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LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO THE TEMPLE



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

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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced
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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 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 العَلَاءِ،
وعلى الأَرْضِ السَّلَامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسْرَّةُ
نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبَارِكُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ
أَجْلِ عَظِيمِ جَلَالِ مَجْدِكَ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّمَاوِيِّ، الإِلَهُ، الأبُّ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِبْنُ الوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ القُدُّوسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِلَهُ، يَا حَمَلَ اللهِ يَا ابْنَ الأبِّ، يَا رَافِعَ
خَطِيئَةِ العَالَمِ ارْحَمْنَا، يَا رَافِعَ خَطَايَا العَالَمِ
تَقَبَّلْ تَضَرُّعَنَا أَيُّهَا الجَالِسُ عَنِ يَمِينِ الأبِّ
وَارْحَمْنَا

لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ
يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ، فِي مَجْدِ اللهِ الأبِّ، آمِينَ.
فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ أَبَارِكُكَ، وَأَسْبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ،
وإلى أَبَدِ الأَبَدِ

أهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إلهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.

مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأُ كُنْتُ لَنَا فِي جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ، أَنَا قُلْتُ
يَا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنِي وَاشْفِ نَفْسِي لِأَنَّي قَدْ خَطِئْتُ
إِلَيْكَ

يَا رَبُّ إِلَيْكَ لَجَأْتُ فَعَلَّمَنِي أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رِضَاكَ،
لَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ هُوَ إلهِي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلأَبِّ وَالإِبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ القُدُّوسِ.
الآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

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

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever.

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.

فَاضَ قَلْبِي كَلِمَةً صَالِحَةً. أَقُولُ أَنَا أَعْمَالِي لِلْمَلِكِ.
لِسَانِي قَلَمٌ كَاتِبٌ سَرِيعِ الْكِتَابَةِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْوَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

إِنْسَكَبْتَ النِّعْمَةَ عَلَى شَفَعَتَيْكَ، لِذَلِكَ بَارَكَاكَ اللَّهُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْوَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ. الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ الْوَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; 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...

تَقَدَّ سَيْفَكَ عَلَى فَخْذِكَ، أَيُّهَا الْقَدِيرُ، بِحُسْنِكَ وَجَمَالِكَ.
تَشَدَّدْ وَانْجَحْ وَامْلِكْ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

نِبَالُكَ مَسْنُونَةٌ، أَيُّهَا الْقَدِيرُ، فِي قُلُوبِ أَعْدَاءِ الْمَلِكِ.
وَالشُّعُوبُ تَحْتَكَ يَسْقُطُونَ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ
الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

عَصَا مُلْكِكَ عَصَا اسْتِقَامَةٍ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ
الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

الْمَجْدُ لِلآبِ وَالِابْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ، الْآنَ وَكُلَّ أَوَانٍ
وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ. آمِينَ.

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.

إِسْمَعِي يَا بِنْتُ وَاَنْظُرِي وَأَمِيلِي أذْنَكِ، وَأَنْسِي شَعْبَكَ وَبَيْتَ أَبِيكَ. لَوْجْهَكَ يُصَلِّي أَعْنِيَاءُ الشَّعْبِ. سَادُّكُرُ اسْمِكَ فِي كُلِّ جِيلٍ وَجِيلٍ.

TROPARION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

إِفْرَحِي يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْعَذْرَاءَ، الْمُمْتَلِئَةَ نِعْمَةً، لِأَنَّ مِنْكَ أَشْرَقَ شَمْسُ الْعَدْلِ الْمَسِيحُ الْهَنَا، مُنِيرًا لِلَّذِينَ فِي الظَّلَامِ. سُرِّ وَابْتَهَجْ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الشَّيْخُ الصِّدِّيقُ، حَامِلًا عَلَى ذِرَاعَيْكَ الْمُعْتَقَ نَفُوسِنَا، وَالْمَانِحَ لَنَا الْقِيَامَةَ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

عَرَّفَ الرَّبُّ خَلَاصَهُ، وَأَمَامَ جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ كَشَفَ عَدْلَهُ. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِّ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلِيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحًا الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

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KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ الْبَتُولِيِّ، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيْ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا لاقَ، وَأَدْرَكْنَا الْآنَ وَخَلَّصْنَا؛ إِحْفَظْ رَعِيَّتَكَ بِسَلَامٍ فِي الْحُرُوبِ، وَأَيِّدِ الْمُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ أَحَبَبْتَهُمْ، بِمَا أَنَّكَ وَحْدَكَ مُحِبُّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

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 جنديَّةَ مُحامية * وأقدمُ لكِ الشكرَ كمنقذةٍ من الشدائد * لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحاربُ * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشدائد * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروسَ لها.

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THE SYNAXARION

On February 2nd in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Meeting (Presentation) of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple, wherein the righteous Simeon received Him into his arms.

The hands of righteous Simeon, as they bear Thee, depict, O my Christ, the bosom of Thy Father.

On the second, Simeon received Christ in the Temple.

The Greek word for the feast is “Hypapante” [ee-pah-pan-DEE] which means “Encounter” or “Meeting.” However, this was not just some chance encounter. This feast, which closes the cycle of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, reminds us that on the fortieth day after the birth of her first-born Son, Mary carried Him to the Temple in accordance with the Mosaic Law to offer Him to the Lord, and to ransom Him by the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons (Luke 2:22-37). In one of many acts of extreme humility, the divine Word thus lowers Himself and submits to the law in order to fulfill it. This lowering is also Jesus’ first official encounter with His people in the person of Simeon. It is not only an encounter, but also a manifestation. Simeon bears in his arms the One he knows to be the Salvation of the world, “a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.” His endearing prayer, as found in the Gospel of Luke, endures in the Orthodox Church to this day. The Church considers this celebration as a Feast of the Theotokos in praise of her role in this Presentation, and her connection in the work of her Son. “Adorn thy chamber, O Zion, and receive Christ the King. Welcome Mary the heavenly gate; for she hath appeared as a cherubic throne; she carrieth the King of glory” (Aposticha of Great Vespers). The Virgin today accompanies the Child in His first offering to the Father; she will also accompany Him even to the realization of His sacrifice for humanity.

Unto the very God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Hebrews (7:7-17)

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

تُعْظِمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخْلِصِي.

لَأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضِعِ أُمَّتِهِ.

فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (7:7-17)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّهُ مِمَّا لَا خِلَافَ فِيهِ إِنَّ الْأَصْغَرَ يَأْخُذُ الْبَرَكَاتَةَ مِنَ الْأَكْبَرِ شَأْنًا. وَهَهُنَا إِنَّمَا يَأْخُذُ الْعَشُورَ أَنْاسٌ يَمُوتُونَ. فَأَمَّا هُنَاكَ فَالْمَشْهُودُ لَهُ بِأَنَّهُ حَيٌّ. فَيَسُوعُ أَنْ يُقَالَ إِنَّ لَأَوِي نَفْسَهُ الَّذِي يَأْخُذُ الْعَشُورَ قَدْ أَدَّى الْعَشُورَ بِإِبْرَاهِيمَ. لَأَنَّهُ كَانَ فِي صُلْبِ أَبِيهِ حِينَ التَّقَاهُ مَلِكِيصَادَقَ. وَلَوْ كَانَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّاوِيِّ كَمَالًا (فَإِنَّ الشَّعْبَ عَلَيْهِ قَدْ أَخَذَ النَّامُوسَ) إِذَنْ أَيْتُهُ حَاجَةٌ كَانَتْ بَعْدُ أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادَقَ، وَلَمْ يُقَلِّ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ؟ لَأَنَّهُ مَتَى تَحَوَّلَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، فَلَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَحَوُّلِ النَّامُوسِ أَيْضًا. وَالْحَالُ إِنَّ الَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِيهِ، إِنَّمَا كَانَ مُشْتَرِكًا فِي سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يُلَازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ الْمَذْبَحَ. لَأَنَّهُ مِنَ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا طَلَعَ مِنْ يَهُودَا، مِنْ السِّبْطِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ عَنْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ جِهَةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَمِمَّا يَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وُضُوحًا، إِنَّهُ يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلِكِيصَادَقَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ، غَيْرُ مَنْصُوبٍ حَسَبَ نَامُوسِ وَصِيَّةِ جَسَدِيَّةٍ، بَلْ حَسَبَ قُوَّةِ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. لَأَنَّهُ يَشْهَدُ "أَنْ أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلِكِيصَادَقَ."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint Luke (2:22-40)

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel.” And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years

فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ، وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (2:22-40)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، صَعَدَ بِالطِّفْلِ يَسُوعَ آبَاؤُهُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِيَقْدِمَاهُ لِلرَّبِّ (عَلَى حَسَبِ مَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي نَامُوسِ الرَّبِّ، “أَنَّ كُلَّ ذَكَرٍ فَاتِحٍ رَحْمٍ يُدْعَى قُدُوساً لِلرَّبِّ”), وَلِيُقْرَبَا ذَبِيحَةً عَلَى حَسَبِ مَا قِيلَ فِي نَامُوسِ الرَّبِّ، “زَوْجَ يَمَامٍ أَوْ فِرْحَيْ حَمَامٍ.” وَكَانَ إِنْسَانٌ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ اسْمُهُ سِمْعَانُ، وَكَانَ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانُ بَارًّا وَتَقِيًّا، يَنْتَظِرُ تَعْزِيَةَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَالرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ كَانَ عَلَيْهِ. وَكَانَ قَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ أَنَّهُ لَا يَرَى الْمَوْتَ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُعَايِنَ مَسِيحَ الرَّبِّ. فَأَقْبَلَ بِالرُّوحِ إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ. وَعِنْدَمَا دَخَلَ بِالطِّفْلِ يَسُوعَ آبَاؤُهُ لِيَصْنَعَا لَهُ بِحَسَبِ عَادَةِ النَامُوسِ، اقْتَبَلَهُ هُوَ عَلَى ذِرَاعَيْهِ، وَبَارَكَ اللَّهَ، وَقَالَ: “الآنَ تُطَلِّقُ عَبْدَكَ أَيُّهَا السَّيِّدُ عَلَى حَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ بِسَلَامٍ، فَإِنَّ عَيْنَيَّ قَدْ أَبْصَرْتُ خَلَاصَكَ الَّذِي أَعَدَدْتَهُ أَمَامَ وُجُوهِ جَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ، نُورَ إِعْلَانٍ لِلْأُمَمِ وَمَجْدًا لِشُعْبِكَ إِسْرَائِيلَ.” وَكَانَ يَوْسُفُ وَأُمُّهُ يَتَعَجَّبَانِ مِمَّا يُقَالُ فِيهِ. وَبَارَكَهُمَا سِمْعَانُ وَقَالَ لِمَرْيَمَ أُمِّهِ: “هَذَا قَدْ جُعِلَ لِسُقُوطِ وَقِيَامِ كَثِيرِينَ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَهَدَفًا لِلْمُخَالَفَةِ (وَأَنْتِ سَيَجُوزُ سَيْفٌ فِي نَفْسِكَ) لِكَيْ تُكْشَفَ أَفْكَارٌ عَنِ قُلُوبِ كَثِيرَةٍ.” وَكَانَتْ أَيْضًا حَنَّةَ النَّبِيَّةِ ابْنَةُ فَنُؤَيْلَ مِنْ سِبْطِ أَشِيرِ. هَذِهِ كَانَتْ قَدْ تَقَدَّمَتْ فِي الْأَيَّامِ كَثِيرًا، وَكَانَتْ قَدْ عَاشَتْ مَعَ رَجُلِهَا سَبْعَ سِنِينَ بَعْدَ بُكُورِ يَتِّهَا. وَلَهَا

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from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

أَرْمَلَةً نَحْوَ أَرْبَعٍ وَثَمَانِينَ سَنَةً، لَا تُفَارِقُ الْهَيْكَلَ،
مُتَعَبِدَةً بِالْأَصْوَامِ وَالطَّلِبَاتِ لَيْلاً نَهَاراً. فَهَذِهِ قَدْ
حَضَرَتْ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ تَشْكُرُ الرَّبَّ، وَتَحَدِّثُ
عَنْهُ كُلَّ مَنْ كَانَ يَنْتَظِرُ فِدَاءً فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا
أَتَمُّوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَلَى حَسَبِ نَامُوسِ الرَّبِّ، رَجَعُوا
إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ إِلَى مَدِينَتِهِمُ النَّاصِرَةَ. وَكَانَ الصَّبِيُّ
يَنْمُو وَيَتَقَوَّى فِي الرُّوحِ، مُمْتَلِئاً حِكْمَةً، وَكَانَتْ
نِعْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ



MAGNIFICATION HYMN OF THE PRESENTATION (TONE 3)

*O Theotokos, * thou hope of all Christians; * keep and shelter and preserve * them that set their hope in thee.*

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.

إِحْفَظِي أُمَّ الْإِلَهِ، يَا رَجَاءَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، مِنْ أَدَى هَذِي
الْحَيَاةِ، طَالِبِيكِ الْوَاقِعِينَ.

لِنُعْظِمَ أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ، الْإِبْنَ الْبِكْرَ كَلِمَةَ الْآبِ
الْأَزَلِيِّ، الْمَوْلُودَ بِكْرًا لِأُمِّ لَمْ تَعْرِفْ رَجُلًا، إِذْ قَدْ
شَاهَدْنَا فِي ظِلِّ النَّامُوسِ وَالكِتَابِ رَسْمًا، وَهُوَ أَنَّ
كُلَّ ذَكَرٍ يَفْتَحُ مُسْتَوْدَعًا، يُدْعَى قُدُوسًا لِلَّهِ.

COMMUNION HYMN OF THE PRESENTATION (TONE 8)

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

كَأْسَ الْخَلَاصِ أَقْبَلُ، وَبِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعُو. هَلِّلُويَا.

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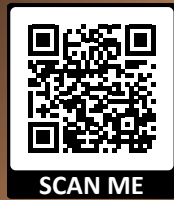
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY IS ANTIOCHIAN MEN (A-MEN) MONTH

Sun, Feb 2	• 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)	After Communion
	• Induction of 2025 Parish Council	After Liturgy
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
Mon, Feb 3	Parish Council Officers' Meeting	6:30 pm
Tue, Feb 4	West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 28</i>)	6:00 pm
Wed, Feb 5	• AC2025 "The Five" Meeting	9:30 am
	• Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	8:00 pm
Thu, Feb 6	North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 29</i>)	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 8	• Sunday School Officers' Meeting	9:30 am
	• Great Vespers Service	4:30 pm
	• JOY Club Bowling Outing (<i>see pg. 24</i>)	6:00 pm
	• Teen SOYO Bowling Outing (<i>see pg. 20</i>)	6:00 pm
Sun, Feb 9	• 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)	After Communion
	• Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
	• Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship	After Liturgy
	• Altar Server Make-Up Training (<i>see pg. 25</i>)	After Liturgy
Mon, Feb 10	Teen SOYO Officers' Zoom Meeting	6:30 pm
Tue, Feb 11	West Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 28</i>)	6:00 pm
Wed, Feb 12	Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Meeting	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 13	North Campus Ministry (<i>see pg. 29</i>)	6:00 pm

CHURCHINGS

Today MARIELLA JOY, daughter of Michael and Mariam Saba.

Feb 9 NEKTARIOS, son of Hayze and Tracy Webster.

BAPTISMS

Today GEORGIA, daughter of Christopher and Jessica Kosrow.

MEMORIALS

Feb 23 1-Year Memorial Service for †RUGINA HANI, offered by her children and their families.

Mar 16 7-Year Memorial Service for †MITRI MANSOUR, offered by Alexandra Sakha and Gebran and Rawad Mansour and family.

Man of Resurrection

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

Anastasios Yannoulatos, Archbishop of Tirana and All Albania, stands as a unique and extraordinary contemporary witness of the Orthodox faith. His approach to life was always grounded in the principles of faith, which shaped his every decision. A man of knowledge and action, prayer and evangelism, tradition and openness, he exemplified a rare combination of humility and courage. He preserved the treasure of faith while loving God's creation.

Despite facing immense challenges, he remained steadfast in bearing and transmitting the Christian witness until his last breath. He preserved this witness with a joyful demeanor and genuine smile radiating from the peace of his soul which was indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

I was fortunate to accompany him for five days during his visit to the Patriarchate of Antioch in 2000. Though I did not know him previously, his humility, joy, and profound connection with people left a lasting impression. My admiration for him grew as I learned more about his remarkable service, including stories shared by his bishop, John, who accompanied him on that visit.

Archbishop Anastasios believed that Christ is the Head of the Church and regarded himself as merely the servant of the Lord and His Church. This profound humility allowed him to utilize the abundant gifts God had granted him to achieve extraordinary miracles. In Albania, he literally resurrected a church from near extinction, building it from the ground up and transforming it into a vibrant and organized church.

During his earlier missionary work in Africa, he ordained 62 readers and catechists from eight African tribes, translated the Divine Liturgy into four local languages, organized 150 Orthodox parishes and missions, and built several churches, school, and health centers.

In Albania, where the government had issued a decree declaring Albania a religion-free state as of 1967, Archbishop Anastasios revived a church that had virtually ceased to exist. There were no churches, no monasteries, no heritage, and not even bishops. Only eighteen elderly priests had remained. Over the 33 years of his service as Archbishop, from 1992 to 2025, he built 150 new churches, reconstructed

160 others, restored 60 monasteries and churches, and established 70 ecclesiastical facilities, including schools, youth and medical centers, guesthouses, workshops, dormitories, soup kitchens, a theological academy, a seminary, a school for ecclesiastical music, and more. He also educated and ordained 168 priests. May his remarkable footsteps touch and inspire our blessed Archdiocese. This is a call from me to all capable and faithful members of our Archdiocese.

Through his extensive initiatives, Archbishop Anastasios brought the Albanian Church to financial self-sufficiency after starting with nothing. The Orthodox faithful of North America were blessed to contribute to many of his ecclesiastical and social projects through organizations such as IOCC and OCMC.

His efforts extended beyond ecclesiastical matters, as he worked to establish the Church's presence in society and the state. He contributed to the development of Albania's infrastructure, including three hydroelectric power projects, the construction of roads and bridges, and the renovation of public schools, among other initiatives that are too numerous to list in a single article.

He launched publications in Albania, including Resurrection for adults, Joy for children, and Bells for youth, in addition to a radio station. He established projects that included a publishing house, a candle factory, carpentry and iconography workshops, and restoration facilities. He also fought tirelessly for the restitution of Church properties.

Archbishop Anastasios combined theological knowledge and research in the history of religions with missionary and pastoral service, all while remaining acutely aware of social needs. He authored 24 books and delivered hundreds of lectures. His work presented a radiant and courageous face to non-Orthodox Christians, as he contributed to modern Christian witness, inter-Christian understanding, interfaith dialogue, and peaceful coexistence among peoples and religions. His presence at the World Council of Churches was as influential as that of great Orthodox leaders of the past, such as St. Nikolai Velimirovich and Fr. Georges Florovsky.

He departed this life on the morning of the feast of St. Gregory the Theologian, a saint who similarly labored to strengthen and revive the faith. When St. Gregory became Patriarch of Constantinople, nearly all the city's churches were in Arian hands, except for one small chapel. After a few years of his leadership, nearly all the churches had returned to Orthodoxy. Known for his love of hesychasm and poetic

spirit, St. Gregory eventually retired to a hermitage after completing his mission. In contrast, righteous Archbishop Anastasios continued his labors, enduring all kinds of hardships until the Lord called him home.

In his later years, Archbishop Anastasios was deeply grieved by the lack of unity in the Orthodox world. He was profoundly pained by the divisions that affected the Church and issued a prophetic call reminiscent of the Old Testament prophets. In his message, he emphasized the need for Orthodox consensus and warned against unilateral decisions, earning him the well-deserved title of "The Wise Man of Contemporary Orthodoxy." For him, Christ was always the priority—above all things, no matter how great—in service to Christ, not the other way around. He left us bearing the sorrow of a fractured Orthodox reality, but he also left behind a pure theology and a vision of the Church untainted by worldly passions.

His uniqueness was based on living his theology and embodying it both in his personal life and in his diverse ministry. He was a blessed man, freed by Christ from the various bonds of this world, soaring ever toward the divine realm and making the earth a reflection of that heavenly reality. He sought to fulfill the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." He was not a mere theorist or sophist but a living example of his faith and teachings. He was a light on this earth, living the Resurrection and naming all his new projects after it, including the magnificent Cathedral of the Resurrection in Tirana. His faith in and experience of the Resurrection fill us with hope as we bid him farewell, confident that he will intercede from above for the Church and the world he loved so fervently. May God hear his voice in eternity and have mercy on us through his prayers.

رجل القيامة المترولوجيت سابا (اسبر)

أنستاسيوس يانولاس رئيس أساقفة تيرانا وكلّ ألبانيا، شاهد معاصر متبّر وفريد للإيمان الأرثوذكسي. مبادئ الإيمان منطلقة الدائم في كلّ شيء؛ بها يحدد موقفه. رجل علم وفعل. مصلي ومبشّر. تقليدي ومفتّح. متواصل ومحاور. متواضع وشجاع حتى الصلابة. حفظ جوهرة الإيمان وأحبّ خليفة الله.

لم تثنه الصعوبات الكثيرة التي واجهها عن استمرار حفظ الشهادة المسيحية ونقلها حتى آخر لحظة من حياته. حفظها بابتهاج وابتسامة تأخذك إلى الفرح النابع من سلام النفس التي سكنها الروح القدس.

رافقته خمسة أيام حين زار البطريركية الأنطاكية في العام ٢٠٠٠. لم أكن أعرفه قبلاً، لكن ما لمستته فيه من فرح وتواضع ووشوح ورؤية ولقاء الناس بفرح لفتني إليه بشدة. زادني في محبّته ما رواه لي أسقفه يوحنا الذي رافقه في تلك الزيارة الصلابة، وما عرفته في ما بعد من خدمته المدهشة.

أمن أنّ المسيح ربّ الكنيسة واعتبر نفسه خادماً لها ولستيها لا أكثر، فاستطاع بذلك استثمار المواهب التي أهدقها الله عليه بوفرة وبركة إلهية فأتي بمجانب. أقام كنيسة ألبانيا من الموت بكلّ ما للكلمة الموت من معنى. وأعاد بناءها من الصفر، مخولاً إياها إلى كنيسة تنبض بالحياة والتنظيم.

في إفريقيا وخلال عشر سنوات رسم ٦٢ قارياً ومعلماً من لماني قبائل إفريقية، ودفع إلى ترجمة القّداس إلى أربع لغات إفريقية، ونظّم ١٥٠ رعيّة أرثوذكسية وإرساليات، وبنى عشرات الكنائس والمدارس والمراكز الطبية.

أمّا في ألبانيا، [التي كانت حكومتها الملحدة قد أصدرت ما عُرف بـ "مرسوم منع الدين"، واعتبرت ألبانيا، منذ العام ١٩٦٧، دولة خالية من الدين] فقد أحيا كنيسة لم يكن قد بقي منها شيء يُذكر، لا ككنائس، لا أديرة، لا تراث، ولا حتى أساقفة. لماني عشر كاهناً طاعنين في السن فقط. وخلال ثلاث وثلاثين سنة من خدمته رئيس أساقفة (٢٠٠٠-٢٠١٩)، بنى ١٥٠ كنيسة جديدة، وأعاد بناء ١٦٠ كنيسة أخرى، وورم ٦٠ ديراً وكنيسة، وشاد ٧٠ مبنى كنسياً؛ مدارس ومراكز للشبيبة والطبابة وبيوت ضيافة وورش عمل وبيوت للطلبة ومطابخ تقدم الحساء مجاناً، وأكاديمية لاهوتية ومدرسة إكليريكية ومعهداً للموسيقا الكنسية وما إلى ذلك. كما علم ورسم ١٦٨ كاهناً. لعلّ عدواه الحسنة هذه تصل إلينا في هذه الأبرشية المباركة. هذا نداء أوجهه إلى كلّ المقتدرين من مؤمني أبرشيتنا.

أوصل الكنيسة الألبانية بمشاريعه المتعدّدة إلى الاكتفاء المالي بعد أن كانت لا تملك شيئاً على الإطلاق. وقد تبارك أرثوذكس أميركا الشمالية بالمساهمة في الكثير من مشاريع وخدمات هذا الرجل القديس في المجالين الكنسي والاجتماعي، وذلك عبر مؤسّستي IOCC وOCMC.

زيّح حضور الكنيسة في المجتمع والدولة في خدمته المجال الخدمي العام. ساهم في تعزيز البنية التحتية للبلاد منها ثلاثة مشاريع للطاقة الكهرومائية وبناء طرق وجسور وإصلاح مدارس عامة وغيرها ممّا يضيق ذكره في مقالة كهذه.

أطلق في ألبانيا مجلات "القيامة" للكبار و "فرح" للصغار و "الأجراس" للشبيبة بالإضافة إلى محطة إذاعية. أطلق مشاريع تضم داراً للنشر ومصنعاً للشموع وورش نجارة ورسم وترميم. كما ناضل كثيراً لاستعادة ممتلكات الكنيسة.

جمع بين المعرفة اللاهوتية والبحث في تاريخ الأديان مع الخدمة التبشيرية والرعاية، بالتزامن مع التحسّس الفعلي للحاجات الاجتماعية. ألف ٢٤ كتاباً وألقى المئات من المحاضرات. وكان وجهاً مشرفاً وشجاعاً في تعريف غير الأرثوذكسيين بالإيمان الأرثوذكسي، بمساهماته في البحث والشهادة المسيحية المعاصرة والتقارب بين المسيحيين والحوار بين الأديان والعيش السلمي بين الشعوب والأديان. كان حضوره في مجلس الكنائس العالمي ممثالاً لحضور الكبار من كنيستنا في بدايات تأسيسه، أمثال القديس نيقولاي أسقف زيكّا والأب جورج فلورفسكي.

رجل عناد إلى ديار الرب صبيحة عيد القديس غريغوريوس اللاهوتي، ذاك الذي شابهه في جهاد تثبيت الإيمان وأحيائه، حتى جاء في سيرته أن كنائس القسطنطينية، عندما دخلها بطريركاً، كانت كلها إلا واحدة، وهي بحجم غرفة، بيد الأريوسيين، لكنّه غادر المدينة، بعد سنوات قليلة، وجميعها إلا واحدة بيد الأرثوذكسيين. القديس غريغوريوس المعروف بحبّه للهدوية ونُفّسه الشاعر الرقيق، لم يحتمل البقاء في سدة الأسقفية طويلاً. أتمّ خدمته وثبت الإيمان الأرثوذكسي لم غادر إلى منسكه. المغبوط أنستاسيوس بقي يجاهد ويحتمل كلّ أنواع المضايقات حتى أخذه الله إليه.

الجرح الذي لازمه في السنوات الأخيرة كان جرح الوحدة الأرثوذكسية. ألمه كثيراً ما حصل ويحصل في العالم الأرثوذكسي وارتباده على الكنائس. كانت رسالته المتدوية التي أطلقها بهذا الخصوص صوتاً نبويّاً يُذكر بأنبياء العهد القديم. قدّم فيها الحلّ مشدداً على الإجماع الأرثوذكسي ومحدّراً من القرارات المتفرّدة، فاستحقّ بجدارة لقب "حكيم الأرثوذكسية المعاصر". المسيح عنده الأول والأهم. فوق كلّ شيء، مهما كان عظيماً، في خدمة المسيح لا العكس. رجل عنا حاملاً خيبة والبع أرثوذكسي مؤلم، وتاركاً لنا لاهوتاً نقياً ورؤية كنسية لا أهوائية.

تكمّن فرادته في عيشه اللاهوت وتجسيده في حياته الشخصية كما وفي خدمته المتعدّدة الجغرافياً والتنوع. رجل مبارك حرّزه المسيح من رباطات هذه الدنيا المختلفة ليخلق أبداً في سماء الأوهة التي جعل الأرض صورة عنها، ساعياً إلى تحقيق ما جاء في الصلوة الربية "ليأب ملكوتك، لكنك مشينتك كما في السماء كذلك على الأرض." لم يكن منظرًا وسفسطانياً، بل عاش ما آمن به وعلمه. نوراً كان على أرضنا. عاش القيامة وسقى بها كلّ مشروع جديد أطلقه، بما في ذلك كاتدرائية تيرانا الجميلة. إيمانه بالقيامة وعيشه إياها يجعلنا نودعه مضعمين رجاء بأنّه سيبتهل من هناك من أجل الكنيسة والعالم اللذين أحتهما حتى التفاني. لعلّ الله يسمع صوته هناك، فيرحمنا بشفاعته.



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.





Akathist (Madayeh) Service and Spiritual Talk

First Akathist (Madayeh) Service Dedicated to Couples

**All Couples
encouraged to
attend with their
Children**

Potluck Dinner to follow

**Fri | Mar 7
7PM**

*A special Blessing to couples
will be given, as well as a short
spiritual talk by Fr. Saba*



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 16: The Walls of Jericho Fall

After Moses died, God wanted His people to enter the land that He had promised to their forefather, Abraham. Joshua led the Israelites to the promised land after Moses died on Mount Nebo. They had to cross the Jordan River. God told them to carry the Ark of the Covenant in front of them. As soon as their feet touched the water, the water piled up on one side farther up the river so the people were able to cross over on dry ground. As the people crossed the dry riverbed God told them to select 12 stones (to represent the 12 tribes of Israel) and bring them out of the river. They set up the stones so they would remember that God is powerful and He did many things to save and protect His people. When they crossed the Jordan they came to the city of Jericho. There God gave them specific instructions on what to do for seven days. On the seventh day, the people marched around the city walls seven times and then the priests blew their trumpets and the people let out a loud shout. When they did this, the walls of the city came down, and they conquered the city. The Israelites could not have done this alone. God is the only one powerful enough to bring them victory, and He would get all the glory.



UPCOMING EVENTS

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School Classes	7			1	2		
Sundays Weekly after Communion							
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION							OPEN
CAMP ST. GEORGE I-OWA REGISTRATION OPENS						24	25
Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training						30	31
Sunday School Officers' Meeting							Sat Feb 8
Creative Arts Festival Projects Due							Sun Mar 16

CREATING MEMORIES

smile!



Every year, before Great Lent begins we have a Month long period of preparation. The first three weeks are called the Triodion. The Gospel readings are the same each year and begin the first Sunday with the Publican and the Pharisee. The second Sunday is the reading of the Prodigal Son, followed by the third week which is when we learn about the Last Judgement. The fourth week is called Forgiveness Sunday, and includes a beautiful and humbling tradition of asking forgiveness of our own church family. These Gospel readings begin next week as the church prepares to enter the period of Great Lent. The schedule of readings and services are listed in the bulletin each week.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confession Program

for 3rd – 12th Grades



“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.”
~ James 5:16



Sacrament of Confession Sermon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Retreat Registration Deadline

→ SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 ←

Confession Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

3rd Grade and older are all welcome!

10:00 AM-12:30 PM

Sacrament of Confession

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

Confession and Celebratory Reception

Communion Recognition for

First Confessors

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Questions? See Mrs. Marwa Bechara
(marwashammas@gmail.com),
Confession Coordinator

Art - Writing - Poetry - Photography



CREATIVE FESTIVALS 2025

"Behold the maidservant of the Lord!
Let it be to me according to your word."
Luke 1:38

All Sunday School Students

> > > *1st Grade and Older* < < <

are invited to participate!

Registration

Deadline → **SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025**

CAF Projects

Due → **SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025**

Questions?

ALICE ZAYED, CAF Coordinator → AliceZayed@gmail.com



SCAN ME



Teen SOYO

Bowling Outing

Sat | Feb 8
@ 6PM

\$15/Teen

INCLUDES

**PIZZA AND POP,
SHOES, ARCADE
GAMES**

Bowlero

7333 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714

RSVP by
Wed | Feb 5



ALL TEENS AGES 13-18 WELCOME!

FREE

Are you ready for college?

Prepare spiritually & practically at

OCF COLLEGE DAYS

for high schoolers & their parents

Saturday,
February 22nd

11am-5pm

Holy Apostles Greek
Orthodox Church
(Westchester)

Spring 2025

Austin, TX | Jan 25

Dallas, TX | Feb 1

Atlanta, GA | Feb 8

Westchester, IL | Feb 22

Baltimore, MD | TBA

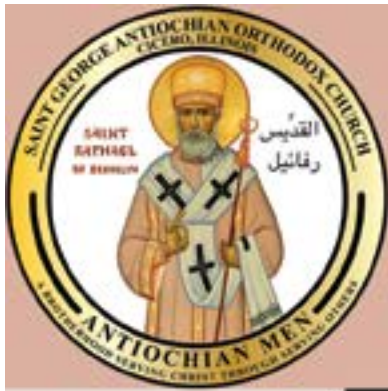
Student & Parent Programs

- Practical workshops with an Orthodox Christian college counselor (college applications, finances, etc)
- Peer-led discussions and mentorship opportunities
- Insight and encouragement from Orthodox Christian college students

Scan for more details and to register



Orthodox Christian
College Counseling



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN) SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gračanica - Midwestern America

PROTECTION OF THE
MOST HOLY MOTHER OF
GOD MONASTERY

Third Lake, IL

Sat | Mar 22

8:00^{AM}

- Meet at 8:00am at Saint John Greek Orthodox Church, DesPlaines, IL
- Carpool to Monasteries
- Lunch
- Return to Saint John Greek Orthodox Church by 3:00pm

COMPLIMENTARY Event

Attend
Liturgy at
SAINT SAVA
MONASTERY
Libertyville, IL

Spiritual Talk with
HIS GRACE, BISHOP
SERAFIM

Venerate the relics of
SAINT MARDARIJE
Libertyville, IL

RSVP by
Tue | Mar 18



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ALL Gentlemen 18+ Welcome!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Women *You're Invited*

WHAT:

General Meeting

Coffee and Refreshments will be served

WHEN:

*Sunday, February 16, 2025
at 12:30 pm*

WHERE:

Church Library

RSVP by
Wed | Feb 12



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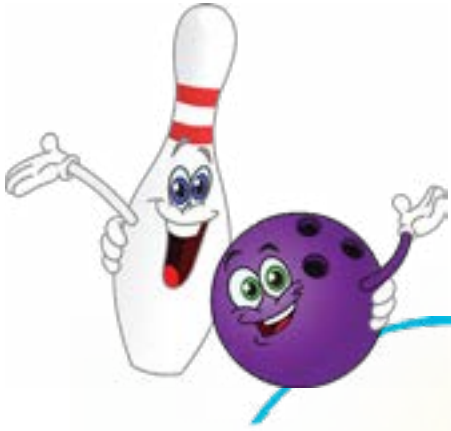
**ALL WOMEN
18+ WELCOME!**



JOY Club

Bowling Outing

Sat
Feb 8
@ 6PM



Bowlero

7333 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714

\$15/Youth includes
CHEESE PIZZA and *POP*,
SHOES, *ARCADE GAMES*



RSVP by
Wed | Feb 5



ALL YOUTH AGES 9-12 WELCOME!



Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph

ALTAR SERVER

MAKE-UP

TRAINING



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

- **PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS 9:00 AM**
- **ORTHROS (MATINS) 9:15 AM**
- **GREAT DOXOLOGY AND DIVINE LITURGY 10:20 AM**
- **MAKE-UP ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 12:30 PM**



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**Open to all males 7 years and up
(6-year-olds invited to train) who did
NOT attend November 2nd training.**

- All young men are welcome to join the Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph
- Training attendance is mandatory to join the Brotherhood



Antiochian
Village

Pennsylvania



Sessions SELL OUT in 15 MINUTES!



Registration
Opens
Sun | Jan 5



Register AT 4:00PM CST
ON Sunday, January 5th
to secure your spot at the
**Antiochian Village Summer
Camp in Pennsylvania!**

REGISTER HERE



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Camp St. George
I-OWA

June 29-July 5, 2025

Summer
Camp



Registration Opens
Sunday,
February 2!



SCAN ME

NO CAMPER LEFT BEHIND!



In 2024,
26 CAMPERS
from Saint George Church
attended Camp!

Antiochian Village PA = 17
Camp St. George IA = 9

SCHOLARSHIPS

available from

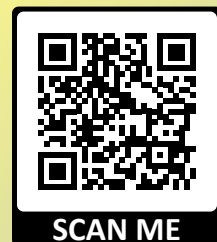
The Order of Saint Ignatius
Cicero Chapter and National!

No Camper Left Behind

ALL Campers in need of financial
assistance will be able to attend!



APPLY HERE





Pastoral Outreach Program

The *FUTURE* is Now...

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

SAINT GEORGE WEST CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Church of the Holy Nativity | 275 S Richmond Avenue | Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

Tuesdays

- January 28, 2025
- February 4, 2025
- February 11, 2025
- February 18, 2025

Program *

6:00-6:40 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner and Social

6:40-7:00 PM

- Evening Prayers

7:00-8:00 PM

- The Gospel of Luke (ages 18+)
- Kids' Club (ages 3-4)
- Kids' Club (ages 5-8)

7:00-7:30 PM

- J.O.Y. Club (ages 9-12) The Gospel of Luke
- Teen SOYO (ages 13-18) Activities and Games

7:30-8:00 PM

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8:00-9:00 PM

- Family Social Hour and Games (all ages)

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
- Alexandra Zanayed (630) 442-2473
- Nathaniel Humphrey (630) 442-9803

* Program subject to change.



Pastoral Outreach Program

The *FUTURE* is Now...

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

SAINT GEORGE NORTH CAMPUS MINISTRY

@ Saint Andrew Lutheran Church | 260 N Northwest Hwy | Park Ridge, IL 60068

Thursdays

- January 30, 2025
- February 6, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- February 20, 2025

Program *

6:00-6:40 PM

- Check-In
- Complimentary Dinner and Social

6:40-7:00 PM

- Evening Prayers

7:00-8:00 PM

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- Faten Imseeh (224) 999-2070
- Suhaila Imseeh (847) 749-7362

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24th Annual **GOLF CLASSIC**

Golfing for a purpose

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 14, 2025**



**Registration and Sponsorships
COMING SOON!**





MEET THE 2025 Parish Council



VERY REVEREND FATHER FOUAD SABA, Presiding Officer

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *It is where the heart is.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *The book of Amos.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Talking basketball with my best friend, my son, Mousa.*



ELIAS AKKARI, Chairman

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2023-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *For the Future of our children.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Respect and humility.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Watching my kids compete in Jujitsu.*



JOHNNY I. KUTTAB, DDS, Vice-Chairman

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2025-Jan 2028*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *The Future.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Faith during challenges – how to keep faith strong when life throws you curveballs.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *I'm a news junkie!*



VICTOR IMREIBE, Secretary

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2025-Jan 2028*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To build a life centered with the Church, so that my children and future generations are set up for success.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Raising children in a world against the Church's teachings.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Spending time with my family creating memories.*



AMIR RIHANI, Treasurer

Term on Council: *Appointed Jan 2025-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To strengthen my faith and grow my relationship with Christ.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Iconography.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Golfing.*



MINA MATUK RANTISI, Financial Secretary

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To help the Church.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *The beginnings of the Church.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Music.*



FARES BANNOURAH, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To strengthen our sense of community and give back to the faith that has shaped me.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Forgiveness and its spiritual importance.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Exploring new hiking trails and enjoying other outdoorsy activities like kayaking and camping.*



GEORGE CONOPEOTIS, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *My kids.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Pan Orthodox Unity.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Outdoor activities and connecting with nature.*



MAHER ESEED, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2027*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To set an example for my kids. Everyone has a role model to look after in life, and I would love for my kids to be involved in the Church's life as they get older.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Reconciling God's actions of the Old Testament with the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Vacationing with my little ones.*



JERIES KAHOUSH, Member / President, Antiochian Men (A-Men)

Term on Council: *Appointed Jan 2025-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To serve my Orthodox Church and set an example for my children.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *How to strengthen our faith in a world filled with distraction.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Reading.*



MICHAEL MOUKHEIBER, CPA, Member

Term on Council: *Appointed Jan 2025-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *I love this Church and my extended Church family. To serve is a calling.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Coping with grief and death and helping others with it.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Cooking and running. They go hand in hand. I love to eat so I need to also run.*



KAREN ANNE NAWAS, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2025-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *My hours of service to the Church week after week, are in hopes that we are constantly creating a stronger faith and loving Church family for all of our children's families to learn and grow together and to raise another generation of the Orthodox faithful as one body working together.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Truly living the faith through the Beatitudes and what that looks like in today's world.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Going for walks and gardening when the Chicago weather allows.*



SUHAIL S. QUMRI, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2025-Jan 2028*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *It is a profound opportunity to enrich our community and lay a strong foundation for future generations. By expanding the ministry of Saint George Church and, God-willing, the new mission(s), I hope to be a vital force in fostering spiritual growth, unity, and service to our community. I pray to leave a lasting legacy, ensuring that the values and traditions we cherish thrive and inspire our generation and the many generations to come.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Prayer and Fasting.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Gardening/landscaping.*



JOSEPH RIHANI, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2023-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To protect and grow the faith for future generations.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Humility.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Watching hockey.*



STEVE SABA, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2024-Jan 2026*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *Setting an example for my children of the importance of the Church and Christ have on our lives.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Forgiveness – learning to forgive and accept God's grace.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Hunting, camping, long distance shooting, and outdoor activities.*



EDDY SHAHEEN, Member

Term on Council: *Elected Jan 2025-Jan 2028*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *Laying the foundation for my children and their future in the life of the Church*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Forgiveness.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Billiards.*

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:



ABEER IMSEEH KARI, *President, Antiochian Women*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To honor God, support our community, and grow spiritually, while also inspiring others to do the same.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Forgiveness.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Listening to audio books.*



NINA GHANAYEM, *President, Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To provide others with the same welcoming community to learn about Christ that past leaders have provided for me.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Becoming more familiar with the lives of Saints.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Playing guitar.*



SOPHIA FASHEH, *President, Teen SOYO*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *Supporting my fellow youth to have a closer relationship with God.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Each individual book of the Bible.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Playing soccer, baking, and spending time with friends and family.*



DARLENE N. HADDAD, CPA, *Archdiocese Trustee*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To serve God and others.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Serving others as we have an Archdiocese Convention in July!*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Reading.*



ELI HAIG, *Archdiocese Trustee*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To provide leadership and stewardship that supports the mission of the Church, ensuring its growth, sustainability, and spiritual outreach for future generations.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Orthodox Perspectives on Social Issues: Examine how Orthodox teachings apply to contemporary social and ethical issues, fostering a deeper understanding of living out your faith in today's world.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Currently my kids hobbies and being part of their daily lives is my hobby and dedication.*



MANSOUR RAYAN, *Archdiocese Trustee/Honorary Council Member*

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *It's important to give back to the Community – God is Good.*

Spiritual Topic You'd Like to Learn More About This Year: *Forgiveness.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Singing.*

EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS



VERY REVEREND FATHER GABRIEL CORONEL, Clergy

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *“Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.” John 13:3-5*

Spiritual Topic You’d Like to Learn More About This Year: *The missionary aspects of the Church in the New Testament.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Playing soccer (once a year).*



DEACON GEORGE NASSIEF, MS, Clergy

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *To be of service to Jesus Christ and all Orthodox Christians.*

Spiritual Topic You’d Like to Learn More About This Year: *Importance of the Book of Acts as it relates to the Church.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Golf and Exercise.*



LILLIAN RIHANI, BSN, RN, PRINCIPAL, Sunday School

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *Teaching children about their faith and to know and love God is the most important thing we can do for them.*

Spiritual Topic You’d Like to Learn More About This Year: *Early Church Fathers.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Cooking.*



DENA H. FASHEH, Chairwoman, The Order of Saint Ignatius – Cicero Chapter

#1 Reason for Serving the Church: *IMPACT – It’s like planting seeds for future growth. When you serve the church, you’re not just making an impact on individuals, but also helping to strengthen our entire community in the long run. Through your service, you’re helping create a legacy—building a foundation that will support future generations by passing on the values, traditions, and teachings that have shaped our faith.*

Spiritual Topic You’d Like to Learn More About This Year: *Faith, trust, and forgiveness.*

Favorite Personal Hobby: *Traveling, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.*



JERIES KAHOUSH, President, Antiochian Men (A-Men)

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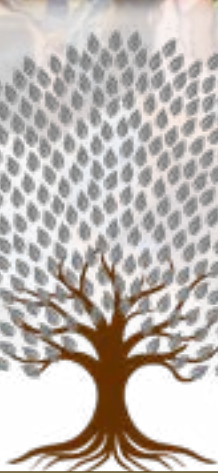
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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Trust in God, not yourself! Ask for His help before every task this week!
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Use up/freeze meats this week.
The Last Judgment FEBRUARY 23rd	 The Last Judgment (Meatfare) Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Forgiveness Sunday MARCH 2nd	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY (Cheesefare)</i> Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th	 <i>GREAT FAST BEGINS with FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Reading: Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1: 43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th	 SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS Reading: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALFWAY TO PASCHA!</i> Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-5: 6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9: 1	Kneel in front of the cross every day, and remember that there is no resurrection without a cross!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th	 SAINT JOHN of the LADDER Reading: Hebrews: 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask Saint John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th	 SAINT MARY of EGYPT Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
PALM SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT and HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Reading: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th	 GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet, and Phones to honor Christ's Death.
Feast of Feasts! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8 Gospel: John 1: 1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" and say it before good morning and goodnight!

طريقنا إلى الفصح! 2025

الأحد	الموضوع / الإنجيل	كيفية المشاركة
لا صيام هذا الأسبوع 9 شباط	أسابيع التريودي الفريسي والعشار الرسالة: 2 تيم 15-10:3 الإنجيل: لوقا 14-10:18	ثِقُوا بالله، لا بأنفسكم! أصرخوا مع العشار طالبين من الله الرحمة.
صيام عادي هذا الأسبوع 16 شباط	أحد الابن الشاطر! الرسالة: 1 كور 20-12:6 الإنجيل: لوقا 32-11:15	أذهبوا إلى الاعتراف. استنّفوا اللحم من بيتكم خلال هذا الأسبوع.
يوم الدينونة 23 شباط	يوم الدينونة (مرفع اللحم) الرسالة: 1 كور 2:9-8:8 الإنجيل: متى 46-31:25	صلي مواجهة الشرق هذا الأسبوع. المسيح يعود من المشرق وسوف ننتظره! استنّفوا البياض من بيتكم خلال هذا الأسبوع.
يوم الغفران 2 آذار	طرد آدم وحواء من الفردوس يوم الغفران (مرفع الجبن) الرسالة: رومية 14-11:13، 4-1:14 الإنجيل: متى 21-14:6	أُطلوا المَغْفِرَة من بعضكم البعض هذا الأحد قبل الخلود إلى النوم.
الأحد الأول من الصوم 9 آذار	أحد الأرثوذكسية الرسالة: عب 26-24:11، 2:12-32 الإنجيل: يوحنا 51-43:1	إجلبوا أيقونة إلى الكنيسة للمشاركة في زياح الأيقونات.
الأحد الثاني من الصوم 16 آذار	القديس غريغوريوس بالاماس الرسالة: عب 3:2-10:1 الإنجيل: مرقس 12-1:2	إجلبوا مسبحة صلاة أرثوذكسية لتبريكها في الكنيسة! استعملوها وصلوا صلاة يسوع يومياً في هذا الأسبوع.
الأحد الثالث من الصوم 23 آذار	السجود للصليب المقدّس نصف الطريق إلى الفصح! الرسالة: عب 6:5-14:4 الإنجيل: مرقس 1:9-34:8	أسجدوا للصليب كل يوم متذكّرين أن لا قيامة من دون صليب!
الأحد الرابع من الصوم 30 آذار	القديس يوحنا السلمي الرسالة: عب 20-13:6 الإنجيل: مرقس 31-17:9	فيما تتسلّقون سلم الفضائل، أطلبوا من القديس يوحنا المساعدة لبلوغ الفردوس، وأنتم ترسمون إشارة الصليب!
الأحد الخامس من الصوم 6 نيسان	القديسة مريم المصرية الرسالة: عب 14-11:9 الإنجيل: مرقس 45-32:10	أطلبوا من العذراء والدة الإله أن تمنّحكم وتمنّح العالم أفكاراً طاهرة.
أحد الشعانين 13 نيسان	بدء الأسبوع العظيم المقدّس دخول السيد إلى اورشليم الرسالة: قليبي 9-4:4 الإنجيل: يوحنا 18-1:12	زِينوا الأيقونات بسُعف النخل في بيتكم وسياراتكم!
الجمعة العظيمة 18 نيسان	الجمعة العظيمة موت المسيح على الصليب تحقق من أوقات الصلوات في هذه الأيام المقدّسة	إمتنعوا عن التلفزيون والإنترنت وعن استخدام هواتفكم.
عيد الأعياد! 20 نيسان	سبت النور الفصح المقدّس! (المسيح قام!) الرسالة: اعمال 8-1:1 الإنجيل: يوحنا 17-1:1	القوا التحية قائلين "المسيح قام" عوضاً عن صباح الخير أو مساء الخير!
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