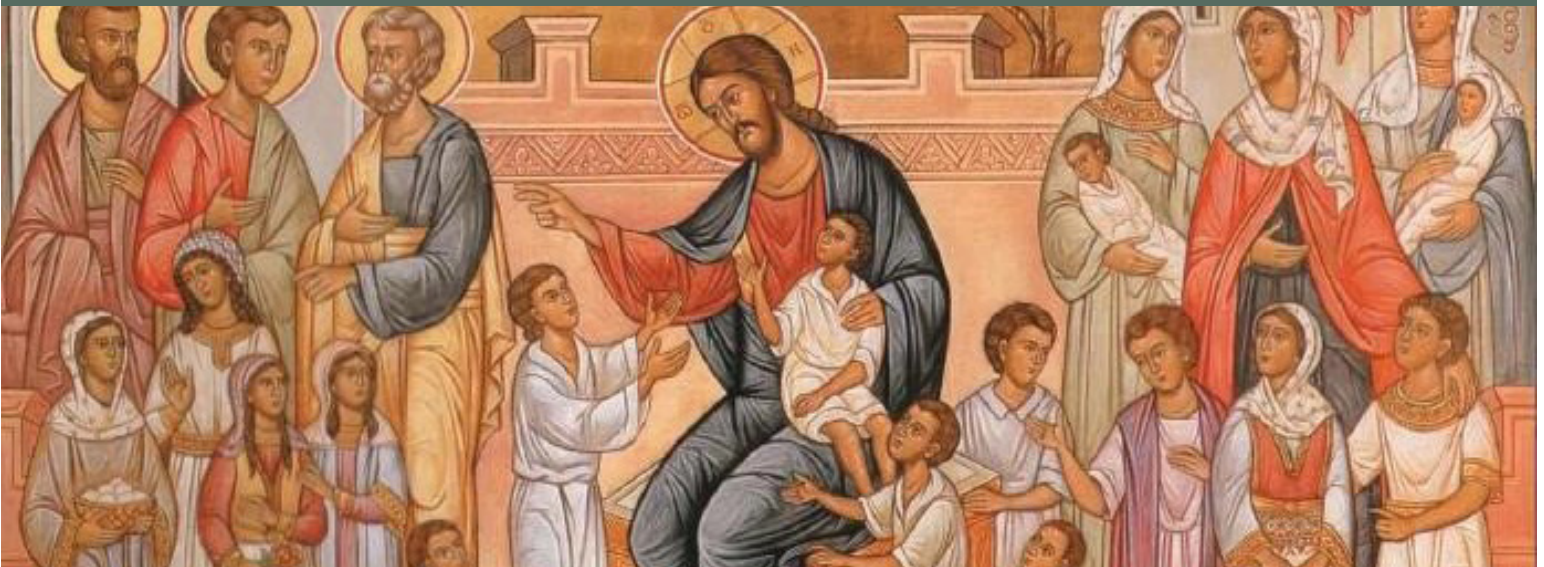


Little Lights

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.



Membership Appreciation Sunday

Celebrating the Saint George Church Community



Today!



Informational
Display

Games
and
Raffle

Organization
Information

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

following Liturgy

Come for a special day dedicated to appreciating the wonderful Saint George Church Members! Whether you've been a member for years, just joined, or registering today, this event is for YOU!

Candy
and
Treat
Giveaways



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 9: Jesus and His Disciples

After Jesus was tempted in the desert by Satan, He began His ministry to teach the people. He chose specific people to mentor and teach, these are His disciples, or followers. They are Andrew, Peter, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew (Nathaniel), Thomas, Thaddeus, Matthew, Simon, James, and Judas Iscariot who was replaced by Matthias in the book of Acts. These men had other jobs, most were fishermen, who left everything behind to follow Jesus. They were taught humility and showed that being a true follower means serving others just as He did.



Nothing else was as important to them as being a follower of Christ. Jesus knew that He would not be on earth for very long, and He did not intend to leave His sheep without shepherds and without ambassadors to speak with authority for Him and to spread the Word of the Gospel. Jesus left this earth and ascended to Heaven but sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples to shepherd His Church. The Twelve Apostles, acting with the authority of the Holy Spirit, appointed priests and deacons for the ministry, work, and services of the Church. This is how the Church began to grow around the world. Just like the twelve, we can follow Jesus, tell others about Him, and serve in God's Kingdom with love and humility.

REGISTRATION IS
OPEN!

DON'T MISS ANOTHER WEEK!



Calendar of Events

Sunday School Classes -----Sundays After Communion

Youth Choir -----After Sunday School

Mandatory Christmas Concert

Rehearsal ----- Sun | Dec 7 after Sunday School

Mandatory Christmas Concert

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

Christmas Concert ----- Sat | Dec 20

StGeorgeChi.org/register-student

CREATING MEMORIES

Teachers:

Anthony Louis Massih and Nathaniel Humphrey



9th and 10th Grades Class

Meet

the

Staff

ANTHONY LOUIS MASSIH

POSITION IN SS: 9th and 10th Grades Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: The Holy Bible

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Reflection on the lesson

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Basketball



PETER SABA

POSITION IN SS: 11th and 12th Grades Assistant Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: King of Hearts

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Weekly Buzzer Competition

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Rock Climbing

**Did you
KNOW?**

It's not too late to register to participate in the Christmas Concert on December 20th. All Sunday School children are welcome and may choose to participate in the choir (various choir groups by age), instrumental ensembles, stage crew, and/or audio and lighting. It'll be a special evening with Vespers starting at 5:00PM, followed by the concert and fasting dinner.



SCAN ME



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

Thanksgiving Turkey



Drive

SPONSORS NEEDED!

- \$50/Meal *or* \$20/Turkey
- All donations due by WED | NOV 19
- Supporting local homeless shelter

Sponsor Here



SCAN ME

Calling ALL Teen SOYO Members!

to *pack* and *deliver* Meals and Turkeys – SUN|NOV 23 after Sunday School





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Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
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TEEN SOYO

✠ WORSHIP

WITNESS

SERVICE

FELLOWSHIP ✠

October 26, 2025

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 2025 Church Christmas Card.

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:

- Annual Retreat
- SOYO Social Outings
- Meetings
- Bible Studies
- Diocesan Events
- Public Relations
- 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 2025 Church Christmas Card. A minimum donation will be appreciated by Sunday, November 30th to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser. Forms received after Sunday, November 30th 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

Angelina Imseeh

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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 30, 2025**, (or you may subscribe to the Christmas Card online at www.StGeorgeChi.org/teen-soyo or scan QR code).



Please indicate the donation amount to Teen SOYO:

\$20 ___ \$40 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ _____

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 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: _____

Have a Blessed Nativity Season!

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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

SOYO HOUR

Sun | Nov 30
after Sunday School*
free event

Snacks!

Smoothies!



** Sunday School attendance is mandatory to attend SOYO Hour*

All Teens (13-18) Welcome!



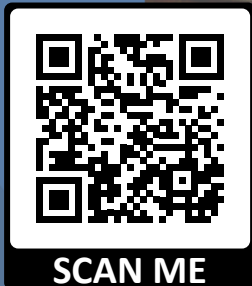
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Teen SOYO CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Fri | Dec 12
7PM

- 🍽️ Dinner
- ✉️ Christmas Card Stuffing
- 👕 Wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater
- 🎁 White Elephant Gift Exchange (\$5-\$10)

RSVP by
Wed | Dec 10



SCAN ME

COMPLIMENTARY EVENT!

INVITING ALL TEENS (AGES 13-18)



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

Young Adult Fellowship

SAVE-THE-DATE

Tue, November 18th	West Campus Ministry
Thur, November 20th	Saint Katherine the Great, Antiochian Orthodox Mission
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
Mon, November 24th	Saint Katherine the Great, Antiochian Orthodox Mission: Inaugural Vespers Service Celebrating the Feast of Saint Katherine
Tue, December 2nd	West Campus Ministry
Thur, December 4th	Saint Katherine the Great, Antiochian Orthodox Mission
Sun, December 7th	YAF Coffee Hour
Tue, December 9th	West Campus Ministry
Thur, December 11th	Saint Katherine the Great, Antiochian Orthodox Mission
Fri, December 12th	Advent Retreat & Humanitarian Project
Sun, December 21st	YAF Coffee Hour
Sat, December 27th	Christmas Dinner & Gathering
Sat. January 3rd	YAM Deanery Social Event at Puttshack in Oak Brook
Sun, January 4th	YAF Coffee Hour
Fri, January 9th	YAF General Meeting & Dinner
Sun, January 18th	YAF Coffee Hour
Sat, January 24th	Movie Night: <i>Paul, Apostle of Christ</i>

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

Inviting all Young Professionals, Young Married Couples, and College Students (Ages 18+)

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER

21

7PM

Dinner included

in the YAF House

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Men and Women; Two Paths, One Purpose

Embodying Biblical Role Models, What the Church Expects of Us, Navigating Modern Struggles.

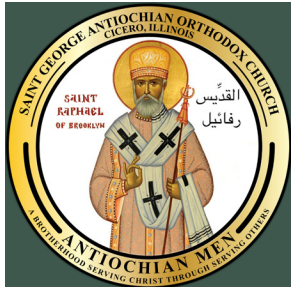
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RSVP BY

WED, 11/19



SCAN ME



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

- Sat, DEC 6/2025: Christmas Spiritual Retreat
- Sat, JAN 10/2026: Shawerma Night
- Sat, FEB 14/2026: Pre-Lenten Hafli

ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL
Antiochian Family Ministry (AFM)
Presents...

NEW YEAR'S EVE *Family Haftli*

6:45 PM Pre-Communion Prayers

7:00 PM Evening Divine Liturgy
followed by Dinner, Music, and Raffle

COUNTDOWN AT MIDNIGHT!

WEDNESDAY | DEC. 31 | 6:45 PM

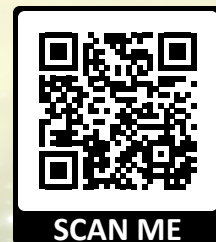
RSVP Required for All ages over 3 →

ALL are Welcome | First Come–First Serve

No Refunds after Monday | Dec. 15

\$600/Table of 8

For Individual Tickets, Contact: Amanda Mseih
708.745.1687 or amandamseih@gmail.com



SCAN ME

PROTECTION OF THE
MOST HOLY MOTHER OF
GOD MONASTERY
Third Lake, IL

Sat | Dec 6

- Meet at 7:45am at Saint John Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 E Dempster St, DesPlaines, IL
- Transportation will be provided
- Lunch
- Return to Saint John Greek Orthodox Church by 3:00pm

COMPLIMENTARY Event

SAINT SAVA
MONASTERY
Libertyville, IL

Venerate the relics of
SAINT MARDARIJE
Libertyville, IL



RSVP by
Mon | Dec 1



SCAN ME

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women (AW) SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gračanica – Midwestern America

ALL Women 18+ Welcome!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Antiochian Women



2025 CHRISTMAS GIFT Drive

*Help bring Joy to the lives of
children living in foster homes*

Request a Christmas Wish List
from Suhaila Imseeh

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th or 16th

after Liturgy in the Church Hall

Limited Lists available – Limit 1 List per family

Deliver all gifts to the **CHURCH OFFICE**
any Sunday no later than **NOVEMBER 30th**

Let your children do
the shopping!

*“...as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to me.”
~ Matthew 25:40*



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The Order of Saint Ignatius Cicero Chapter

November 2, 2025

Dear Members of The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch-Cicero Chapter,

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

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the **Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections** for **The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch (The Order)-Cicero Chapter** to be held on **Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 12:30pm**, on the second floor of The Orthodox Club (NADI).

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

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of Officers for the 2026 term. The positions include Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Outreach Officer. If any Order member (ages 18+) is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Father Saba or Deacon George Nassief by Sunday, November 30, 2025.

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

The Nominating Committee will receive nominations until Sunday, November 30, 2025. A member of the Committee will then speak with the person nominated to get their acceptance (you can nominate yourself). ***Per the Constitution, there will be NO nominations accepted from the floor of the meeting on December 7, 2025.***

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

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Dena Fasheh

Dena Fasheh
Chair
The Order-Cicero Chapter



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Suplicas a la Madre de D^{os}

Oraciones a la Virgen Mar^{ia} en tiempos de necesidad

**VIERNES 5 DE
DICIEMBRE DE
2025
A LAS 6:30 PM**

*Estudio
Biblico al
concluir*



SAINT GEORGE PASTORAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY

FALL 2025 SESSION



2 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

@ CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

275 S RICHMOND AVE. CLARENDON HILLS, IL. 60514

TUESDAYS

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

PROGRAM

6:00PM - 6:40PM



CHECK IN
COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

6:40PM - 7:00PM



EVENING PRAYERS

7:00PM - 8:00PM



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

7:00PM - 7:30PM



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

7:30PM - 8:00PM



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

8:00PM - 9:00PM



FAMILY SOCIAL HOUR
& GAMES

THEME DAYS



OCT 28 - COSTUME CONTEST (CHURCH APPROPRIATE)



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



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

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT:

- FR. FOUAD SABA (312) 877-4770
- FR. GABRIEL CORONEL (773) 746-1893
- DN. GEORGE NASSIEF (925) 699-3893
- DN. JOHN ZAYED (630) 901-6852
- DN. MOSES BYNUM (773) 972-1471
- ALEXANDRA ZANAYED (630) 442-2473
- KAREN NAWAS (630) 536-7429



SAINT GEORGE GOLF CLASSIC

25th Annual GOLF CLASSIC

Golfing for a purpose

Save the Date!

SATURDAY,
JUNE 13, 2026



Registration and Sponsorships
COMING SOON!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Celebrate the Birth of
THE LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
with your
Saint George Church Family!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

ROYAL HOURS, 10:00 AM

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS, 4:45 PM | ORTHROS (MATINS), 5:00 PM

GREAT DOXOLOGY and DIVINE LITURGY, 6:20 PM

ADVENT SEASON FAST

THE ADVENT (CHRISTMAS) FAST BEGAN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, AND
WILL CONCLUDE ON CHRISTMAS EVE
AFTER LITURGY. THIS FAST INCLUDES
ABSTAINING FROM ALL MEAT, DAIRY,
ALCOHOL, AND OIL.

صيام عيد الميلاد

بدأ صيام عيد الميلاد يوم السبت 15 تشرين
الثاني ويستمر صيام عيد الميلاد حتى يوم
24 كانون الأول بعد قداس العيد، نود أن
ننوه في هذه الفترة بأن اللحوم والأجبان
والكحول غير مسموح فيه قطعياً.

FOR A FASTING DISCIPLINE YOU CAN HANDLE, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE CLERGY.

Fasting must always be accompanied by prayer and forgiveness, using the wisdom of God found, first and foremost, in the Holy Scriptures. Helping and serving others and feeding those who are in need will give fasting its true meaning. Without love for others, prayers are empty.

THE CHARITY CENTER (OPERATED BY YAF) IS COLLECTING CLOTHES, TOILETRIES, AND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS DURING ADVENT FOR THE LOCAL SHELTER. PLEASE DROP OFF ALL ITEMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple



Friday, November 21st

✠ PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS AT 6:45 PM ✠

✠ EVENING DIVINE LITURGY AT 7:00 PM ✠

2025 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

YOU BELONG



ON THE TREE OF LIFE



"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matthew 6:21

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

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

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

Fr. Fouad and Kh. Diana Saba	Sdn. Raymond and Dr. Rachel Antypas	George and Hiba Barhoumeh	Nicola and Angela Eseed
Fr. Gabriel and Kh. Amelia Coronel	Johnny and Christina Araj	Joseph and Rosel Barhoumeh	Dr. Anton and Lena Fakhouri
Dn. George Nassief	Dr. Lillian Armoush	Basil and Isabel Batmani	Gus Fakhouri
Dn. John and Sh. Alice Zayed	Haitiam and Rawan Asbah	Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara	Hani and Randa Fakhouri
Dn. Moses and Sh. Linda Bynum	Maher and Abeer Asfour	George and Carol Bitar	Mary Fakhouri
Gloria Abboud	Yacoub Awwad	Jalal and Manal Bitar	Michael Fakhouri
Michael and Jennifer Abdo	Zakaria and Lubna Awwad	Omar and Enas Bitar	Robby Fakhouri
Roger and Aline Abdo	Basri and Sibel Aygul	Samir and Samar Bitar	Salameh and Carolyn Fakhouri
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Yaacoub and Antoinette Akkari	Hussam and Miram Bannourah	George and Donna Conopeotis	Dr. Nader and Cindy Fakhoury
George and Hala Alamir	Issa and Hanadi Bannourah	Majed and Dima Dalloul	Tareq and Stephanie Farhat
Dr. George and Samar Alamir	Jack and Sawsan Baqleh	Antoinette Daoud	Salvador and Rema Farias
Dr. Ghassan and Renee Aldurra	Steven and Julia Baqleh	Hazem Dawani	Mike and Dena Fasheh
Adel and Sheilia Alfakhori	Ibrahim and Norma Barbari	Christopher and Jessica Dedow	George Fashho
Suleiman and Caroline Alhabash	Khalil and Mary Barbari	Kamel and Afaf Egal	Patrick Fay
William Allan	Michael and Sandra Barbari	Sali Esber	Kathy Faycurry
	Nick and Brittany Barbari	Maher and Jennifer Eseed	Shehada and Rana Fino
	Azzam and Norma Barhoumeh	Nabeel and Bulin Eseed	Richard and Christina Georgios
	Edward and Noura Barhoumeh	Najeeb and Sandy Eseed	Malik and Linda Ghanayem

Nina Ghanayem
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 Julio and Nyssa Gomez
 Ibrahim and Shereen Habash
 Jeanette Habash
 Mark Habash
 Nicola and Mary Habash
 Darlene Haddad
 Fady Haddad
 Fayrouz Haddad
 Sara Haddad
 Yasmin Haddad
 Sophia Hani
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Find Peace:

In the sacred space of the Church, discover the quiet comfort of God's presence through prayers, hymns, and the Divine Liturgy.

Find Community:

You're not alone. The Church is a family ready to embrace everyone and walk with one another through life's struggles.

Find Purpose:

Reconnect with the timeless wisdom of Orthodoxy, where faith offers meaning and strength to face any storm.

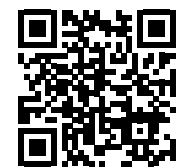
Find Grace:

Discover the Truth of the Gospel through the Holy Sacraments, bringing grace on all who seek the Truth.

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If you're not ready to step inside, reach out—the Church is ready to meet you.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

— Matthew 11:28



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“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

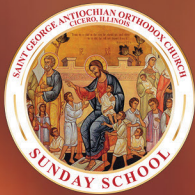
– II Corinthians 9:6-8

With a cheerful spirit and a loving heart, consider the possibility of changing the method you use to determine how much to give to the Church. First, consider your pledge an offering in thanksgiving for God’s love.

The faithful of the Church are taught that the Orthodox faith must be matched with action.



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