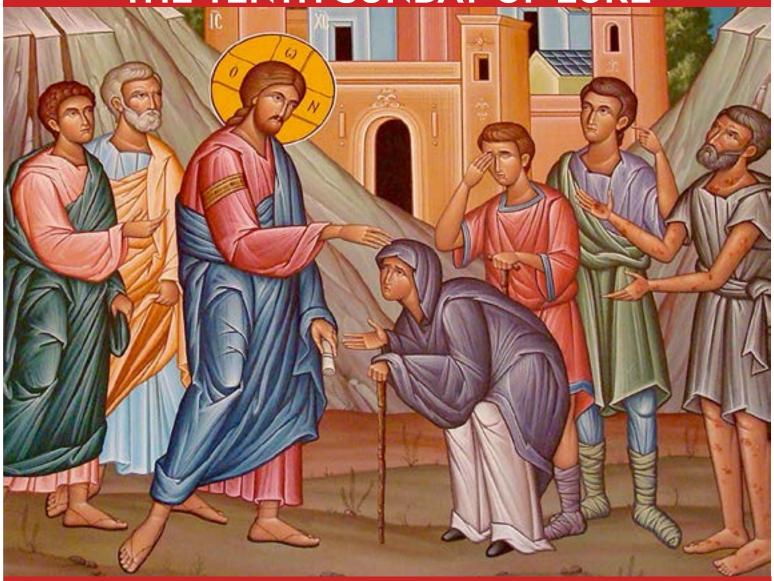


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Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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.

أهلا و سهلا! Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan!



Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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"Nothing so arouses the soul, gives it wing, sets it free from the earth, releases it from the prison of the body, teaches it to love wisdom and to despise all the things of this life, as concordant melody and sacred song composed in rhythm." +St. John Chrysostom (On Psalm 41)

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-Loving Faithful,

Every year we set aside the second Sunday of December to remember and pray for our faithful church musicians. With God's help and inspiration, they are always praying for us by chanting the sacred hymns of our Church. On this day we, in turn, say thank you and pray for them.

The hymnography of our Orthodox faith is an expression of theology. One could never pick up an academic or dogmatic book about the faith his entire life, but could still become a theologian by simply listening to and internalizing the words of these hymns.

At the same time, the richness of our hymns becomes even richer when they are chanted and sung correctly and with beauty. It is not by chance that countless numbers of people over the centuries were first attracted to the faith by the beauty of our services.

On the Sunday of Musician Appreciation Day, we extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball and all the members of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music for their commitment in supporting this sacred ministry. They continue to expend the possibilities for people to learn how to chant and sing praises to our Lord through various means. We are especially grateful that, for the first time this year, we have started our Antiochian Orthodox Online Ecclesiastical Music School that trains people in both Western and Byzantine Music, according to their preferences and interests. This, in addition to the various Sacred Music Institutes, and youth and parish workshops sponsored by the Department, helps us to further develop and train our current and future musicians.

We also gratefully honor all of our choir directors, singers and chanters, the vast majority of whom dedicate themselves to this sacred ministry for little or no compensation. For them, it is indeed a labor of love. Wishing you God's every blessing, I remain,

Your Father in Christ.

*/SABA

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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.

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المَجْدُ لَكَ يا مُظهرَ النور، المَجْدُ اللهِ في العَلاءِ، وعلى الأرْضِ السَّلامُ، وفي النَّاسِ المَسترة نُسَبِّحُكَ نُبِارِ كُكَ، نَسْجُدُ لَكَ نُمَجِّدُكَ، نَشْكُرُكَ مِنْ أجل عظيم جَلالِ مَجْدِك

أيُّها الرَّبُّ المَلِكُ، السَّماويُّ، الإلهُ، الآبُ الضابطُ الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإبْنُ الوَحيدُ، يا يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، ويا أيُّها الرّوحُ القُدُس

أَيُّها الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، يا حَمَلَ الله يا ابنَ الآب، يا رافِعَ خطيئة العالم ارْحَمْنا، يا رافِعَ خَطايا العالم

تَقبَّلْ تَضرُّ عَنا أَيُّها الجالِسُ عَنْ يمينِ الآبِ و ارْ حَمْنا

لأنَّكَ أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ قُدُّوسٌ، أنْتَ وَحْدَكَ الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ المَسيحُ، في مَجْدِ اللهِ الآبِ، آمين. فى كُلِّ يَومٍ أَبارِكُك، وأُسَبِّحُ اسْمَكَ إلى الأبَدِ، والي أبَدِ الأبَد

أهِّلْنا يا رَبُّ أَنْ نُحْفَظَ في هذا اليَومِ بِغيرِ خَطيئةٍ.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ بِا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبائِنا، وَمُسَبَّحُ و مُمَجَّدٌ اسْمُكَ إلى الأبدِ، آمين

لِتَكُنْ يِا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنا، كَمِثْل اتِّكالِنا عَليك.

مُبارَكٌ أنْتَ يا رَبُّ عَلِّمني حُقوقَك. (ثلاثاً)

يا رَبُّ مَلْجاً كُنْتَ لنا في جيلِ وجيلِ، أنا قلْتُ يـا رَبُّ ارْحَمْنـي واشْفِ نَفْسـي لَانَّنـي قَـد خَطِئـتُ

يا رَبُّ إليكَ لجأتُ فَعَلِّمْني أَنْ أَعْمَلَ رضاكَ، لأنَّكَ أنتَ هُوَ إلهي

لأنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عِيْنَ الحياةِ، وبنوركَ نعاينُ النور.

فابسُطْ رَحْمَتُكَ على الذين يعرفونَك.

قُدّوسٌ اللهُ، قُدّوسٌ القويّ، قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يموتُ ار حَمْنا. (ثلاثاً)

المَجْدُ لِلآبِ والإبنِ والرّوح القُدُسِ.

الآنَ وكُلَّ أوان وإلى دَهْرِ الداهِرينَ، آمين.

قُدّوسٌ الذي لا يَموتُ ارحَمْنا.

قُدّوسُ اللهُ، قُدّوسُ الْقَويّ، قُدّوسُ الْذي لا يَموتُ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

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 بِصَلَيبِكَ الْمَوْتَ، وفَتَحْتَ لِلِّصِّ الْفِرْدَوْس، وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلاتِ الطِّيبِ، وأمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزوا، بأنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّها المسيخُ الإله، مانِحاً العالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمى.

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.

هَلُمّوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأمواتِ، لِنُرَتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا

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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.

بما أنَّكَ للمأسُورينَ مُحَررٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقراءِ والمَساكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضَى طبيبٌ وشَافٍ وعنِ المؤمِنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاور جيوسُ اللآبِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

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

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

اليومَ العَذْراءُ تَأْتي إلى المَغارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الكَلِمَةَ الذي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، ولادَةً لا تُفَسَّرُ ولا يُنْطَقُ بِها، فَافْرَحِي أَيَّتُها المَسْكُونَةُ إذا سَمِعْتِ، ومَجِّدي مَعَ المَلائِكَةِ والرُّعاةِ، الذي سَيَظْهَرُ بِمَشيئتِهِ طِفْلاً جَديداً وهُو اللُّعا الذي 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 عبدُكِ يا والدةَ الإله* اكثُبُ لكِ راياتِ الغلبة يا جنديَّةً مُحامية * وأُقدمُ لكِ الشُكرَ كَمُنقذةٍ منَ الشَّدائد * لكن بما أنَّ لكِ العِزَةَ التي لا تُحَارَب * اعتقيني من صئنوف الشدائد * حتى أصرُ خَ إليكِ إفر حي يا عروساً لا عروس لها.

EPISTLE READERS

English		Arabic	
Darlene Haddad	Today	Hanan Mseih	
Omar Rihani	Dec 15	Mary Homsy	
Alexandra Conopeotis	Dec 22	Dina Khoury	



THE SYNAXARION

On December 8th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Patapios of Thebes in Egypt.

Having patently forsaken the earth's corruptible pathways, Thou patterest, O Patapios, where the feet of the meek do patter. On the eighth, O Patapios, thou troddest green pasture.

Patapios abhorred the vanity of this world and withdrew into the wilderness of Egypt. There he devoted himself to a life of asceticism, cleansing his heart of all earthly desires and thoughts for the sake of God's love. However, when his virtues became known among the people, they came to him for solace in their sufferings. Fearing the praise of men, which darkens the minds of men and separates them from God, Patapios fled this wilderness to Constantinople, thinking he could hide himself more easily in a big city; but a light cannot be hidden. A child, blind from birth, was led by God's providence to Patapios. He besought the saint to pray to God that he be given his sight to look upon God's creation and praise Him all the more. Patapios, having compassion on the suffering child, prayed to God, and the child's sight was restored. This miracle revealed God's chosen one, and people rushed to him for healing, comfort and instruction. Patapios performed many other miracles, all through prayer in the name of Christ and by the sign of the Cross. In great old age, he peacefully entered the Heavenly Kingdom in the seventh century.

On this day, we also commemorate the forefeast of the conception of the Theotokos; and Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

الرَّبُّ يُعْطي قُوَّةً لِشَعْدِهِ. قَدِّمُوا للرَّبِّ يا أَبْناءَ الله. قَصْلُ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القِديسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ إلى أَفْسُس (22-2:14)

يا إَخْوَةُ، إنَّ الْمَسيحَ هُوَ سَلامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الإثْنَيْنِ واحِداً، وَنَقَضَ في جَسَدِهِ حائِطَ السِياج الحاجز، أي العَداوة. وأَبْطَلَ ناموسَ الوَصايا في فرائِضِهِ، لِيَخْلُقَ الإِثْنَيْنِ في نَفْسِهِ إنساناً واحِداً جَديداً بإجْرائِهِ السَّلام. ويُصالِحَ كِلْيْهما في جَسَدٍ واحِدٍ مَعَ اللهِ في الصليبِ، بقَتْلِهِ العَداوَةَ في نَفْسِهِ. فَجاءَ وبَشَّرَكُمْ بِالسِّلامِ، البِّعيدينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَربيينِ. لأنَّ بِهِ لَنَا كِلَيْنَا التَّوَصُّلَ إلى الآبِ في روح واحدٍ. فَأَسْتُمْ غُرَبِاءَ بَعْدُ ونُزَلاءَ، بَلْ مُواطِنو القِدِّيسينَ وأهْلِ بَيْتِ الله. وَقدْ بُنِيتُمْ على أَساسِ الرُسل، و الأَنْبِياءِ، وحَجَرُ الزاويَةِ هُوَ يسوعُ المَسيحُ نَفْسُهُ الَّذِي بِهِ يُنْسَّقُ الْبُنْيِانُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَنْمُو هَيْكَلاَّ مُقَدَّساً في الرَّبِّ، وفيهِ أنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُبْنَوْنَ مَعاً مَسْكَناً للهِ في الروح

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath until his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

فصلٌ شريفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِديسِ لوقا الإنْجيلِيّ البَشير والتلْميذِ الطاهِر (17-13:10)

في ذلكَ الزمان، كانَ بسوعُ بعلْمُ في أُحَدِ ع يَـوْمَ السبتِ. وإذا بامْرأةٍ بها روحُ مَرَضٍ مُنْذُ ثَماني عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وكانَتْ مُنْحَنِيَةً لا تَسْتَطيعُ أَنْ تَنْتَصِبَ البَتَّةَ. فلَمَّا رَآها يَسوعُ، دَعاها وقالَ لَهَا: إِنَّكِ مُطْلَقَةُ مِنْ مَرَ صَكِ. وَ وَضَعَ يَدَيْهِ عليْهَا، وفي الحال اسْتَقامَتْ، ومَجَّدَتِ الله. فَأَجِابَ رئيسُ المَجْمَع، وهُوَ مُغْتَاظُ لإبْراءِ يسوعَ في السَّبْتِ، وقالَ لِلْجَمْع: هِيَ سِتَّةُ أَيَّامِ يَنْبَغِي الْعَمَالُ فيها. فَفيها تَأْتُونَ وِتَسْتَشْفُونَ، لا في يَوْم السَّبْتِ. فَأَجابَ الرَّبُّ وقالَ: يا مُرائِي! أَلْيْسَ كُلُّ واحِدِ مِنْكُمْ يَحُلُّ ثَوْرَهُ أَوْ حِمارَهُ في السَّبْتِ مِنَ الْمِذْوَدِ ويَنْطُلِقُ بِهِ فَيَسْقِيهِ؟ وهَذِهِ، و هِـےَ ابْنَـةُ إِبرِ اهبِـمَ التّـے رَ بَطُهـا الشَّـبْطانُ مُنْـذُ ثَماني عَشْرَةَ سنَةً، أما كانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ ثُطْلَقَ مِنْ هذا الرّباطِ يومَ السبنتِ؟ ولَمَّا قالَ هذا، خَزيَ نْ كانَ يقاومُهُ، وفَرحَ الجَمْعُ بِجَميعِ الأَمورِ المَجِيدَةِ التَّي كانَتْ تَصْدُرُ مِنْـهُ

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Maurice and Hanan Mseih and Family



- Naheel, Norma, and Mina Rantisi
- Dr. Nader and Cindy Fakhoury and Family and Feryal Fakhoury and Family
- Chadi and Olga Karam and Family and Sam and Tammi Karam and Family
- Omar and Lillian Rihani and Family
- Dec 15 Sami and Amanda Imseih and Family
- Dec 22 Kamal and Etihad Rihani and Family
 - Maurice and Hanan
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- **Dec 24** Majdi and Arwa Rayahin and Family
- **Dec 29** Nabeel and Bulin Eseed and Family

YAF BREAKFAST OR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS



TODAY - Faraj Shahrstan and Family

→ Dec 29 - OPEN

MEMORIALS

Today 35-Year Memorial Service for †ZAKI S. FAKHOURY, offered by Dr. Nader and Cindy Fakhoury and family and Feryal Fakhoury and family.

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara and Family



Dec 15 - Darlene Haddad and Family

Dec 22 – Frank and Reem Gambino and Family

Dec 29 – Naheel, Norma, and Mina Rantisi

Jan 5 – Salim and Rania Najjar and Family

Jan 12 - OPEN

Jan 19 - *OPEN*

Jan 26 - *OPEN*



CONDOLENCES

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

Elias and Raida Abuizzam and family on the falling of asleep of Elias' mother, †AIDA ABUIZZAM, in Jordan. They will be receiving condolences in their home on Sunday, December 8th, between the hours of 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, with prayers at 4:00 pm.

Memory Eternal!

COMMEMORATIONS

Today • 11-Year Commemoration for †GEORGE KARAM, offered by Chadi and Olga Karam and Sam and Tammi Karam and their families.

 15-Year Commemoration for †KAMAL SAAD, offered by Chadi and Olga Karam and Omar and Lillian Rihani and their families.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	DECEMBER IS THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS MONTH		
Fri, Nov 15			
Wed, Dec 2	5 • Advent Humanitarian Drive		
Today	 Pre-Communion Prayers 	9:00 am	
	 Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy 	9:15 am	
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	
	 Sunday School Classes 	After Communion	
	 God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (see pg. 11) 	After Communion	
	Coffee Hour	After Liturgy	
	 Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Coffee and Fellowship (see pg. 17) 	After Liturgy	
	• Christmas Concert/Youth Choir Rehearsal (see pg. 12)	12:30 pm	
	 The Order-Cicero Chapter Annual General Assembly and Elections (see pg. 21) 	12:45 pm	
Tue, Dec 10	AC2025 "The Five" Meeting	10:00 am	
•	Parish Council Monthly Meeting	7:00 pm	
Wed, Dec 1	Pastoral Ministry Campuses Coordinators' Zoom Meeting	9:00 pm	
	 Antiochian Women (AW) Officers' Zoom Meeting 	6:00 pm	
	 Vision and Development Committee Zoom Meeting 	8:00 pm	
	 Glory Club Coordinators' Zoom Meeting 	9:00 pm	
Thu, Dec 12	AC2025 Executive Committee Meeting	6:00 pm	
Fri, Dec 13	Teen SOYO Christmas Card Stuffing and Christmas Gathering (see pg. 7:00 pm 14)		
Sat, Dec 14	 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory) (see pg. 12) 	10:00 am	
	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm	
Sun, Dec 15	Pre-Communion Prayers	9:00 am	
	 Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy 	9:15 am	
	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am	
	 Sunday School Classes 	After Communion	
	 God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (see pg. 11) 	After Communion	
	 Annual Christmas Concert presented by the Youth Choir (see pg. 12) 	After Liturgy	
	 Annual Christmas Concert Reception sponsored by The Order of 	After Concert	
	Saint Ignatius-Cicero Chapter		
Mon, Dec 1	6 AC2025 Marketing Committee Meeting	6:30 pm	
Fri, Dec 20	Nativity Concert presented by the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Chicago (see pg. 26)	7:30 pm	
Sat, Dec 21	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm	

NEWBORNS

CHURCHINGS

EMILIANA JOY, daughter of Murhaf and Lana Kuaidi.

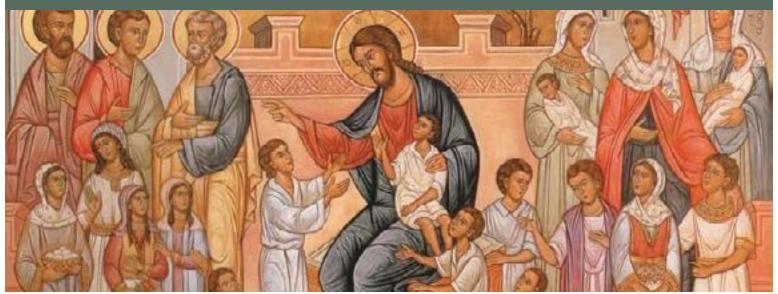
Dec 24 EMILIANA JOY, daughter of Murhaf and Lana Kuaidi.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS

Immediately after Communion, the new children's ministry, "GOD'S LITTLE LIGHTS", will take place in the cry room (2nd floor by elevator) every Sunday. Schedule to be posted soon.

This new ministry will serve all **3-YEAR-OLDS** and **4-YEAR-OLDS** (born after September 1, 2020). At least one parent, father and mother, must attend along with their children. Younger siblings are welcome with the parents.



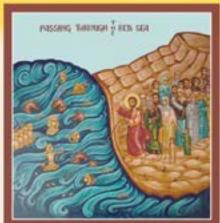




Curriculum Update

Lesson 12: God Saves His People

God sent Moses and Aaron to speak to Pharaoh and tell him to set God's people free. God sent mighty signs and plagues upon Egypt to show that He is the true God. He sent Moses and Aaron to convince Pharaoh to let His people go, but with each plague Pharaoh refused to set the Israelites free. There were 10 signs. All of them were means of teaching the Egyptians about their false gods and the one true God. The 10th sign was the death



of the first born across all the land of Egypt. During this final plague, the Israelites marked their doors with lamb's blood and ate a Passover meal in preparation to flee. This protected them from the death of the firstborn and symbolized their liberation from slavery. This is the celebration of the Passover. Among the firstborn children to pass was Pharaoh's son. Pharaoh commanded the Hebrews to leave Egypt. God led them out of Egypt and to the Red Sea. Moses used his staff and struck the water of the Red sea to part it for the Isrealites to cross safely. Pharaoh realized what he had done by setting all the slaves free and he regretted his decision. So he sent his soldiers out in chariots to recapture the Isrealites. The Egyptians followed to the Red Sea where Moses struck his staff on the water again and the Egyptians were drowned in the Red Sea.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School Classes ------ Sundays After Communion Christmas Concert Rehearsals ----- After Sunday School 12:30-1:00 PM

+ CHRISTMAS CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL ---- SAT | DEC 14 @ 10 AM-12 PM Christmas Concert ----- Sun | Dec 15 Sunday School Classes ----- Sun | Dec 22 No Sunday School Classes ----- Sun | Dec 29 Sunday School Classes Resume ----- Sun | Jan 5



FADWA RANTISI

OCCUPATION: School Administrator GRADE YOU TEACH: Substitute Teacher NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING SS: 3 years

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TEACH SS: It is important for our children to have a good

understanding of their faith.

HOBBIES: Reading.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."...Matthew 19:26

SANAA IDAIDANY

OCCUPATION: Stay at Home Mom and my mother's Caretal GRADE YOU TEACH: Kindergarten / Snack Team Coordinator

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING SS: 8-9 years

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TEACH SS: I love the reaction on the children's faces and teaching them about God.

HOBBIES: Decorating and Cooking.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities."...Psalm 51:7-9







Staff





MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
CHECK-IN 9:00 AM CHECK-OUT 5:30 PM

- o Prayers
- SERVICE PROJECT
- O DISCUSSION/LESSON
- O NAVY PIER/LIGHT UP THE LAKE
- o LUNCH
- GROUP ACTIVITY



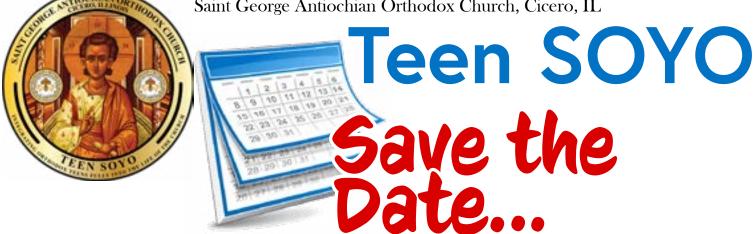
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TEEN SOYO ACTIVITIES

FRI, DEC 13

Christmas Card Stuffing and Christmas Celebration

Christmas Retreat MON, DEC 30

SAT, JAN 11

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Meal Packing Event

ALL TEENS (13-18) WELCOME!



Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) SAVE THE DATE

SUN, Dec 8



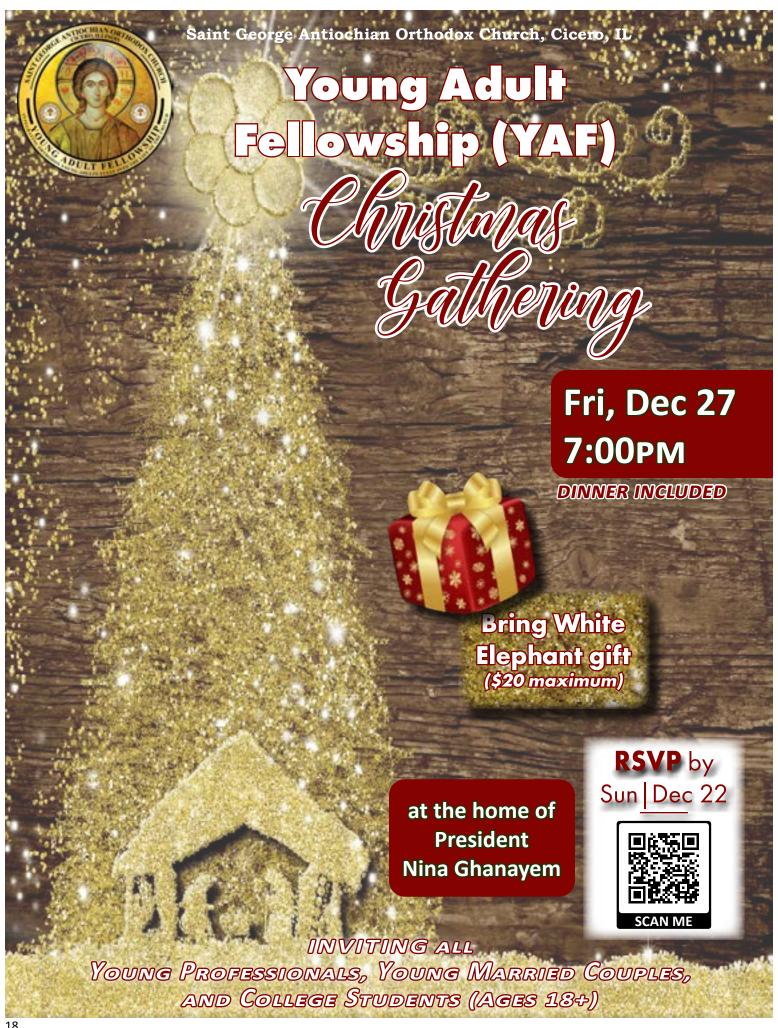
After Liturgy

FRI, Dec 27 YAF Christmas Gathering with White Elephant

7:00 pm

SUN, Dec 29 YAF Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion After Liturgy

SAT, Jan 11 YAF Skiing/Snowboarding Day Trip 11:00 am



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November 3, 2024

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

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

We hope this letter finds you well. This letter is to inform you of the Annual General Assembly Meeting and Elections for The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch (The Order)-Cicero Chapter to be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 12:45pm, on the second floor of The Orthodox Club (NADI).

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

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of Officers for the 2025 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, Deacon George Nassief, or Omar Rihani by Sunday December 1, 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 Sunday, December 1, 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 December 8, 2024.

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

Yours in Christ,

W. Rev. Fr. Fauad Saba

Dena Fasheh

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba *Pastor*

Chair

Dena Fasheh

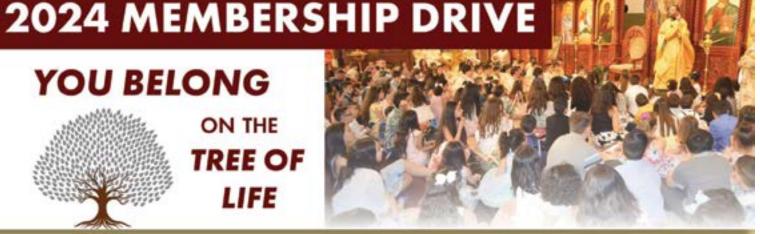
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ON THE TREE OF LIFE



"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." - Matthew 6:21 "لِأَنَّهُ حَيْثُ يَكُونُ كَنْزُكَم هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ قَلْبُكُم أَيْضًا. "رَسِّي 6:21)

Stewardship is an annual and prayerful commitment to the Church. The following list, in alphabetical order, are those individuals or households who have completed their 2024 Membership Registration and Commitment to Saint George Church, Cicero, as of November 26, 2024.

This is an ongoing campaign, if you would still like to commit for the 2024 year, kindly complete Membership registration online by Sunday, December 22, 2024. Re-enrollment and new member registration for 2025 will be coming out following the Christmas Season. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Membership Committee via email Membership@StGeorgeChi.org.

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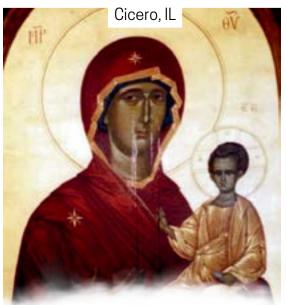
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صيام عيد الميلاد

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

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

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

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