



WEEKLY BULLETIN

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

عيد ميلاد ربنا وإلهنا
ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فَمَجِّدُوهُ!

The *Weekly Bulletin* is an official publication of
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Cicero, Illinois.
A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية

The Most Reverend Metropolitan **SABA, Primate**
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

The Right Reverend Bishop **ANTHONY, Auxiliary Bishop**
Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

The Very Reverend Father **Fouad Saba, Pastor**
"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26

BROTHERHOOD OF THE NOBLE JOSEPH:

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba, *PASTOR*
V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel, *ASSISTANT PRIEST*
Dn. George Nassief
Dn. Symeon Fakhouri
Sdn. Mazen Khalifeh
Sdn. Steven Bynum
Sdn. Raymond Antypas
Sdn. Youssef Selim
Sdn. Mazen Rihani
Sdn. Nasser Zayed
Protopsaltis Jameel Haddad, *CHANTER*
Chadi Karam, *CHANTER*
Matthew Abla, *CHANTER*
Faraj Shahrstan, *CHANTER*
Trevor Lenhart, *CHOIR DIRECTOR*
Maher Eseed, *HEAD USHER*
All Choir Members, Ushers, & Acolytes

CHURCH OFFICE:

Veronica Egan, *OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR*
Samar Rihani, *ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY*
Holly Goljic, *GRAPHIC DESIGNER*
Dn. Symeon Fakhouri, *DIRECTOR OF YOUTH PROGRAMS*
1220 South 60th Court
Cicero, Illinois 60804
PHONE: (708) 656-2927
FAX: (708) 656-1166
EMAIL: Office@StGeorgeChi.org
WEBSITE: www.StGeorgeChi.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8:30 am–5:00 pm
Saturday: By Appointment
Sunday: Closed

2023 PARISH COUNCIL:

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba, *PRESIDING OFFICER*
Rammy Zanayed, *CHAIRMAN*
Elias Akkari, *VICE-CHAIRMAN*
Dr. Miriam Haddad, *SECRETARY*
Mina Rantisi, *TREASURER*
Darlene Haddad, *FINANCIAL SECRETARY*
Fares Bannourah, *MEMBER*
George Conopeotis, *MEMBER*
Dr. Nader Fakhoury, *MEMBER*
Tammi Karam, *MEMBER*
Dr. Johnny Kuttab, *MEMBER*
Michael Moukheiber, *MEMBER*
Karen Nawas, *MEMBER*
Suhail Qumri, *MEMBER*
Joseph Rihani, *MEMBER*
Eddy Shaheen, *MEMBER*

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Abeer Kari, *ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN*
Jeanette Habash, *YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF)*
Alex Nawas, *TEEN SOYO*
Darlene N. Haddad, *ARCHDIOCESE TRUSTEE*
Elie Haig, *ARCHDIOCESE TRUSTEE*
Mansour Rayan, *ARCHDIOCESE TRUSTEE /*
HONORARY COUNCIL MEMBER

EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

V. Rev. Fr. Gabriel Coronel, *CLERGY*
Dn. George Nassief, *CLERGY*
Lillian Rihani, *SUNDAY SCHOOL*
Dena H. Fasheh, *THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS*
Jeries Kahoush, *ANTIOCHIAN MEN (A-MEN)*

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced
Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and
10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy
Confession by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Prot. no.: 486/2023

Nativity 2023

Reverend Hierarchs, Priests and Deacons, Esteemed members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, Beloved Sons and Daughters of our Antiochian Archdiocese of North America,

On this blessed occasion, I recall the familiar phrase we hear in the Advent prayers:

“Christ is born, glorify Him!”

It is the Church’s call to us since the beginning of the Nativity Fast. We remember it to keep the question alive: How do we glorify Christ? Present in our minds, the answer remains clear: we glorify Him through our actions, our lives, and our conduct. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). Remember, the answer depends on each person’s readiness and response to this divine calling.

Many believe that Christ calls us to be good and nothing more. However, our Orthodox Christian faith teaches us that Christ came for us, and became man, not merely to make us good but to adorn our nature with His divinity. Good deeds are necessary, not as an end in themselves, but as the path to conform to Christ, striving for divine perfection.

Christian theology has succinctly summarized the theology of the Incarnation since the second century with the phrase: “God became man so that man might become God.” Our Lord took unto himself what was not His original nature to clearly show us that it is possible for us to forsake our sinful nature. He opened the heavens and descended to us, teaching us to open the gates of our hearts and forgiveness of sins, offering mercy to our brethren through the likeness of His love toward us.

My prayer for you in these blessed days is that may you always be prepared to receive the birth of Christ within you, to be a warm manger for Him, and to be blessed by His constant presence within you. May He increasingly mold you into His likeness day by day.

May God bless your days and your lives, and may everyone taste the peace of His Nativity.

Wishing you a blessed festal season and a new year filled with His blessings, I remain,

Yours in the Incarnate Christ,

+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

358 Mountain Road, P.O. Box 5238, Englewood, NJ 07631-5238
(201) 871-1355 T Archdiocese@antiochian.org (201) 871-7954 F

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

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

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

O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the 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 God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in thee.

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

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: 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 lovingkindness 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،
وعلى الأرضِ السَّلامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسْرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْمَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيُّ، الإلهُ، الآبُ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْإِبْنُ الْوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحُ،
ويا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يَا حَمَلَ اللَّهِ يَا ابْنَ الآبِ، يَا رَافِعَ
خَطِيئَةِ الْعَالَمِ ارْحَمْنَا، يَا رَافِعَ خَطَايَا الْعَالَمِ
تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنَا أَيُّهَا الْجَالِسُ عَنْ يَمِينِ الآبِ
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 عَلِّمْنِي 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 فَعَلِّمْنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إِلَهِي

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

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

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالْإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللَّهِ، قُدُّوسُ الْقَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Thy wonders. In the council of the
upright, and in the congregation, great are the
works of the Lord.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

They are sought out in all the things that He hath
willed. Confession and majesty are His work, and
His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

اعْتَرَفْتُ لَكَ يَا رَبُّ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِي، وَأُحَدِّثُ بِجَمِيعِ
عَجَائِبِكَ. فِي مَجْلِسِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ وَفِي مَجْمَعِهِمْ،
عَظِيمَةٌ هِيَ أَعْمَالُ الرَّبِّ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
مُدَبَّرَةٌ طَبَقًا لِكُلِّ مُرَادِهِ بِهَا. صُنْعُهُ الْإِعْتِرَافُ وَعِظَمُ
الْجَلَالِ، وَعَدْلُهُ يَدُومُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.
الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَالِي دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلَّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His
commandments shall he greatly delight. His seed
shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of
the upright shall be blessed.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of
a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory and riches shall be in his house, and His
righteousness abideth unto ages of ages.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of
a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

There hath risen up in darkness a light for the
upright; He is merciful and compassionate and
righteous.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of
a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. Amen.

O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

طُوبَى لِلرَّجُلِ الَّذِي يَتَّقِي الرَّبَّ وَيَهْوَى وَصَايَاهُ جَدًّا.
تَكُونُ ذُرِّيَّتُهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُقْتَدِرَةً.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ وُلِدَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

الْمَجْدُ وَالْغِنَى فِي بَيْتِهِ، وَعَدْلُهُ يَدُومُ إِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ
اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ وُلِدَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

أَشْرَقَ النُّورُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ لِلْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ، النُّورُ يُشْرِقُ فِي
الظُّلَامِ لِلْأَبْرَارِ، لِأَنَّهُ الرَّؤُوفُ وَالرَّحِيمُ وَالصِّدِّيقُ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ وُلِدَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَالِي دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدَ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ لِرَبِّي: اجْلِسْ عَنْ يَمِينِي حَتَّى أَجْعَلَ أَعْدَاءَكَ مَوْطِنًا لِقَدَمَيْكَ. عَصَا قُوَّةٍ يُرْسِلُ لَكَ الرَّبُّ مِنْ صِهْيَوْنَ. مَعَكَ الرِّئَاسَةُ فِي يَوْمِ قُوَّتِكَ، فِي بَهَاءِ قِدِّيْسِيكَ.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 4)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

مِلَادُكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا قَدْ أَطْلَعَ نَوْرَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، لِأَنَّ السَّاجِدِينَ لِلْكَوَاكِبِ، بِهِ تَعَلَّمُوا مِنْ الْكَوْكَبِ السُّجُودَ لَكَ يَا شَمْسَ الْعَدْلِ، وَأَنْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنَّكَ مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْعُلُوِّ أَتَيْتَ، يَا رَبُّ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent; thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

مِنَ الْبَطْنِ قَبْلَ كَوْكَبِ الصُّبْحِ وَلَدْتُكَ، خَلَفَ الرَّبُّ وَلَنْ يَنْدَمَ، أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْكَاهِنُ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ عَلَى تَرْتِيبِ مَلَكِيصَادَق. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ وُلِدَ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 4)

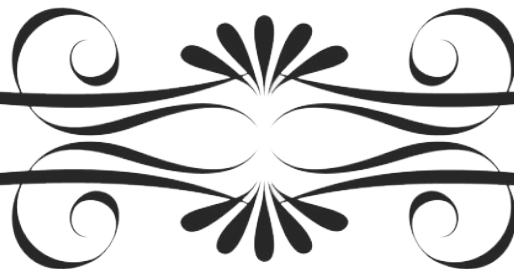
Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

مِلَادُكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا قَدْ أَطْلَعَ نَوْرَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، لِأَنَّ السَّاجِدِينَ لِلْكَوَاكِبِ، بِهِ تَعَلَّمُوا مِنْ الْكَوْكَبِ السُّجُودَ لَكَ يَا شَمْسَ الْعَدْلِ، وَأَنْ يَعْرِفُوا أَنَّكَ مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْعُلُوِّ أَتَيْتَ، يَا رَبُّ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 3)

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; * to the Unapproachable, * the earth doth offer a small cave; * Angels join in choir with shepherds * in giving glory; * with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; * for our sakes is born a young Child, * He Who existed * before the ages as God.

الْيَوْمَ الْبَتُولُ تَلِدُ الْفَائِقَ الْجَوْهَرَ، وَالْأَرْضُ تُقَرِّبُ الْمَغَارَةَ لِمَنْ هُوَ غَيْرُ مُقْتَرَبٍ إِلَيْهِ. الْمَلَائِكَةُ مَعَ الرُّعَاةِ يُمَجِّدُونَ، وَالْمَجُوسُ مَعَ الْكَوْكَبِ فِي الطَّرِيقِ يَسِيرُونَ، لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ وُلِدَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا صَبِيٌّ جَدِيدٌ، إِلَهُ 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 أن لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ * اعتقيني من
صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حتى أصرخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً
لا عروسَ لها.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ
have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of
ages. Amen.*

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ
have put on Christ. Alleluia.

أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ. الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلْلُويَا.
(ثلاثاً)

الجوقة: المَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، الْآنَ
وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلْلُويَا.

قُوَّةٌ !

أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ بِالْمَسِيحِ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ. الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ. هَلْلُويَا

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Rammy Zanayed

Dec 25

Sandy Eseed

EPISTLE FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee.

Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God
sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under
the Law, to redeem those who were under the
Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit
of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son;
and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

لِيَسْجُدَ لَكَ كُلُّ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ وَيَرْتَلُّوا لَكَ.

هَلِّلُوا لِلَّهِ يَا جَمِيعَ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى

أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ (4:4-7)

يا إِخْوَةُ، لَمَّا حَانَ مِلْءُ الزَّمَانِ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ
ابْنَهُ مَوْلُودًا مِنْ امْرَأَةٍ، مَوْلُودًا تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ،
لِيَفْتَدِيَ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ النَّامُوسِ، لِنَنَالَ التَّبَنِّي. وَبِمَا
أَنْتُمْ أَبْنَاءُ، أَرْسَلَ اللَّهُ رُوحَ ابْنِهِ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ
صَارِحًا: «يَا أَبَا الْآبِ». فَلَسْتَ بَعْدُ عَبْدًا بَلْ ابْنٌ،
وَإِنْ كُنْتَ ابْنًا فَأَنْتَ وَارِثٌ لِلَّهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ

GOSPEL FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to
Saint Matthew (2:1-12)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِي
الْبَشِيرِ وَالتِّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (2:1-12)

لَمَّا وُلِدَ يَسُوعُ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ فِي
أَيَّامِ هِيرُودُسَ الْمَلِكِ، إِذَا مَجُوسٌ قَدْ أَقْبَلُوا مِنَ
الْمَشْرِقِ إِلَى أورشَلِيمَ قَائِلِينَ: أَيُّنَ الْمَوْلُودِ
مَلِكُ الْيَهُودِ؟ فَإِنَّا رَأَيْنَا نَجْمَهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ،
فَوَاقَيْنَا لِنَسْجُدَ لَهُ * فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ هِيرُودُسُ الْمَلِكُ
اضْطَرَبَ هُوَ وَكُلُّ أورشَلِيمَ مَعَهُ * وَجَمَعَ كُلَّ
رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَكُتَّابَةِ الشَّعْبِ، وَاسْتَخْبَرَهُمْ
أَيُّنَ يُولَدُ الْمَسِيحُ * فَقَالُوا لَهُ "فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ
الْيَهُودِيَّةِ، لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَدْ كُتِبَ بِالنَّبِيِّ: وَأَنْتِ
يَا بَيْتَ لَحْمِ أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا، لَسْتِ بِصُغْرَى
فِي رُؤَسَاءِ يَهُوذَا، لِأَنَّهُ مِنْكَ يَخْرُجُ الْمُدَبِّرُ
الَّذِي يَزْعَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ" * حِينَئِذٍ دَعَا
هِيرُودُسُ الْمَجُوسَ سِرًّا وَتَحَقَّقَ مِنْهُمْ زَمَانَ
النَّجْمِ الَّذِي ظَهَرَ * ثُمَّ أَرْسَلَهُمْ إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمِ،
قَائِلًا: انْطَلِقُوا وَابْحَثُوا عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ بِتَدْقِيقٍ،
وَمَتَّى وَجَدْتُمُوهُ، فَأَخْبِرُونِي لِكَيْ آتِيَ أَنَا أَيْضًا
وَأَسْجُدَ لَهُ * فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا مِنَ الْمَلِكِ، ذَهَبُوا،
فَإِذَا النَّجْمُ الَّذِي كَانُوا رَأَوْهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ
يَتَقَدَّمُهُمْ، حَتَّى جَاءَ وَوَقَفَ فَوْقَ الْمَوْضِعِ
الَّذِي كَانَ فِيهِ الصَّبِيُّ * فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا النَّجْمَ فَرَحُوا
فَرَحًا عَظِيمًا جَدًّا، وَأَتَوْا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، فَوَجَدُوا
الصَّبِيَّ مَعَ مَرْيَمَ أُمِّهِ، فَخَرُّوا سَاجِدِينَ لَهُ،
وَفَتَحُوا كُنُوزَهُمْ وَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ هَدَايَا مِنْ ذَهَبٍ
وَأُبَانٍ وَمُرٍّ * ثُمَّ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ فِي الْحُلُمِ أَنْ لَا
يَرْجِعُوا إِلَى هِيرُودُسَ، فَانْصَرَفُوا فِي طَرِيقٍ
أُخْرَى إِلَى بِلَادِهِمْ

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 1)

*Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable
and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.*

I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the
cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and
the manger a noble place in which hath laid Christ
the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise
and magnify Him.

عَظِّمِي يَا نَفْسِي مَنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ قَدْرًا، وَأَرْفَعُ مَجْدًا مِنَ
الْأَجْنَادِ الْعُلَوِيَّةِ.

إِنِّي أَشَاهِدُ سِرًّا عَجِيبًا مُسْتَعْرَبًا، الْمَغَارَةَ سَمَاءً
وَالْبَتُولَ عَرْشًا شَارُوبِيمِيًّا، وَالْمَذُودَ مَحَلًّا شَرِيفًا،
الَّذِي اتَّكَأَ فِيهِ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، غَيْرُ الْمَوْسُوعِ فِي مَكَانٍ،
فَلْنُسَبِّحْهُ مُعْظِّمِينَ.

COMMUNION HYMN OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 8)

The Lord hath sent redemption to His people.
Alleluia.

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلَ الرَّبُّ فِدَاءً لِشَعْبِهِ. هَلِّلُويَا.

THE SYNAXARION

On December 25th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Nativity according to the flesh
of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

*The Child born is God, and the Mother, a Virgin;
what greater marvel hath appeared in creation?*

On the twenty-fifth Mary the Virgin gave birth to God.

*On this day we commemorate the Adoration of the Magi:
Worshipping Thee, O Word, this cohort, come from the nations,
Showeth the worship that Thou shalt receive from the nations.*

*On this day we commemorate the Shepherds that behold the Lord:
Shepherds their own flock do now abandon, and hasten to see Christ, the Good Shepherd.*

Thus entered into the world He Whose coming was foretold by the prophets, and Who was
born in the same manner in which it had been prophesied: of a Most-holy Virgin, in the town of
Bethlehem, of the lineage of David according to the flesh, at the time when there was no king in
Jerusalem of the lineage of Judah, but rather when a foreigner named Herod, who sought to kill the
infant Messiah, was reigning. After many types and prefigurings, messengers and heralds, prophets
and righteous men, wise men and kings, finally He appeared, the Lord of the world and King of
kings, to perform the work of the salvation of mankind.

Unto Him be glory unto ages of ages. Amen.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

to

Dr. JOHNNY and Dr. VERA Kuttub and Family

for sponsoring the 2024 Church Calendar.

May God Grant them Many Years!



Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Majdi and Arwa
Rayahin and Family

– Nabeel and Bulin Eseed and
Family

Dec 31 – Sami and Amanda Imseih and
Family

– George and Ibtisam Imreibe
and Family

Jan 5 – **OPEN**

Jan 7 – Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri
and Robby Fakhouri

Jan 14 – **OPEN**

Jan 21 – **OPEN**

Jan 28 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Dec 31 – Daoud and Hania
Kahoush and Family

Jan 7 – Diamond Jubilee Closing Ceremony
Suhail and Jomana Fakhouri
and Robby Fakhouri

Jan 14 – **OPEN**

Jan 21 – **OPEN**

Jan 28 – **OPEN**



SCAN ME

Donate to
Your Church
Today



SCAN ME

BAPTISMS

Last Sunday GUS Fakhouri and MARY Fakhouri.

Earlier • MIA, daughter of Peter and
Rosana Thompson.
Today • MIA, daughter of Sarah Ablan
and Melvin Wesley.

CHURCHINGS

Today WADIH ALEXANDER, son of Murhaf
and Lana Kuaidi.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Happy and Blessed 100th Birthday to DR.
JOSEPH TAMARI, this past week. Dr. Tamari is
the eldest parishioner of Saint George Church
in Cicero, Illinois.

BLESSING OF RINGS

Jan 12 ANDREW, son of Raed and Reem
Sweiss, and SALMA, daughter of
William and Dena Barhoumeh.

CONDOLENCES

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

Joseph and Sana Jdaidany and family on the
falling asleep of Sana's brother, †CHAMOUN
CHAMOUN, this past week.

Memory Eternal!

MEMORIALS

Jan 7 2-Year Memorial Service for †JALILEH
FAKHOURI, offered by her Children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER IS THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS MONTH

Today	Orthros (Matins) followed by Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord	5:00 pm
Mon, Dec 25	Church Office Closed for Christmas	
Wed, Dec 27	Teen SOYO All Day Christmas Retreat (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	9:00 am
Sun, Dec 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal Coffee Hour 	9:15 am 9:15 am After Liturgy
Mon, Jan 1	Church Office Closed for New Year's Day	
Wed, Jan 3	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Thu, Jan 4	Parish Council Executive Board Zoom Meeting	8:30 pm
Fri, Jan 5	Evening Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of Epiphany followed by the Blessing of the Waters (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Jan 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Vespers Service Antiochian Women (AW) Epiphany Dinner (<i>see pg. 18</i>) 	5:00 pm After Vespers
Sun, Jan 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Coffee Hour Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (<i>see pg. 17</i>) Diamond Jubilee Closing Ceremony and Time Capsule Ceremony (<i>see pg. 26</i>) 	9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Liturgy After Liturgy 12:30 pm
Tue, Jan 9	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

to

Sanaa Jdaidany and The Beautification Committee

for Decorating the Christmas Tree
and to

Omar and Lillian Rihani and Family
for sponsoring the Poinsettias
and to

Fares Bannourah and the Property Management Committee
for helping to prepare the building for the season.

May God Grant them Many Years!





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church كنيسة القديس جارجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية

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

December 17, 2023

Dear Members of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church,

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

A blessed Nativity Season to you and your families! This is to inform you the 2024 Annual General Assembly Meeting for the voting membership of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda is enclosed with this letter.

To be recognized as a voting member of Saint George Church, a parishioner must be at least eighteen years of age and have met both the necessary spiritual obligations (as determined by the Pastor) and financial obligations (as determined by the Financial Secretary – \$600 per married couple or \$300 per individual received from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023). If you have not already done so, please complete your financial obligation before December 31, 2023. If you have any financial circumstances, please see the Pastor. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact a member of the Parish Council.

The goal of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church is to have all eligible members vote.

At this General Assembly, elections will be held for four (4) seats for a three-year term on the Parish Council. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to compile a list of qualified candidates. The members of the committee are Fr. Fouad Saba, Mr. Suhail Qumri, and Mr. Rammy Zanayed (Chairman of the Nominating Committee). If you or someone you know is interested in running for the Parish Council and is willing to make the commitment required to fulfill this important obligation, please contact the Nominating Committee.

It is important to note that pursuant to the Saint George Church Constitution, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual General Assembly Meeting. All candidates' names must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by Sunday, January 14, 2024, in order for the candidate's name to be included on the Ballot. There can be no exception to this rule.

During this General Assembly Meeting, all members will also receive a full 2023 Financial Report, the proposed 2024 Annual Budget, and reports from the various organizations and hear about all current plans for the coming year. 2023 was an extremely active year in the life of Saint George Church and your attendance will add greatly to the discussion.

The Church is our spiritual home. Your involvement in the affairs of your Church is very important. May God bless you all as we prepare for the birth of the Savior!

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Rammy Zanayed

Rammy Zanayed
Chairman, Parish Council

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Become a Saint George Church Member THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMING SOON!

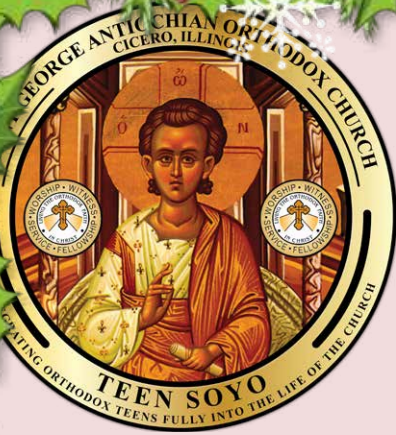


“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”
— Joshua 4:15

What Time Do I Arrive to Church on Sunday?

What Am I Missing?

What time do I arrive?	What part did I miss?	I have deprived myself of the opportunity to...
10:15	Orthros (Matins)	Attend an entire service (beginning at 9:15 AM). Hear the hymns of the week and prepare for the Liturgy.
10:25	Great Doxology	Begin the week properly by giving Glory to God and concluding the final preparation for the Divine Liturgy.
10:30	Blessed is the Kingdom	Proclaim that God's Kingdom is blessed and to respond, "Amen."
10:45	Litanies and Prayers	Pray for peace, the Church, the sick. Participate in the Entrance of the Holy Gospel.
10:55	Epistle, Gospel, Sermon	Hear the Word of God, and think of how it applies to my daily life.
11:10	Cherubic Hymn	Participate in the procession of the Holy Gifts among the people.
11:20	The Creed and Offering	Proclaim what "I believe" and acknowledge the One Who is being offered.
11:30	The Lord's Prayer	Prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
11:40	The Eucharist	Receive the Body and Blood of Christ from His table from which we hear His Gospel in the reading earlier in the service.
11:45	Thanksgiving Prayers	Give praise and thanks to God for the Gift we have received from Him.
11:50	The Dismissal	Commemorate Christ's saving work, and the prayers and intercession of all the saints.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

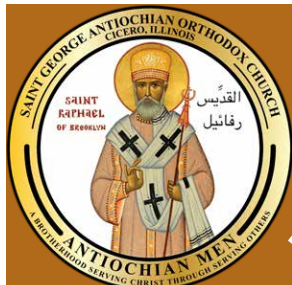
Offers a most sincere

Thank You

to all who participated in the
2023 Christmas Card Fundraiser!

The following names were received after the
printing of the card:

- ✦ For the Good Health of **Zahwa Sakleh and Family.**
- ✦ For the Good Health of **Nedal, Ghada, Noor, and Lara Fakhouri.**
- ✦ For the Good Health of **Saba and Nablia Isa.**



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Shawerma and Tarneeb Night



Saturday
January 27, 2024
5:00 PM

VESPERS



DINNER



SOCIAL NIGHT



IN THE
ORTHODOX
CLUB
(NADI)




**\$20/
GENTLEMEN**

RSVP by
Wednesday
January 24




ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO ALL DAY CHRISTMAS RETREAT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH


CHECK-IN 9:00 AM  **CHECK-OUT 5:30 PM**

RSVP REQUIRED by Wednesday, December 20th

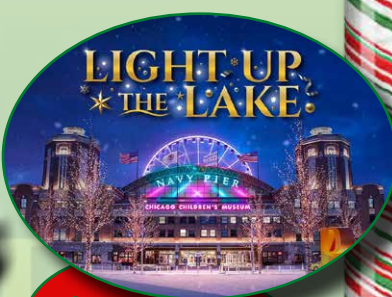
All Teens (ages 13-18) Welcome!




BUS TO NAVY PIER
"LIGHT UP THE LAKE"
AND LUNCH INCLUDED



Ice
Skating, Ferris
Wheel, and
More!



\$40/Person





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) SPIRITUAL TALK AND DINNER

"RENEWING YOURSELF IN CHRIST"

Saturday
January 13, 2024
5:00 PM Vespers

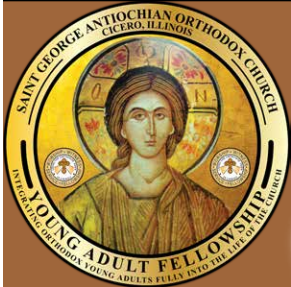
\$20/
person

The
Orthodox
Club
(NADI)

RSVP by
Thursday
January 11th



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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
After Liturgy in Orthodox Club (NADI)

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

To Sponsor YAF Coffee Hour, Please Contact:

Jeanette Habash:

or

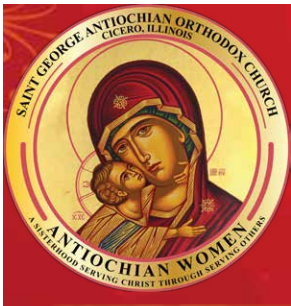
Church Office:

(773) 709-5606 | JeanetteHabash@gmail.com

(708) 656-2927 | Office@StGeorgeChi.org



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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN EPIPHANY DINNER

Saturday, January 6, 2024
6:00 PM

**GAMES
AND RAFFLE
PRIZES**

35 CARLUCCI
Rosemont
EMBRACING authentic italian
TRADITIONS FOR OVER 35 YEARS™

authentic italian

CARLUCCI RESTAURANT | 6111 N RIVER RD, ROSEMONT, IL 60018

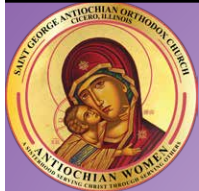
\$55 PER PERSON



SCAN ME

- *Space is Limited*
- *Register by Sunday,
December 31st*

All Ladies 18+ Welcome!



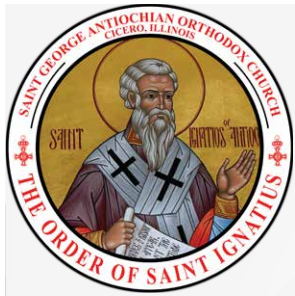
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women (AW) GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 4, 2024
After Liturgy

in the
Church Library

ALL WOMEN 18+ WELCOME!



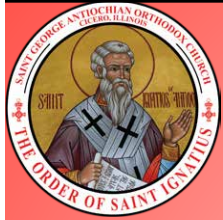
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

December
is

“THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS MONTH”

“Let no man’s place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man’s low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.”

~ Saint Ignatius of Antioch



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Order of Saint Ignatius, Cicero Chapter
SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY,
JAN 20, 2024**

**The Order GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING and
ELECTIONS**

**SATURDAY,
FEB 10, 2024**

**The Order SPEED MENTORING DINNER AND SPEAKER
(all Teens, Young Adults, and Adults welcome)**

**FRIDAY,
MAR 8, 2024**

**The Order ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL
WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION**



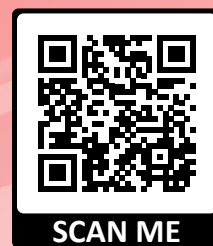
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

The Order of Saint Ignatius Annual General Assembly Meeting

CALLING ALL ORDER MEMBERS AND ALL INTERESTED IN THE ORDER!

No
Cost

SAINT GEORGE CHURCH
Cicero, IL



Saturday, January 20, 2024 • 5:00 PM

⌘ GREAT VESPERS ⌘

⌘ ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AND ELECTIONS ⌘

⌘ DINNER ⌘

⌘ SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ⌘

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba, Pastor



The Order of Saint Ignatius Cicero Chapter

December 20, 2023

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 **Saturday January 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Church. Dinner will be served.

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 the Officers for the 2024 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 Saturday January 13, 2024.

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 Saturday, January 13, 2024. 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 January 20, 2024.***

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

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Dena Fasheh

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Pastor

Dena Fasheh
Chair
The Order – Cicero Chapter



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Pastoral Ministry

The *FUTURE* is Now...

...The *CHURCH* is Coming to You!

SAINT GEORGE WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Kingswood Academy | 133 Plainfield Road | Darien, IL 60561

Wednesdays

- January 17, 2024
- January 24, 2024
- January 31, 2024

- February 7, 2024
- February 14, 2024
- February 21, 2024

Program*

6:00-7:00 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner**
- Evening Prayers

7:00-8:00 PM

- Introduction to the Holy Bible (ages 18+)
 - Creation
 - Exodus from Egypt
 - The Kings of Israel
 - The Prophets
 - Psalms and Proverbs
 - The Coming of Christ
- Saint Raphael Kids' Club (ages 3-8)
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)

8:00-9:00 PM

- Adult Social Hour (ages 18+)
- Sports Activities
- Chess and Checkers Club



- The Parables of Christ
- Crucifixion and Resurrection
- The Mission of the Apostles
- Jews and Gentiles
- The Bible and Daily Life
- Judgment Day

- Backgammon Club
- Cards (Uno, Hand Rummy)
- Board Games

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
- Karen Nawas (630) 536-7429
- Church Office (708) 656-2927

* Program subject to change.

** Due to a generous anonymous donor, dinner will be offered complimentary at every session.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Pastoral Ministry

The *FUTURE* is Now...

...The *CHURCH* is Coming to You!

SAINT GEORGE NORTH CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Saint Luke's Lutheran Church | 205 N. Prospect Avenue | Park Ridge, IL 60068

Thursdays

- January 18, 2024
- January 25, 2024
- February 1, 2024
- February 8, 2024
- February 15, 2024
- February 22, 2024

Program*

6:00-7:00 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner**
- Evening Prayers

7:00-8:00 PM

- Introduction to the Holy Bible (ages 18+)
 - Creation
 - Exodus from Egypt
 - The Kings of Israel
 - The Prophets
 - Psalms and Proverbs
 - The Coming of Christ
- Saint Raphael Kids' Club (ages 3-4)
- Saint Raphael Kids' Club (ages 5-8)

8:00-9:00 PM

- Adult Social Hour (ages 18+)
- Sports Activities
- Chess and Checkers Club

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
- The Parables of Christ
- Crucifixion and Resurrection
- The Mission of the Apostles
- Jews and Gentiles
- The Bible and Daily Life
- Judgment Day
- J.O.Y. Power Hour (ages 9-12)
- Teen SOYO Hour (ages 13-18)
- Backgammon Club
- Cards (Uno, Hand Rummy)
- Board Games
- Karen Nawas (630) 536-7429
- Church Office (708) 656-2927



* Program subject to change.

** Due to a generous anonymous donor, dinner will be offered complimentary at every session.

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Celebrate the Epiphany (Baptism) of

**THE LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST**

with your

Saint George Church Family!

احتفالات عيد الغطاس

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

EVENING DIVINE LITURGY AT 7:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY THE BLESSING OF THE WATERS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Traditionally, at the feast of the Lord's Epiphany (Baptism) on January 6th, the Great Blessing of the waters takes place and then is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to the homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way.

As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.





SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Traditionally, at the feast of the Lord's Epiphany (Baptism) on January 6th, the Great Blessing of the waters takes place and then is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to the homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way.

As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.

HOME BLESSINGS

Please contact the Church Office at (708) 656-2927 or Office@StGeorgeChi.org to schedule your Home Blessing:

The following should be prepared for the Home Blessing:

- All members of family must be present
- Bible
- Icon
- Lit Candle
- Burning Incense (Optional)
- Small Table (or dining room table)



The visit by Father Saba or Father Gabriel should be approximately **45 minutes**. Several visits will be scheduled on a given day in order to reach and bless all families and homes this season.

Once the Home Blessing Season is mostly over, Father Saba and Father Gabriel will continue regular Pastoral Visits, during which Father Saba or Father Gabriel will spend ample time with each family.



SCAN ME

SAINT GEORGE
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH
CICERO, ILLINOIS

1963
-
2023

Diamond

Anniversary

Jubilee

The Diamond Jubilee Closing Ceremony...

CELEBRATING

60 YEARS!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024
AFTER LITURGY

SEALING OF TIME CAPSULE

AND
REFRESHMENTS

MARRIED COUPLES MINISTRY
ORTHODOX ROOTS



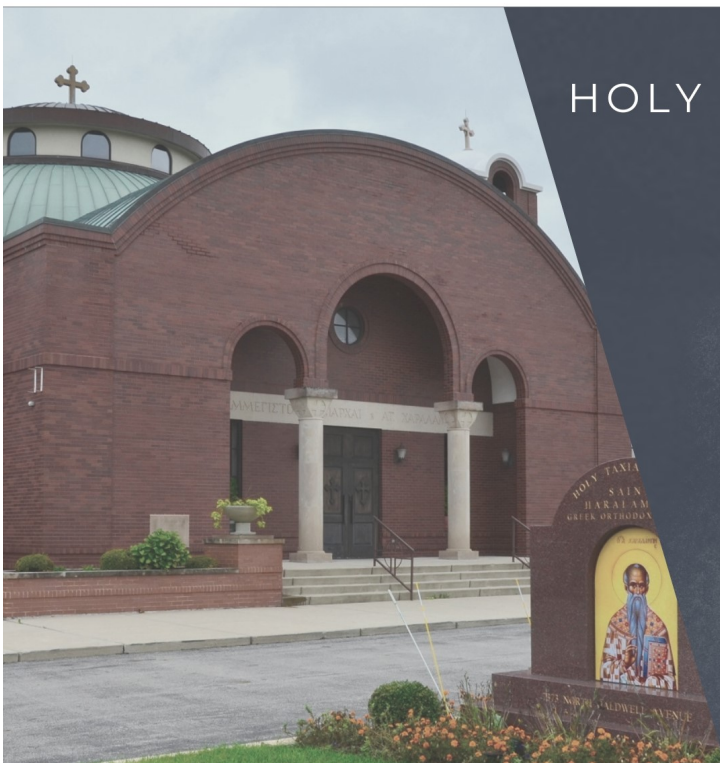
evening Retreat

JANUARY 13

4:30PM -8:00PM

“COMMUNICATION IN MARRIAGE”

Featuring The Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba
of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church



HOLY TAXIARHAI & ST. HARALAMBOS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
7373 N CALDWELL AVE
NILES, IL 60714



\$50/COUPLE
SCAN FOR TICKETS



"THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS"

December 25th – January 5th

~ Original Meaning ~

True Love = God

Me = every baptized person

Partridge = Jesus Christ, who, like a bird, will protect God's defenseless children.

Pear Tree = the Cross, which was made from a tree.

2 Turtle Doves = the Old and New Testaments; also, two turtle doves were sacrificed when Jesus was first brought to the temple.

3 French Hens = faith, hope, and charity (sacrificial giving); also, gold, frankincense, and myrrh from the Wise Men.

4 Calling Birds = the four Gospels and/or the four Evangelists.

5 Golden Rings = the first five books of the Old Testament (the Pentateuch) which gives the history of man's fall from grace.

6 Geese a-Laying = the six days of creation.

7 Swans a-Swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-8); also, the seven sacraments.

8 Maids a-Milking = the eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10); also, milking symbolizes Christ's love for us.

9 Ladies Dancing = the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

10 Lords a-Leaping = the Ten Commandments.

11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful Apostles.

12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of the Apostles Creed; also, the twelve Apostles preaching.