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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، السَّمَاوِيُّ، 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،
وَالى أَبَدِ الأَبَدِ

أَهْلُنَا يَا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ فِي هَذَا اليَوْمِ بِغَيْرِ خَطِيئَةٍ.
مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحٌ وَمُمَجَّدٌ
اسْمُكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا عَلِيكَ.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ عَلَّمَنِي حُقُوقَكَ. (ثلاثاً)
يَا رَبُّ مَلْجَأٌ كُنْتَ 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 إِلَهِي
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 وَكُلِّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ ارْحَمْنَا.

قُدُّوسُ اللهُ، قُدُّوسُ القَوِيِّ، قُدُّوسُ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ
ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

FIRST ANTIPHON

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

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

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel.

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.

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إِلَهِي إِلَهِي أَنْظِرْ إِلَيَّ لِمَاذَا تَرَكْتَنِي؟ لِمَاذَا ابْتَعَدْتَ
عَنْ نُصْرَتِي وَعَنْ كَلِمَاتِ أُنْيِي.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

إِلَهِي أَنَا فِي النَّهَارِ أَصْرُخُ إِلَيْكَ فَلَا تَسْتَجِيبُ، أَمَّا
أَنْتَ يَا مِدْحَةَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَسْكُنُ فِي الْأَقْدَاسِ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

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

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; 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...

اللَّهُمَّ لِمَاذَا أَقْصَيْتَنَا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ؟ أَذْكَرُ جَمَاعَتَكَ الَّتِي
اقتنيت منذ القدم.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صُلِبَ عَنَّا بِالْجَسَدِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

جَبَلُ صِهْيُونَ هَذَا الَّذِي فِيهِ سَكَنْتَ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صُلِبَ عَنَّا بِالْجَسَدِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

اللَّهُ هُوَ مَلِكُنَا مِنْذُ الْقَدَمِ، صَنَعَ الْخَلَاصَ فِي وَسْطِ
الْأَرْضِ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صُلِبَ عَنَّا بِالْجَسَدِ،
لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

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

يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.

الرَّبُّ قَدْ مَلَكَ فَلْتَرْتَعِدِ الشُّعُوبُ، وَاسْتَوَى عَلَى الشِّرُوبِيمِ فَلْتَنْزَلِ الأَرْضَ. الرَّبُّ عَظِيمٌ فِي صِهْيُونَ وَمُنْعَالٍ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ. فَلْيَحْمَدُوا اسْمَكَ العَظِيمَ لِأَنَّهُ رَهيبٌ وَقُدُوسٌ

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS (TONE 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاتِكَ، وَأَمْنَحْ عبيدَكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الغَلْبَةَ عَلَى الشِّرِيرِ، وَأَحْفَظْ بِقُوَّةِ صَلَيبِكَ جَمِيعَ المُخْتَصِّينَ بِكَ.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE GOSPEL BOOK

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

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوِيَّاتُ وَتَبْتَهِجِ الأَرْضِيَّاتُ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَوَطِئَ المَوْتَ بِالمَوْتِ، وَصَارَ بِكَرِّ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَنْقَذَنَا مِنْ جَوْفِ الجَحِيمِ، وَمَنْحَ العَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمَى.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS (TONE 1)

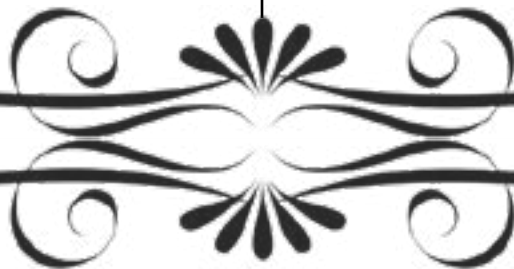
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TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR (TONE 4)

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

بِمَا أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَالمَرَضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا العَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِ جِيُوسُ الأَبِيسُ الظَّفَرُ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى المَسِيحِ الإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.



KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS (TONE 4)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

يَا مَنْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ أَرْتَفَعَ طَوْعًا، إِمْنَحْ رَأْفَاتِكَ
شَعْبَكَ الْجَدِيدَ، الْمُسَمَّى بِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهَ.
وَفَرِّحْ بِقُوَّتِكَ عِبِيدَكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فَتَمْنَحَهُمُ الْفَوْزَ
عَلَى مُحَارِبِيهِمْ، وَلِتَكُنْ مَعُونَتَكَ لَهُمْ سِلَاحَ سَلَامٍ،
وَوَظْفَرًا لَا يُقَهَّرُ.

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.

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

EPISTLE READERS

English

Arabic

Mahlet Yared

TODAY

Dina Khoury

Sophia Layous

Sep 22

Amanda Imseih

Sarah Alamir

Sep 29

Sandy Eseed

Joseph Homsy

Oct 6

Mary Homsy

THANK YOU TO
Suhail and Jomana
Fakhouri and Family
for sponsoring the flowers for
The Feast of the
Elevation of the
Holy Cross
for the
Health of their Family!



Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of

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

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

رَتِّلُوا لِإِلَهِنَا رَتِّلُوا.

يا جميع الأمم صفقوا بالأيادي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَةَ (2:16-20)

يا إِخْوَةَ، إِذْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ
النَّامُوسِ، بَلْ إِنَّمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، آمَنَّا
نَحْنُ أَيْضاً بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ
بِالْمَسِيحِ لَا بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، إِذْ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ
النَّامُوسِ أَحَدٌ مِنْ ذَوِي الْجَسَدِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا وَنَحْنُ
طَالِبُونَ التَّبَرِيرَ بِالْمَسِيحِ وَجِدْنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضاً
خُطَاةً، أَفَيَكُونُ الْمَسِيحُ إِذَنْ خَادِماً لِلْخَطِيئَةِ؟
حَاشَى. فَإِنِّي إِنْ عُدْتُ أَبْنِي مَا قَدْ هَدَمْتُ، أَجْعَلُ
نَفْسِي مُتَعَدِّياً. لِأَنِّي بِالنَّامُوسِ مِتُّ لِلنَّامُوسِ لِكَيْ
أُحْيَا لِلَّهِ. مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ صُلِبْتُ، فَأَحْيَا، لَا أَنَا، بَلْ
الْمَسِيحُ يَحْيَا فِيَّ. وَمَا لِي مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ فِي الْجَسَدِ،
أَنَا أَحْيَا فِي إِيمَانِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَحَبَّنِي، وَبَذَلَ
نَفْسَهُ عَنِّي

The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint Mark (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقَسِ

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّمْزِيدِ الطَّاهِرِ (8:34-9:1)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: "مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبِعَنِي، فَلْيَكْفُرْ بِنَفْسِهِ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعَنِي. لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ يُهْلِكُهَا، وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِي وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ يُخَلِّصُهَا. فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْتَفِعُ الْإِنْسَانُ لَوْ رَبِحَ الْعَالَمَ كُلَّهُ وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانُ فِدَاءً عَنِ نَفْسِهِ؟ لِأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَحِي بِي وَبِكَلَامِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ الْفَاسِقِ الْخَاطِي، يَسْتَحِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ مَتَى أَتَى فِي مَجْدِ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ." وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّ قَوْمًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَذُوقُونَ الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ قَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ."

THE SYNAXARION

On September 15th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross, and we commemorate the contest of the Holy Great-Martyr Nikitas the Goth.

Burned, Nikitas, thou becomest a victory-bearer, or rather say, a fire-bearing victory bearer.

On the fifteenth Nikitas was cast into the furnace.

Nikitas was a disciple of Theophilus, Bishop of the Goths, who participated in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325. When the Gothic prince Athenarik began to torture Christians, Nikitas stood before the prince and denounced him for his paganism and inhumanity. Subsequently harshly tortured, Nikitas confessed his faith in Christ even more strongly, and prayed to God with thanksgiving. On his breast under his robe Nikitas bore an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos with the Pre-eternal Christ Child standing and holding the Cross in His hands. The Holy Theotokos had appeared to him and comforted him. Finally, the torturer threw the soldier of Christ into the fire, where the holy martyr breathed his last, but his body remained untouched by the fire. His companion Marianus took his body from the land of the Goths to the town of Mopsuestia in Cilicia. There, he built a church dedicated to Nikitas, and placed the miracle-working relics of the martyr in it. Nikitas suffered and was glorified in the year 372.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Holy Bread Offered By:



Today – Michael and Sandra Barbari and Family
 – Nicola and Mary Habash and Family
 – Samira Younes and Family

Sep 22 – Peter and Susan Sakleh and Family
 – Renee Saba and Family
 – Michael and Diane Moukheiber and Family
 – Etihad Rihani and Samar Rihani and their Families

Sep 29 – Fr. Fouad and Kh. Diana Saba and Family
 – Salwa Awwad and Family

Oct 6 – Fayrouz Haddad and Family
 – Mary Homsy and Family

Oct 13 – **OPEN**

Oct 20 – **OPEN**



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Coffee Hour Sponsors:



Today – Michael and Sandra Barbari and Family

Sep 22 – Mazen and Souzan Rihani and Family

Sep 29 – Khalil and Mary Barbari and Family

Oct 6 – Fayrouz Haddad and Family

Oct 13 – Kareem and Dina Khoury

Oct 20 – **OPEN**

Oct 27 – **OPEN**



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CONDOLENCES

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

- Joseph Ishaq; daughters, Suenne and Tina; siblings, †Issa, Naheel Totah, Renee Akel, †Musa, †Ibrahim, Nadia Lussi, and Klamans Zayed on the falling asleep of their wife/mother/sister, †LEILA (LUSSI) ISHAQ, this past week. Also, to the entire family.
- Bassam and Kawkab Shaheen; nephews and nieces, Eddy, Danny, and Romy Shaheen, Rhonda Tolbert, and Rhonna Vinke; and their families, on the falling asleep of their brother/uncle, †ADIB SHAHEEN, in California this past week.

Memory Eternal!

YAF BREAKFAST OR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

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↳ Sep 22 – Amir Rihani



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 4 - Sep 15 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION ONLINE (see pg. 14)

SEPTEMBER IS YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (YAF) MONTH

Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Antiochian Women (AW) Induction of Officers After Liturgy Coffee Hour After Liturgy
Tue, Sep 17	AC2025 "The Five" Meeting 2:30 pm
Wed, Sep 18	Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training 8:00 pm
Thu-Sat, Sep 19-21	Antiochian Women (AW) Pilgrimage to New York
Sun, Sep 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Coffee Hour After Liturgy Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion After Liturgy (see pg. 14)
Tue, Sep 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC2025 Sponsorship and Journal Committee Meeting 4:00 pm AC2025 Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

NEWBORNS

CAMILLE MARIE, daughter of Anthony and Dr. Huda Kandah.

BAPTISMS

Last Sunday NADIM, son of Omar and Enas Bitar.

Sep 22 NICHOLAS and LAMES, children of Issa and Lobna Fakhouri.

Oct 6 NADIA, daughter of Hussam and Rand Bachour.

WEDDINGS

Today JACK Barhoumeh and ELIZABETH Hazou.

Oct 12 RAJAEI, son of Rimon and Rula Qubrosi, and AMBER, daughter of †Isam and Fatin Zayed.

COMMEMORATIONS

Today 1-Year Commemoration for †SALIM BITAR, offered by Samira Younes and family.

MEMORIALS

Today

- 1-Year Memorial Service for †JANET HABASH, offered by Nicola and Mary Habash and family.
- 11-Year Memorial Service for †DAOUD HABASH, offered by Nicola and Mary Habash and family.

Sep 22

- 40-Day Memorial Service for †SALEM SABA, offered by Renee Saba and family.
- 40-Day Memorial Service for †SHERYL "SHERRY" J. WALKER, offered by Michael and Diane Moukheiber and family.



2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE YOU BELONG!



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YOU BELONG ON THE **TREE OF LIFE**

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

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

**PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE
IN THE CHURCH HALL TODAY!**



Sunday School

Back to 
SCHOOL

**Don't forget to
register for
Sunday School**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN:

stgeorgechi.org/register-student/



Curriculum Update



The Sunday School Staff had a very productive training session on August 17. All are excited to see you and your children for the Blessing of the Sunday School building and parent orientation on Sunday, September 8 after Divine Liturgy.

Calendar of Events

Blessing of Sunday School----September 8
Induction of Officers-----September 8
Parent Orientation-----September 8
First Day of Sunday School----September 8
Youth Choir Begins-----October 13

Saint John Chrysostom Corner

DID YOU
KNOW?



The Patron Saint of Sunday School
is Saint John Chrysostom.

This year, parts of Chrysostom's sermons will be incorporated into the lesson planning. With the direction of the Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Gabriel Coronel, this will enrich the education of the teachers, and in turn the students.

"Let everything take second place to our care of our children, our bringing them up to the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

~Saint John Chrysostom
Archbishop of Constantinople
14 September 407



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER IS YAF MONTH!

SUN, Sep 22 **YAF Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion** After Liturgy

SUN, Sep 29 **—> Fr. Saba's Birthday BBQ <—** After Liturgy

*Fundraiser for The Orthodox Club (NADI) Revamp
All proceeds will go to Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)*

SAT, Oct 5 **—> 61st Anniversary Legacy Ball <—** 5:00 pm

Annual Saint George Church Event

See last page of bulletin to RSVP by September 8, 2024

SUN, Oct 13  **YAF Coffee and Fellowship** After Liturgy

FRI, Oct 25 **YAF Social Event** *in The Orthodox Club (NADI)* 7:00 pm

SUN, Oct 27 **YAF Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion** After Liturgy

SUN, Nov 10  **YAF Coffee and Fellowship** After Liturgy

FRI, Nov 15 **YAF Spiritual Retreat** *in The Orthodox Club (NADI)* 7:00 pm

for the Beginning of Advent

SUN, Nov 24 **YAF Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion** After Liturgy

FRI, Dec 6 **YAF Social Outing** *in Chicago* 7:00 pm

SUN, Dec 8  **YAF Coffee and Fellowship** After Liturgy

FRI, Dec 27 **YAF Christmas Party** 7:00 pm

SUN, Dec 29 **YAF Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion** After Liturgy

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



FR. SABA'S BIRTHDAY BBQ

HOSTED BY Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

SUN | SEP 29
1:00 PM

**FAMILY
FUN**

Celebrate Fr. Saba's Birthday with the
Saint George Church Family!
All proceeds go to YAF to revamp
The Orthodox Club (NADI).



**\$10/
PERSON**

RSVP by
Wed | Sep 25



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Tuesdays

Thursdays

- October 22, 2024
- October 29, 2024
- November 5, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 19, 2024
- December 3, 2024

- October 24, 2024
- October 31, 2024
- November 7, 2024
- November 14, 2024
- November 21, 2024
- December 5, 2024

PROGRAM

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

- Dinner
- Evening Prayers
- Brief Lesson
- Activities

18TH ANNUAL

Walk the Walk *for* IOCC

Saturday, October 5, 2024

*Join us for our 5K Walk/Run and make a difference
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