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ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED



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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.
مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبَّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، آمِينَ

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.
مُبَارَكٌ 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 إِلَهُي

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

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

المَجْدُ لِلْآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

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

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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

أَنْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَنِّنٍ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ
الْأَيَّامِ، لِكَيْ تُعْتَقِنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتِنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، يَا
رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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 مِنَ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا

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TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW (TONE 4)

As the first called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

بِمَا أَنْكَ فِي الرِّسَالِ مَدْعُوٌّ أَوَّلًا، وَلِلْهَامَةِ أَخًا، ابْتَهِلْ يَا
أَنْدَرَاوَسُ إِلَى سَيِّدِ الْكُلِّ، أَنْ يَمْنَحَ الْمَسْكُونَةَ السَّلَامَ
وَنُفُوسَنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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 أَنْكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاوَرِجْيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الطَّفَرَ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
إِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (TONE 3)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ، تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ، لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّذِي
قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَلَادَةً لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَافْرَحِي
أَيُّهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتَ، وَمَجِّدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ
وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ
إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

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

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

EPISTLE READERS

English		Arabic
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Hania Kahoush	Dec 21	Sdn. Mazen Rihani
Joelle Boulos	Dec 24 (25)	Dr. Manal Ibrahim
Hanna Hinnawi	Dec 28	Amanda Imseih

THE SYNAXARION

On November 30th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle Andrew the First-Called.

Andrew endureth an inverted crucifixion, appearing feet upward in truth and not in shadow.

On the thirtieth Andrew braved a cross head downward.

He was the son of Jonah and brother of Peter, born in Bethsaida and a fisherman by trade. At first he was a disciple of John the Baptist, but when the Forerunner pointed to the Lord Jesus, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36), Andrew left his first teacher and became the first apostle to follow Christ. Then, Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord. Following the descent of the Holy Spirit, it fell by lot to Andrew to preach the Gospel in Byzantium and Thrace, then in the lands along the Danube and in Russia around the Black Sea, and finally in Epirus, Greece and the Peloponnesos. In Patras, he performed many miracles in the name of Christ, and won many over to the Lord. Among the new faithful were the brother and wife of the Proconsul Aegeates. Angered at this, Aegeates subjected Andrew to torture and then crucified him. Then the apostle prayed to God and an extraordinary light encompassed him, which lasted for half an hour. When it disappeared, the apostle gave up his holy soul to God in 62.

On this day, we also commemorate Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia; and Alexander, bishop of Methymna. By their intercessions, 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 تُذَيِّعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ

الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسَ (4:9-16)

يَا إِخْوَةُ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَبْرَزَنَا نَحْنُ الرُّسُلَ آخِرِي
النَّاسِ، كَأَنَّا مَجْعُولُونَ لِلْمَوْتِ. لِأَنَّا قَدْ صِرْنَا
مَشْهُدًا لِلْعَالَمِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْبَشَرِ. نَحْنُ جُهَالٌ
مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَحُكَمَاءُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ.
نَحْنُ ضَعْفَاءُ، وَأَنْتُمْ أَقْوِيَاءُ. أَنْتُمْ مُكْرَّمُونَ،
وَنَحْنُ مُهَانُونَ. وَإِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ، نَحْنُ نَجُوعُ
وَنَعْطَشُ وَنَعْرَى وَنُلْطَمُ وَلَا قَرَارَ لَنَا. وَنَتْعَبُ
عَامِلِينَ. نُسْتَمُّ فَنُبَارِكُ، نَضْطَهُدُ فَنَحْتَمِلُ.
يُسَنِّعُ عَلَيْنَا فَنَتَضَرَّعُ. قَدْ صِرْنَا كَأَفْذَارِ الْعَالَمِ
وَكَاوْسَاخٍ يَسْتَخْبِئُهَا الْجَمِيعُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَسْتُ
لَأُخْجِلُكُمْ 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. فَأَطْلُبُ
إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونُوا مُفْتَدِينَ بِي

The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint John (1:35-51)

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where art Thou staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ يوحنا
الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهر (1:35-51)

في ذلك الزمان، كان يوحنا واقفاً هو واثنان من تلاميذه، فنظر إلى يسوع ماشياً فقال: هوذا حمل الله، فسمع التلميذان كلامه فتبعوا يسوع، فالتفت يسوع فأبصرهما يتبعانه، فقال لهما: ماذا تطلبان؟ فقالا له: رابي (الذي تفسيره يا معلم) أين تمكث؟ فقال لهما: تعاليا وانظرا. فأتيا ونظرا أين كان يمكث، ومكثا عنده ذلك اليوم، وكان نحو الساعة العاشرة، وكان أندراوس أخو سيمعان بطرس واحداً من الإثنين اللذين سمعا يوحنا وتبعوا يسوع. فهذا وجد أولاً سيمعان أخاه فقال له: قد وجدنا مسيحاً الذي تفسيره المسيح، وجاء به إلى يسوع. فنظر إليه يسوع وقال: أنت سمعان بن يونا، أنت تدعى صفا الذي تفسيره بطرس. وفي الغد أراد يسوع الخروج إلى الجليل، فوجد فيلبس فقال له: اتبعني، وكان فيلبس من بيت صيدا من مدينة أندراوس وبطرس. فوجد فيلبس نثنائيل فقال له: إن الذي كتب عنه موسى في الناموس والأنبياء قد وجدناه وهو يسوع بن يوسف الذي من الناصرة، فقال له نثنائيل: أمن الناصرة يمكن أن يكون شيء صالح؟ فقال له فيلبس: تعال وانظر. فرأى يسوع نثنائيل مقبلاً إليه فقال عنه: هوذا إسرائيلي حقاً لا غش فيه. فقال له نثنائيل: من أين تعرفني؟ أجاب يسوع وقال له: قبل أن يدعوك فيلبس وأنت تحت التينة رأيتك. أجاب نثنائيل وقال: يا معلم، أنت ابن الله، أنت ملك إسرائيل. أجاب يسوع وقال له: ألا أنني قلت لك إني رأيتك تحت التينة آمنت؟ إنك ستعطيني أعظم من هذا. وقال له: الحق الحق أقول لكم، إنكم من الآن ترون السماء مفتوحة، وملائكة الله يصعدون وينزلون على ابن البشر

COMMUNION HYMN FOR SAINT ANDREW (TONE 8)

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

في كُلِّ الأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ، وَإِلَى أَقَاصِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ
كَلَامُهُ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

Holy Bread Offered By:



Today – The Zayed Family

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Imreibe

Dec 7 – Dina Saba and Children and
Their Families

– The Sousan Family

Dec 14 – The Khoury Family

– Hon. William and Sandy
Haddad

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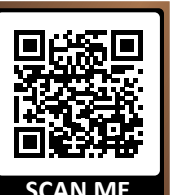
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COMMEMORATIONS

- Dec 21**
- 2-Year Commemoration for †MIKEL AL NIMRI, offered by Salim and Rania Najjar and family.
 - 6-Year Commemoration for †FARHAN AL NIMRI, offered by Salim and Rania Najjar and family.
 - 11-Year Commemoration for †GABI NAJJAR, offered by Salim and Rania Najjar and family.
 - 20-Year Commemoration for †JAMILEH NAJJAR, offered by Salim and Rania Najjar and family.
 - 37-Year Commemoration for †VICTOR NAJJAR, offered by Salim and Rania Najjar and family.

MEMORIALS

Today 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.
 - 1-Year Memorial Service for †HAYAT SOUSAN, offered by the Sousan family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER IS PARISH COUNCIL MONTH

Sat, Nov 15- • HOLY ADVENT SEASON (*see pg. 12*)

Thu, Dec 25 • Advent Humanitarian Drive

Today	• Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am
	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School Classes	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Teen SOYO Hour (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	After Sunday School
	• Christmas Concert/Youth Choir Rehearsal	After Sunday School

DECEMBER IS THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS MONTH

Mon, Dec 1	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Officers' Zoom Meeting	7:30 pm
	• Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Officers' Monthly Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm

Tue, Dec 2 West Campus Ministry (*see pg. 30*) 6:00 pm

Wed, Dec 3 Saint Katherine Antiochian Orthodox Mission Ad Hoc Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Thu, Dec 4 Saint Katherine Antiochian Orthodox Mission Pastoral Ministry 6:00 pm

Fri, Dec 5 Paraklesis Service and Bible Study in Spanish (*see pg. 29*) 6:30 pm

Sat, Dec 6	• Antiochian Women (AW) Spiritual Retreat (<i>see pg. 27</i>)	9:00 am
	• Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
	• Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Advent Spiritual Retreat (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	After Vespers

Sun, Dec 7	• Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am
	• Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy	9:15 am
	• Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
	• Sunday School Classes	After Communion
	• God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 13</i>)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 20</i>)	After Liturgy
	• Mandatory Christmas Concert/Youth Choir Rehearsal (<i>see pg. 14</i>)	After Sunday School
	• The Order-Cicero Chapter Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections (<i>see pg. 23</i>)	12:30 pm

Tue, Dec 9 West Campus Ministry (*see pg. 30*) 6:00 pm

Wed, Dec 10 Parish Council Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm

Thu, Dec 11	• Saint Katherine Antiochian Orthodox Mission Pastoral Ministry	6:00 pm
	• Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph Leadership Meeting	8:30 pm

Fri, Dec 12	• Teen SOYO Christmas Gathering (<i>see pg. 17</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Advent Spiritual Retreat and Humanitarian Project (<i>see pg. 21</i>)	7:00 pm
	• Antiochian Women (AW) Spiritual Sisters Circle Ministry (<i>see pg. 26</i>)	7:00 pm

Let Us Give Thanks and Rejoice
By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

Gratitude, my dear friends, is a quintessential Christian virtue. A person who appreciates God's grace and understands the importance of His blessings in their life is always grateful. The Holy Scriptures repeatedly urge us to always give thanks without ever growing weary of it. Grateful persons rejoice in what they have, whether much or little. They are content with what they have, whether great or small. They are satisfied with what they possess and calmly seek better things, without fuss, without agitation, without inner turmoil. They are filled with their Lord and look to Him first and foremost, and from Him they draw every other gift. As long as God, the source of life, is with them, they never feel lacking.

When we grumble, when we complain, when we are not satisfied with what we have, and when we are troubled because we want more, we are expressing, indirectly, that we have not yet had enough of our Lord, and that we have not yet grasped, as we should, the purpose of the Christian life.

Our era, my dear friends, is a consumerist era par excellence. As you know, it compels us to work harder to earn more money so that we can spend more. The cycle continues in a closed loop, and we remain in a frantic pursuit of more work, more earnings, more spending, and so on. But the real tragedy lies in the fact that the further we progress on this economic journey, the more possessions we feel we need, and so we remain dissatisfied, constantly demanding, forgetting even to appreciate what we have and what we possess.

Joy has become rare in these troubled times. Moments of delight may be available from time to time, but true joy is far away. Why? Because the desire for what we need – or what we think we need – is stronger than the joy of enjoying what we have.

In one of his letters, the Evangelist John warns us that everything in this world is driven by the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). The Apostle Paul urges believers to beware of and avoid these desires (Gal. 5:19-21). Why? Because the desires of this world are endless, never truly satisfying, and consequently, they drive us to constantly seek them. Experience teaches us that the disappointment that follows is immeasurably greater than the pleasure of indulging in them. The pursuit of desires leads from one disappointment to another.

The fountain of life is within us, yet we go, as the prophet Jeremiah says, to dig broken cisterns that cannot hold water (2:13). We have “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), yet we neglect it and pursue a glittering allure that captivates our hearts and deceives us with the illusion of attaining fulfillment. We forget what He has given us and forget this ever-flowing, inexhaustible fountain, and instead seek polluted waters in different places.

The tragedy of our modern world is that it makes us forget gratitude, and consequently, all the blessings we enjoy. Our world constantly tries to open our eyes to new, deceptive, and illusory things, making us believe they are essential and indispensable. This is why the wise, guided by the Gospel, rejoice in what they have and thank God for it. We enjoy good health, but we only appreciate it when we fall ill! We can see. Isn't sight a blessing? We only truly appreciate it when we see a blind person! We can walk. Well, that too is a blessing. But we don't give thanks for it, nor do we recognize its value, until we see a disabled person! There are countless things in our lives that should make us give thanks joyfully and gratefully, and we must truly see them.

One of our contemporary spiritual fathers said, “If we were to give thanks for everything, we would have no time to complain.” Complaining means not being thankful, not being grateful, and not being content with the good things the Lord has given us. It also means that we are not satisfied with our Lord and that we are not content with our situation.

Someone might ask: Should we be content with what we have and not strive for better? Doesn't a Christian have the right to be ambitious? Don't we, as Christians, have the right to ask for the best? Yes, certainly. We have all these rights, but with a spirit of gratitude, a spirit of contentment and joy, a spirit of thankfulness for what we have. We ask for the best quietly, not noisily. We ask for the best knowing that the very best is to be in the Lord's presence, and from there, by the Lord's grace, we improve not only ourselves but the whole world around us. This is not only a right, but also our duty. It is our duty to make our world a reflection of the Kingdom of Heaven. But if we are always angry, always complaining, always resentful, always sad, always restless, always agitated, how can we improve ourselves and improve our world?

Once there was a priest thrown into solitary confinement during the days of communist religious persecution in Russia. He spent many years in his solitary cell. There was only a small window at the top of the room through which light entered. Every day, he would recite a prayer of thanksgiving, which he had written on the walls of his cell. It was a prayer overflowing with gratitude to God, thanking Him that there were people who could see the light of heaven and rejoice, that there were people who could hear the birds chirping and rejoice, that there were people who could eat and drink whatever they wanted and rejoice. He, deprived of everything, thought of others who had been given what they needed, and he rejoiced for them and thanked God for giving it to them. Where are we in relation to such a contemporary example?

This example encourages us to rise to the required Christian spiritual level, and teaches us to give thanks at all times, not just with our lips, but with our hearts.

Let us learn well and remember today that true joy is found in Christ. “I bring you good news of great joy: to you a Savior has been born.” Does not the Gospel begin with this good news? Let us not forget, beloved, that the greatest joy is within us; we only need to open our eyes and see it. May God perpetuate joy in your lives, in your hearts, and in your homes, always. Amen.

نشكر فنفرح المتر وبوليت سابا (اسبر)

الشُّكْرُ، يا أحبَّه، فضيلةٌ مسيحيةٌ بامتياز. والإنسان الذي يشعر بقيمة نعمة الله، ويعي أهمية بركته في حياته، هو إنسانٌ شكورٌ في كلِّ حين. ويطلبنا الكتاب المقدس، مراراً وتكراراً، بأن نقدِّم الشُّكْرَ في كلِّ حين، غير متعبين منه. الإنسانُ الشُّكورُ إنسانٌ فرحٌ بما عنده، أكان كثيراً أم قليلاً. إنَّه إنسانٌ راضٍ عما حصَّله، أكان عظيماً أم بسيطاً. هو إنسانٌ مُكتَفٍ بما عنده، ويطلبُ الأفضلَ بهدوءٍ، من دون صخبٍ، من دون قلقٍ، من دون احتياجٍ داخلي. إنَّه إنسانٌ شبعانٌ من ربِّه، ويتطلَّعُ إليه أولاً وقبل أيِّ شيءٍ آخر، ومنه يستمدُّ كلَّ عطيةٍ أخرى. طالما أن الله، مصدرُ الحياةِ معه، فإنَّه لا يشعرُ بالتقصُّصِ أبداً

عندما نتذمَّر، عندما نتشكَّى، ولا نرضى بما عندنا، ونضطرب لأننا نريد المزيد، فإننا نعبِّر، بطريقة غير مباشرة، عن أنَّنا لم نكتفِ من ربِّنا بعد، وأنَّنا لم ندرك، كما ينبغي، غاية الحياة المسيحية بعد.

عصرنا هذا، أيُّها الأحبَّه، عصرٌ استهلاكيٌّ بامتياز. وكما تعلمون، يجعلنا نعمل كثيراً لكي نحصلَ على مدخولٍ ماليٍّ أكثر، لكي نصرف أكثر؛ وهكذا دواليك، تبقى الدائرة تدور مغلقةً، ونبقى في سعيٍ محمومٍ نحو العملِ أكثر، لنحصلَ أكثر، لنصرف أكثر. لكنَّ الطامة الكبرى تكمن في أنَّنا كلُّما تقدَّمنا في مسيرتنا الاقتصادية هذه، نشعرُ بأنَّنا نحتاج إلى الأكثر، ولذلك نبقى في عدم الرضى، ونستمر في الطلب، وننسى حتى أن نفرح بما حصَّلناه، وبما صارَ عندنا.

صار الفرح، في هذا الزَّمن الرَّدِيء، نادراً. قد تكون أوقات البهجة متوفرة من حين إلى آخر، لكنَّ الفرح بعيد. لماذا؟ لأنَّ المطالبة بما نحن بحاجةٍ إليه، أو هكذا نظن، لهو أقوى من فرح التمتع بما حصلنا عليه

نَبَّهنا الإنجيليُّ يوحنا، في إحدى رسائله، إلى أن كل ما في هذا العالم، هو شهوةُ العين وشهوةُ الجسد وتعظُّم المعيشة. ويحثُّ الرسول بولس المؤمنين على أن يتجنَّبوا هذه الشهوات ويحذروها، لماذا؟ لأنَّ شهوات هذه الدُّنيا لا تنتهي، كونها لا تُشبعنا، وتالياً، تجعلنا نجد في طلبها باستمرار. والواقع يعلمنا، بالخبرة، أن الخيبة التي تليها، أقوى من لذة التمتع بها، بما لا يقاس. طلب الشهوات يقود الإنسان من خيبة إلى أخرى

نبتغ الحياة عندنا ونحن نذهب، كما يقول إرمياء النبي، لنحفرَ آباراً مشقَّةً لا تضبطُ الماء. عندنا "الطريقُ والحقُّ والحياة"، ومع ذلك نهمله ونسعى وراء بريق يأخذ بالآبائنا، ويخدعنا بوهم الحصول على الملء. ننسى ما أعطانا وننسى هذا النبتع الذي يفيض باستمرارٍ ولا ينضب أبداً، ونطلبُ مياهاً ملوثةً من هنا وهناك.

تكمن تجربةُ عالمنا المعاصر، في أنه يُنسى الشُّكْرُ، وتالياً، كلُّ النعم التي نحن فيها. يحاول عالمنا، بشتى الطرق، أن يفتحَ عيوننا دائماً على أمورٍ جديدة، خادعة ووهمية. يجعلنا نُنظِّرها أموراً لازمةً لا نستطيع الاستغناء عنها. من هنا الحكيم السائر على هدي الإنجيل، يفرحُ بما عنده ويشكرُ الله عليه. نحنُ بصحةٍ جيدة لا نقدِّرها إلا عندما نمرض! نحن نرى. أو ليس النظر نعمة؟! لا نقدِّرها إلا عندما نرى ضريراً! نحن نمشي. حسناً هذه نعمة أيضاً. لكننا لا نشكر عليها ولا نعرف قيمتها إلا عندما نرى إنساناً مُقعداً! هناك أمورٌ كثيرة، أكثر من أن تُعدَّ، في حياتنا تجعلنا نشكرُ ونشكرُ بفرحٍ وامتنان، وعلينا أن نبصرها جيداً

يقول أحد آباءنا الروحيين المعاصرين: "لو شكر الإنسان على كلِّ شيء، لما وجدَ وقتاً للتذمُّر". التذمُّرُ يعني عدم الشُّكْرِ، وعدم الامتنان، وعدم الاكتفاء بما أعطانا الرب من الصالحات. كما يعني أنَّنا لم نشبع من ربِّنا، وأنَّنا غير راضين عما نحن فيه.

قد يقول قائل: أنقبل بما عندنا ولا نسعى إلى الأحسن؟ ألا يحقُّ للمسيحي أن يكون طموحاً؟ ألا يحقُّ لنا، مسيحيين، أن نطلبُ الأفضل؟ بلى بالتأكيد. يحقُّ لنا هذا كله ولكن بروح الشُّكران، بروح الرضى والابتهاج، بروح الامتنان لما عندنا. نحن نطلبُ الأفضلَ بهدوءٍ، لا بصخبٍ، نطلبُ الأفضلَ ونعلمُ أنَّ أفضلَ الأفضل هو أن نكون في كنف الربِّ، ومن هناك وبنعمة الربِّ نحسِّن، لا أنفسنا فقط، بل كلَّ العالم الذي حولنا. هذا ليس حقَّ فقط، بل هو واجبٌ علينا. واجبنا أن نجعلَ عالمنا صورةً عن ملكوت السموات. ولكن إن كنَّا في الغضبِ دوماً، في التذمُّرِ دوماً، في السخطِ، في الحزنِ، في القلقة، في الاضطراب، كيف لنا أن نحسِّنَ أنفسنا ونحسِّنَ عالمنا؟

قضى أحدُ الكهنة، الذين ألقوا في زناينةٍ فرديةٍ، أيام الاضطهاد الديني الشيوعي في روسيا، سنواتٍ طويلة، في زنازته المنفردة تلك؛ لم يكن فيها سوى طاقة صغيرة في أعلى الغرفة، يدخل منها النور. وكان يردد يومياً، صلاة شكر، كتبها على جدران زنازته، صلاة مفعمة بالامتنان للربِّ، يشكر الله فيها لأنَّ ثمة أناسَ يرون نور السماء ويفرحون، ولأنَّ ثمة أناسَ غيره يسمعون زقزقة العصافير ويفرحون، ولأنَّ ثمة أناسَ يأكلون ما يريدون ويشربون ما يريدون ويفرحون... كان يفكرُ، وهو المحروم من كلِّ شيء - كان يفكرُ بالآخرين، الذين أعطي لهم ما يحتاجونه، ويفرحُ لهم ويشكرُ الله لأنَّه أعطاهم هذا. أين نحن من شهادةٍ معاصرة كهذه؟!

مثاله هذا يشجِّعنا على أن نرتفع إلى المستوى الروحي المسيحي المطلوب، ويعلمنا أن نشكر في كلِّ حين، لا من الشفاء فقط، بل من القلب.

فلنتعلم جيداً ولنتذكَّر اليوم، أنَّ الفرح يكون بالمسيح. "إني أبشركم بفرح عظيم، ولَدَ لكم مخلص". ألا يبدأ الإنجيل بهذه البشرى!! فلا ننسَ أيُّها الأحبة أنَّ الفرح الأعظم هو عندنا، علينا فقط أن نفتحَ أعيننا ونراه. أدام الله الفرح في حياتكم، وفي قلوبكم، وفي بيوتكم، دوماً، آمين

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.

God's

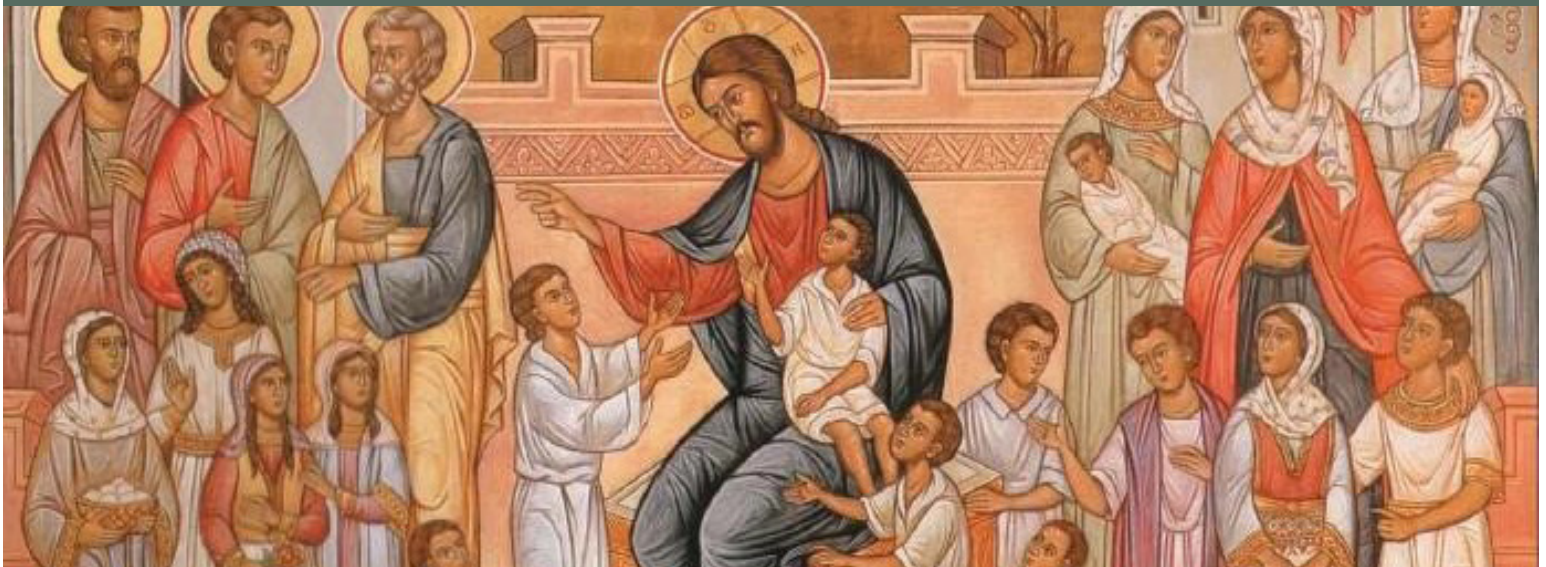


Little Lights

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.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 11: Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

When it was known that Jesus was in a certain house teaching, some men brought their friend, who was sick and lying on his bed paralyzed, to the house to be healed.



However, the house was so crowded, they could not get in. They believed so strongly that Jesus could make the man well, they would not give up. Jesus saw the faith of the four men that brought him, and He said to the paralyzed man "Son, your sins are forgiven." That made some people think He was blaspheming. Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said to them, "Which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or to say 'Arise, take up your bed and walk?' But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins". So, He said to the paralyzed man, "Arise, take up your bed and go to your house." Then the man got up and went home in the presence of all. When the crowd saw this, they were amazed, and they glorified God, saying "We never saw anything like this."

REGISTRATION IS
OPEN!

DON'T MISS ANOTHER WEEK!



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StGeorgeChi.org/register-student

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

CREATING MEMORIES

smile!



Meet

the

Staff

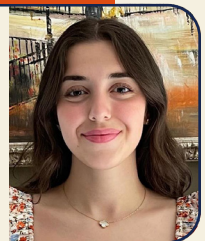
SARAH ALAMIR

POSITION IN SS: 5th and 6th Grades Assistant Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: Letters to a Young Poet by Rainer Maria Rilke

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Christmas Concert

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Ice Skating



SOPHIA LAYOUS

POSITION IN SS: 5th and 6th Grades Assistant Teacher

BOOK YOU HAVE RECENTLY READ: The Secret History by Donna Tartt

FAVORITE SS DAY OR ACTIVITY: Icon Walk

FAVORITE GAME OR SPORT: Soccer

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), 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.



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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

Sun | Nov 30
after Sunday School*
free event

SOYO HOUR

Snacks!

Smoothies!



*Sunday School attendance is mandatory to attend SOYO Hour

All Teens (13-18) Welcome!



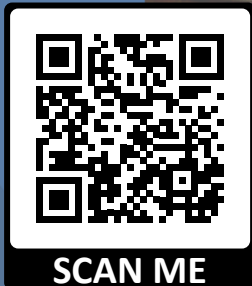
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Teen SOYO CHRISTMAS GATHERING

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 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 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

SAT, JAN 17, 2026
6:45 PM - 9:00 PM

*"A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will
be refreshed."* ~ Proverbs 11:25

Join **TEEN SOYO** for an evening of helping others in need!
ALL 5 YEARS AND OLDER ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE SCAN QR-CODE OR SIGN-UP AT
WWW.FMSC.ORG/JOIN-GROUP?JOINCODE=K1D2W2



FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



740 WILEY FARM COURT, SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173



SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

Young Adult Fellowship

SAVE-THE-DATE

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)

ADVENT SPIRITUAL RETREAT AND HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

FRI | DEC 12 | 7PM

\$25
/PERSON

Evening Prayers, Spiritual Talk,
Dinner, Humanitarian Project,
and Fellowship

RSVP by
Sun | Dec 7



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

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

The Young Adult Fellowship presents...

SAINT GEORGE CREWNECKS



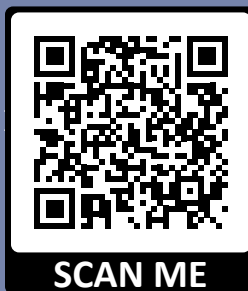
FRONT



BACK

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

PRE-ORDER FORM CLOSING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT MIDNIGHT*



**\$40 - ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
THE 2026 YAF PILGRIMAGE FUND**

**LIMITED STOCK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER THE PRE-ORDER FORM CLOSING*



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
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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

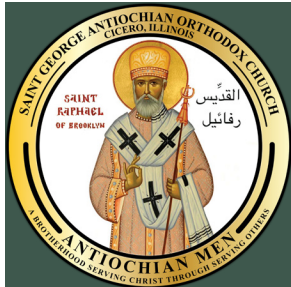
Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Dena Fasheh

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Chair
The Order-Cicero Chapter



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN)

SAVE THE DATE

- Sat, DEC 6/2025: Advent 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 Men (A-MEN)

***“Do not harm
yourself”***
(Acts 16:28)

ADVENT SPIRITUAL Retreat

Men Maintaining
Joy and Purpose
in Hard Times

Reading the story
of the Philippian
Jailer in Acts of the
Apostles (16:25-34)

Sat, Dec 6
5PM Vespers

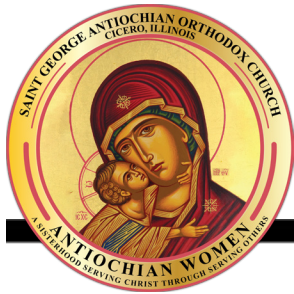
Dinner • Retreat

\$25/EA

RSVP by
Wed, Dec 3



All Men 18+ Welcome



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS**



DECEMBER...

- **Sat, Dec 6 – Advent Retreat**
| 7:45 AM
- **Fri, Dec 12 – Spiritual Sisters Circle**
| 7:00 PM
- **Sat, Jan 3 – Annual AW Christmas/
Epiphany Dinner | 7:00 PM**

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!

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



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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 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



SAINT GEORGE Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Suplicas a la Madre de Díos

Oraciones a la Virgen María en tiempos de necesidad

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

*Estudio
Bíblico 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:

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- FR. GABRIEL CORONEL (773) 746-1893
- DN. GEORGE NASSIEF (925) 699-3893
- DN. JOHN ZAYED (630) 901-6852
- DN. MOSES BYNUM (773) 972-1471
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- 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!



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
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Dn. John and Sh. Alice Zayed	Haitiam and Rawan Asbah	Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara	Hani and Randa Fakhouri
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Gloria Abboud	Yacoub Awwad	Jalal and Manal Bitar	Michael Fakhouri
Michael and Jennifer Abdo	Zakaria and Lubna Awwad	Omar and Enas Bitar	Robby Fakhouri
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"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

— Matthew 11:28



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“Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

– Luke 8:14-15

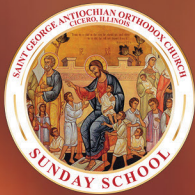
Can two apparently contradictory ideas both be true? Sometimes this can be the case. On the one hand, it is true that the Church of God flourishes when its members are giving generously and cheerfully of their time, talent, and treasure. In this sense, the Church needs what we have to offer.

It is equally true that we need to offer these gifts to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. The Church does not need our offering as much as we need to make this offering as part of the cycle of our spiritual lives.

Just as we attend liturgy, say our prayers regularly, and participate in the Sacraments of the Church, we need to give in a manner consistent with God’s teachings.



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