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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

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10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy

Confession by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who has shown 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، الإلهُ، الأبُّ الضَّابِطُ
الْكُلِّ. أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإِبْنُ الوَحِيدُ، يَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحُ،
وَيَا أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ القُدُّوسُ

أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الإلهُ، 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.
مُبَارِكُكَ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إلهَ آبَائِنَا، وَمُسَبِّحُ وَمُمَجِّدُ
اسْمِكَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، آمِينَ
لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَيْنَا، كَمَا تَكُنْ عَلَيْنَا.

مُبَارِكُكَ 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 الإلهي
لَأَنَّ مِنْ قِبَلِكَ عَيْنَ الحَيَاةِ، وَبِنُورِكَ نَعَايُنُ النُّورَ.
فَابْسُطْ رَحْمَتَكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَعْرِفُونَكَ.

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الآنَ وَكُلِّ أَوَانٍ وَإِلَى دَهْرِ الدَّاهِرِينَ، آمِينَ.
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ارْحَمْنَا

TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 8)

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

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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 الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا

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رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFATHERS (TONE 2)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْأَبَاءَ الْقَدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ
فَخَطَبْتَ الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَّمِ، فَالْقَدِيسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ
يَفْتَخِرُونَ، إِذْ مِنْ زَرْعِهِمْ أُنْبَعَتْ ثَمَرَةٌ حَسْبِيَّةٌ،
وَهِيَ الَّتِي وُلِدْتَكَ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا
الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ ارْحَمْنَا.

TROPARION OF SAINT ELEUTHERIOS OF ILLYRIA (TONE 5)

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes * and newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood, * thou didst soar aloft to stand before thy Master, Christ; * hence never cease to intercede * for those honoring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, * thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherios.

شَارَكْتَ الرُّسُلَ فِي أَخْلَاقِهِمْ، وَخَلَقْتَهُمْ عَلَى كَرِاسِيهِمْ.
فَوَجَدْتَ الْعَمَلَ مَرْقَاةً إِلَى رُؤْيَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّاتِ، يَا مُلْهَمًا مِنَ
اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ فَصَلَّتْ بِأَحْكَامِ كَلِمَةِ الْحَقِّ، وَجَاهَدْتَ عَنِ
الْإِيمَانِ حَتَّى الدَّمِّ، يَا الْفَثِيرِيُوسُ الشَّهِيدُ فِي رُؤْسَاءِ
الْكَهَنَةِ. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ، فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

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 أَنْتَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ
وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ
وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي
الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيُوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظُّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ
الْإِلَهُ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

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

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

اليوم العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة لتلد الكلمة الذي قبل الدهور، ولادة لا تُفسر ولا يُنطقُ بها، فأفرحي أيتها المسكونة إذا سمعت، ومجدي مع الملائكة والرعاة، الذي سيظهر بمشيئته طفلاً جديداً وهو إلهنا الذي قبل الدهور.

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 لك رايات الغلبة يا جنديّة مُحامية * وأقدمُ لك الشكرَ كمُنقذة من الشدائد * لكن بما أن لك العزة التي لا تُحارب * اعتقيني من صنوف الشدائد * حتى أصرخ إليك إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروس لها.

THE SYNAXARION

On December 15th in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Paul of Latra.

On this day, we also commemorate the contest of the holy Hieromartyr Eleutherios, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Saint Anthia.

*Eleutherios, being by nature no servant, gave no service to error on seeing the broadswords.
Blades on the fifteenth murdered Godlike Eleutherios and Anthia.*

Anthia heard the Gospel from the great Apostle Paul himself, and was baptized by him. Being early left a widow, she entrusted her only son to the education and service of the Bishop of Rome, Anacietus. Seeing how greatly Eleutherios was gifted and illumined by the grace of God, the bishop ordained him as bishop of Illyria at age 20. This Godly man kept his flock like a good shepherd, adding to their number from day to day. In the year 120, Emperor Hadrian, a persecutor of Christians, sent a commander, Felix, with soldiers, to seize Eleutherios. Instead, Felix became a Christian, as did the Governor Choribus. They went back to the capitol where all three men were tortured and beheaded. As Anthia held the dead body of her son, she was also beheaded. Their bodies were taken to Valona in Albania, where Eleutherios glorifies the name of Christ to this day by many wonders.

On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus.

*Receive joy, O Forefathers which lived aforeside,
As now ye behold at hand Christ the Messiah.
Be glad, O Abraham, for thou art shown to be the forefather of Christ.*

We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity which bemoaned the weight of evil since Adam; to realize the promise made to Abraham; to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love; and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us.

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

EPISTLE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

The Reading from the Second Epistle of Saint Paul to Saint Timothy (1:8-18)

Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know Whom I have believed, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

كريمٌ بينَ يدي الرَّبِّ مَوْتُ بارٍه.
بِمَاذَا نُكَافِيءُ الرَّبَّ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانَا؟
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ
الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسَ (1:8-18)

يَا وَادِي تِيموثَاوَسَ، لَا تَخْجَلْ بِشَهَادَةِ رَبِّنَا، وَلَا بِي أَنَا أَسِيرَهُ، بَلِ اشْتَرِكْ فِي احْتِمَالِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ لِأَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ بِحَسَبِ قُوَّةِ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي خَلَّصَنَا وَدَعَانَا دَعْوَةً مُقَدَّسَةً، لَا بِمُقْتَضَى أَعْمَالِنَا، بَلْ بِمُقْتَضَى الْقَسْدِ وَالنِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتُ أَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ قَبْلَ الْأَزْمِنَةِ الْأَزَلِيَّةِ، وَإِنَّمَا أَظْهَرْتَ الْآنَ بِظُهُورِ مُخَلِّصِنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي أَبْطَلَ الْمَوْتَ وَأَنَارَ الْحَيَاةَ وَالْخُلُودَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ. الَّذِي جُعِلْتُ أَنَا لَهُ كَارِرًا وَرَسُولًا وَمُعَلِّمًا لِلْأُمَّمِ. لِهَذَا السَّبَبِ أَحْتَمِلُ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ أَيْضًا. لَكِنِّي لَسْتُ أَخْجَلُ، لِأَنِّي عَالِمٌ بِمَنْ آمَنْتُ، وَمُوقِنٌ أَنَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَحْفَظَ وَدِيْعَتِي إِلَى ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. تَمَسَّكَ بِصُورَةِ الْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ الَّذِي سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي، فِي الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. احْفَظِ الْوَدِيعَةَ الصَّالِحَةَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ السَّاكِنِ فِيْنَا. أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ هَذَا أَنَّ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ فِي أَسِيَّا ارْتَدُّوا عَنِّي، الَّذِينَ مِنْهُمْ فِيجَلْسُ وَهَرْمُوجَانِسُ. لِيُعْطِ الرَّبُّ رَحْمَةً لِبَيْتِ أَنْيسِيفُورُسَ، لِأَنَّهُ مَرَارًا كَثِيرَةً أَرَا حَنِي وَلَمْ يَخْجَلْ بِسِلْسِلَاتِي، بَلْ لَمَّا كَانَ فِي رُومِيَّةَ، طَلَبَنِي بِأَوْفَرٍ اجْتِهَادٍ فَوَجَدَنِي. لِيُعْطِهِ الرَّبُّ أَنْ يَجِدَ رَحْمَةً مِنَ الرَّبِّ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. وَكُلُّ مَا كَانَ يَخْدُمُ فِي أَفَسَسَ أَنْتَ تَعْرِفُهُ جَيِّدًا

The Reading from the Holy Gospel

according to Saint Luke (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (14:16-24)

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ صَنَعَ عَشَاءً عَظِيمًا وَدَعَا كَثِيرِينَ. فَأَرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعَشَاءِ يَقُولُ لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ: تَعَالَوْا فَإِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ. فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ وَاحِدٌ فَوَاحِدٌ يَسْتَعْفُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْأَوَّلُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلًا، وَلَا بُدَّ لِي أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَنْظُرَهُ، فَاسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ خَمْسَةَ فِئَادِينَ بَقَرٍ وَأَنَا مَاضٍ لِأَجْرِبَهَا، فَاسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً، فَلِذَلِكَ لَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَجِيءَ. فَأَتَى الْعَبْدُ وَأَخْبَرَ سَيِّدَهُ بِذَلِكَ. فَحِينَئِذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أَخْرُجْ سَرِيعًا إِلَى شَوَارِعِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَزِقَّتِهَا وَأَدْخِلِ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْجُدَعَ وَالْعُمِيَانَ وَالْعُرْجَ إِلَى هَهُنَا. فَقَالَ الْعَبْدُ: يَا سَيِّدِي، قَدْ قُضِيَ مَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ، وَيَبْقَى أَيْضًا مَحَلٌّ. فَقَالَ السَيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أَخْرُجْ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَالْأَسْجِجَةِ وَاضْطَرِّرْهُمْ إِلَى الدُّخُولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلِئَ بَيْتِي. فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَا يَذُوقُ عَشَائِي أَحَدٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الرِّجَالِ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ. لِأَنَّ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ كَثِيرُونَ وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ

Holy Bread Offered By:

Today – Sami and Amanda
Imseih and Family
– Dina Saba and Family
– Jeries and Kathy Kahoush and
Family
– Michael, Mary, and Yousef
Barbari and their Families

Dec 22 – Kamal and Etihad Rihani and
Family
– Maurice and Hanan Mseih
and Family

Dec 24 – Majdi and Arwa Rayahin and
Family

Dec 29 – Nabeel and Bulin Eseed and
Family
– Azzam and Norma
Barhoumeh and Family

Jan 5 – Salim and Rania
Najjar and Family

Jan 12 – Nuha Lussi and
Family



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Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Today – 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 – Nuha Lussi and
Family

Jan 19 – **OPEN**

Jan 26 – **OPEN**



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CONDOLENCES

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

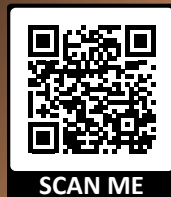
- Raed and Reem Sweiss and family on the falling of asleep of his cousin, †**FADIA MOUSA DAUD**, this past week. Also, to the entire Daoud and Sweiss families.
- Dina Saba, children Issa Saba and Cindy (Dr. Nader) Fakhoury, and their families, on the falling asleep of their husband/father/grandfather, †**MASAD FADEL SABA**, this past week. Also, to his siblings, Nasra (Bata), Yusra (Karmi), Saba, and Elias Mubayed, and to the entire Mubayed family.
- Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara and family on the falling asleep of Marwa's father, †**ABDALLAH TAWFIC SHAMMAS**, this past week in Lebanon.

Memory Eternal!

YAF BREAKFAST OR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

↳ Dec 29 – ANONYMOUS

↳ Jan 5 – *OPEN*



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER IS THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS MONTH

Fri, Nov 15- • Holy Advent Season (see pg. 29)
 Wed, Dec 25 • Advent Humanitarian Drive

Today

- Pre-Communion Prayers 9:00 am
- Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy 9:15 am
- Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am
- Sunday School Classes After Communion
- God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (see pg. 12) After Communion
- Induction of The Order of Saint Ignatius-Cicero Chapter 2025 Officers After Liturgy
- Annual Christmas Concert presented by the Youth Choir (see pg. 10) After Liturgy
- Annual Christmas Concert Reception sponsored by The Order of Saint Ignatius-Cicero Chapter After Concert

Mon, Dec 16 AC2025 Marketing Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

Tue, Dec 17 Protocol Committee Meeting 9:00 am

Fri, Dec 20 Nativity Concert presented by the Pan-Orthodox Choir of Chicago (see pg. 28) 7:30 pm

Sat, Dec 21 Great Vespers Service 5:00 pm

Sun, Dec 22

- 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. 12) After Communion
- Coffee Hour After Liturgy

Mon, Dec 23 AC2025 Sponsorships and Journal Meeting 12:00 pm

Tue, Dec 24

- Royal Hours for the Feast of the Nativity (see pg. 29) 10:00 am
- Pre-Communion Prayers (see pg. 29) 4:45 pm
- Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity (see pg. 29) 5:00 pm

Wed, Dec 25 OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

CHURCHINGS

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

COMMEMORATIONS

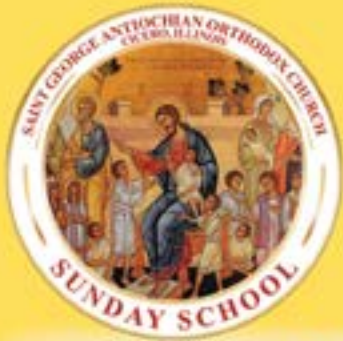
Today 5-Year Commemoration for †NIMEH BARBARI, offered by Michael, Mary, and Yousef Barbari and their Families.

MEMORIALS

Today 3/9-Day Memorial Service for †MASAD FADEL SABA, offered by Dina Saba and children and their families.

Jan 5 1-Year Memorial Service for †MIKEL AL NIMRI, offered by Salim and Rania Najjar and family.

Jan 12 10-Year Memorial Service for †MUSA LUSSI, offered by Nuha Lussi and family.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 13: Great Things Happened On the Way to the Promised Land



After crossing the Red Sea, Moses led the Israelites through the desert. After three days into their pilgrimage the Israelites had gone through all the food and water they brought with them from Egypt. They began to complain that they were thirsty. God heard their cries and gave them water to drink. Again they began to complain about being hungry. Moses prayed to God and He sent quail for them to eat at night, and manna from heaven each morning to eat on their way to the Promised Land. God cared for all their needs in the wilderness. Moses climbed Mount Sinai and received the Ten Commandments. He was on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights. The people became restless and did not wait patiently for Moses. They asked for a new god to worship. Aaron took all their jewelry and gold, melted it down and created a golden calf for the people and they rejoiced over this. Moses came down from Mount Sinai and was furious that the Israelites so quickly forgot God and all that He did to take care of them in the desert. Then Moses climbed Mount Sinai once again and Moses begged God to forgive the Israelites because they were not patient and forgot about Him. God made a covenant with them and gave Moses the Ten Commandments carved on stone tablets.

God instructed the people to make the Ark of the Covenant to hold the Ten Commandments and this would serve as a sign of God's presence. Moses gave the people instructions on temple worship. After 40 years in the desert, they were ready to enter the Promised Land, Moses saw the Promised Land, but died before entering it.



UPCOMING EVENTS

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Sunday School Classes	7			1	2	3		Sundays After Communion
★ CHRISTMAS CONCERT				8	9	10	11	SUN DEC 15
Sunday School Classes	13	14	15	16	17	18		Sun Dec 22
No Sunday School Classes			22	23	24	25		Sun Dec 29
Sunday School Classes Resume					30	31		Sun Jan 5
Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training								Wed Jan 8

CREATING MEMORIES



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS to Sunday School

THANK YOU!

for your continued support of the
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are impacting our children's lives!
Please consider donating to Sunday
School that we may continue to
enhance their experience with events
like today's concert.

Use the **QR CODE**
below to donate to
SUNDAY SCHOOL



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Meet the Staff

ALICE ZAYED

OCCUPATION: Full-Time Mom

GRADE YOU TEACH: Creative Arts Festival Coordinator

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING SS: 3 years

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TEACH SS: The possibility of making a positive impact.

HOBBIES: Seasonally Decorating, Music, Organizing, Court TV...but most of all, spending time with my Kids and Husband.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."...John 3:16



NORMA BARHOUMEH

OCCUPATION: Commercial Lender

GRADE YOU TEACH: Treasurer and Camping Coordinator

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING SS: 3 years

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TEACH SS: It is extremely encouraging to know that the treasurer function has a direct impact on our children, enabling for effective ministry and outreach through the Sunday School program.

HOBBIES: Traveling, Health/Fitness, Hiking, Cooking, and Music.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."...Philippians 4:13

Meet the Staff





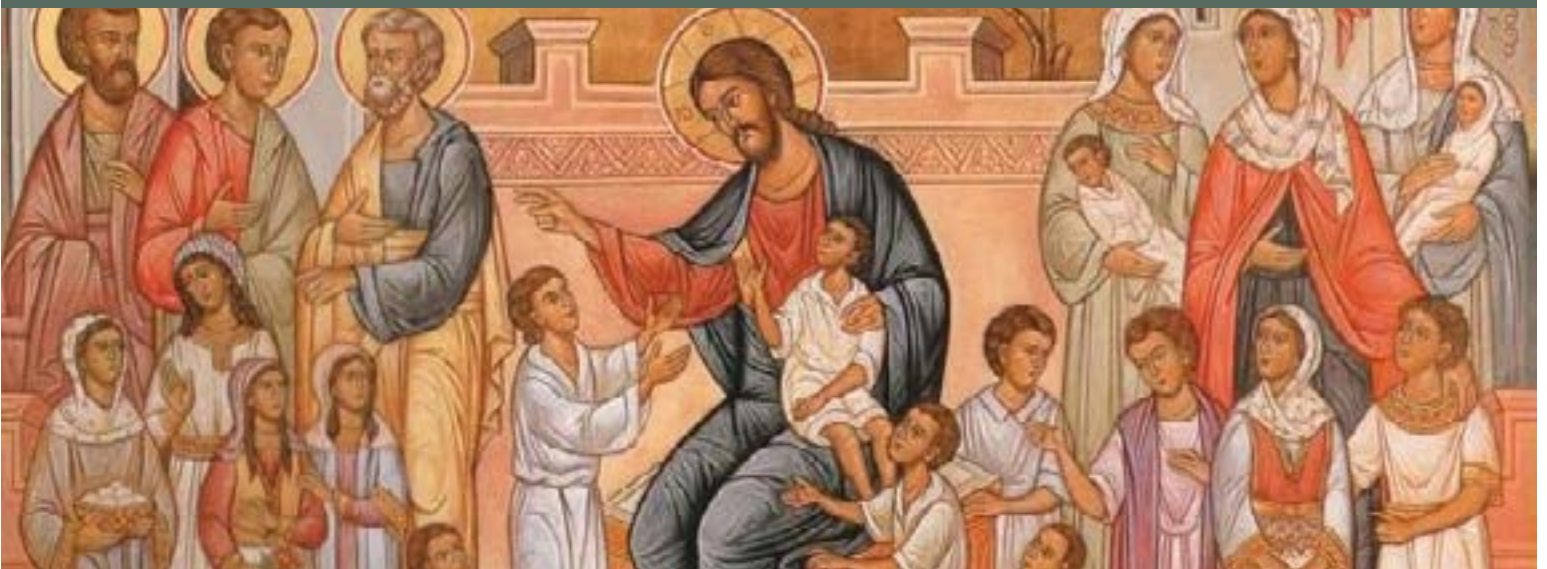
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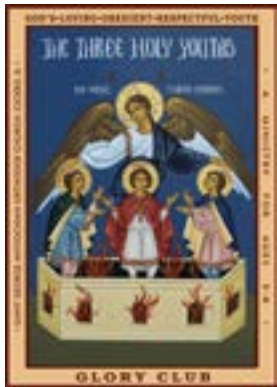
NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS

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.



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GLORY CLUB

G.O.D'S L.O.VING O.BEDIENT R.ESPECTFUL Y.OUTH

LAUNCH EVENT!

SAT | FEB 1 @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**EVENING PRAYERS,
DINNER, AND PROGRAM**

EVENT ADMISSION

EACH CHILD BRING A

>> NEW BLANKET <<

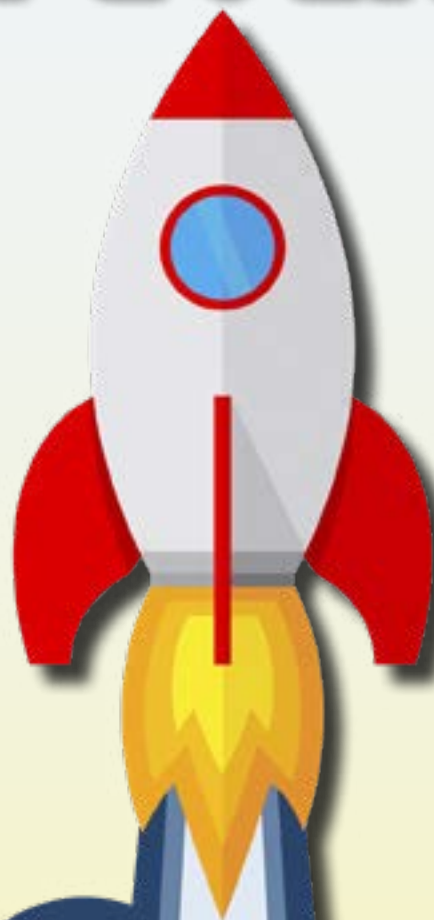
TO DONATE TO THE HOMELESS

RSVP BY
SAT, JAN 25



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PARENTS ENCOURAGED
TO STAY, DINNER WILL BE
PROVIDED SEPARATELY.



**INVITING
ALL KIDS (AGES 5-8)**
must be 5 years old by February 1, 2025



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Teen SOYO

CHRISTMAS RETREAT



MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

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

- PRAYERS
- SERVICE PROJECT
- DISCUSSION/LESSON
- NAVY PIER/LIGHT UP THE LAKE
- LUNCH
- GROUP ACTIVITY

**Bring spending
money**

RSVP REQUIRED by
Monday, December 23rd



**ONLY 38 Spots
Available!**

All Teens (ages 13-18) Welcome!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Teen SOYO

with **GLORY Club** and **JOY Club**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

6:45 PM - 9:00 PM



740 WILEY FARM COURT, SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

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

*"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed."*

~ Proverbs 11:25

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We
help!

Over the past **3** years,
**THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS –
CICERO CHAPTER**

has provided over **\$110,000** in
support of our ministries –
*The Order Grant, Education Scholarship
and Camp Scholarship.*

We *helped families* with bills, car
repairs, medical bills, rent and other living
expenses totaling **\$73,859!**

We supported *thirty* campers with
scholarships totaling **\$25,602!**

We awarded *Educational
Scholarships* totaling **\$9,481!**

Providing assistance to our community
could not happen without **YOUR**
generous donations!

To donate please use:



Faith

Love

Gratitude

Leadership

Outreach

Our Guiding Principle...

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

– Saint Ignatius of Antioch



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) SAVE THE DATE

FRI, Dec 27

YAF Christmas Gathering
with White Elephant

7:00 pm

SUN, Dec 29

YAF Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion After Liturgy

SUN, Jan 5



YAF Coffee and Fellowship

After Liturgy

SAT, Jan 11

YAF Skiing/Snowboarding Day Trip

11:00 am

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



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

Christmas Gathering

Fri, Dec 27

7:00PM

DINNER INCLUDED



**Bring White
Elephant gift
(\$20 maximum)**

**at the home of
President
Nina Ghanayem**

**RSVP by
Sun | Dec 22**



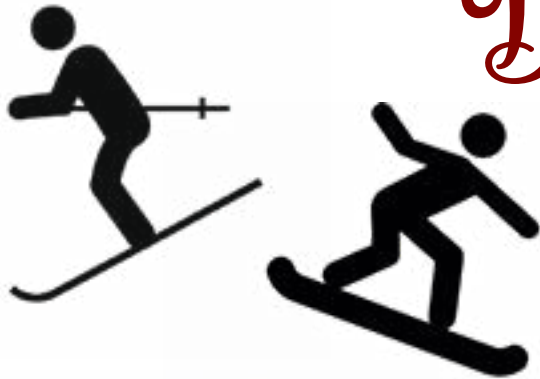
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Young Adult Fellowship (YAF)

Skiing/Snowboarding Day Trip



Sat, Jan 11
11:00 AM

ALPINE VALLEY RESORT • ELKHORN, WI

\$130/person

INCLUDES LIFT TICKETS,
EQUIPMENT RENTAL,
HELMET, DINNER

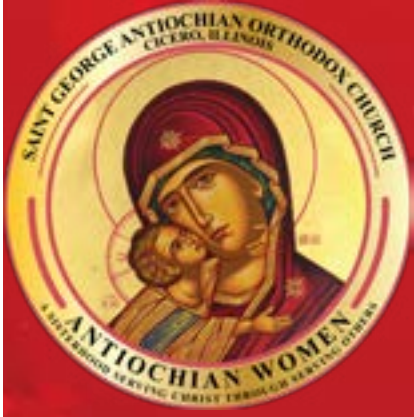
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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

EPIPHANY DINNER

DINNER
AND
GAMES

Saturday, January 4, 2025
6:00 PM



ROBERTO'S RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA
483 SPRING RD, ELMHURST, IL 60126



\$55 PER PERSON



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- *Space is Limited*
- *Register by Sunday, December 29th*

All Women 18+ Welcome!

Couples' Retreat

Saturday, January 25 | 5:00 pm

Vespers ~ Dinner with Wine ~ Retreat

\$50/Couple



Inviting Courting, Engaged,
and all Married Couples!



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



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!



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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!



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

...coming in Spring 2025

2024 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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. (متى 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 list does not reflect all who are giving or eligible to be a voting member.

This is an ongoing campaign, if you would still like to commit for the 2024 year, kindly complete your 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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“Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.” Luke 1:38

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Celebrate the Birth of
THE LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
with your
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

ROYAL HOURS, 10:00 AM

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS, 4:45 PM | ORTHROS (MATINS), 5:00 PM

GREAT DOXOLOGY and DIVINE LITURGY, 6:20 PM

ADVENT SEASON FAST

THE ADVENT (CHRISTMAS) FAST
BEGAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AND
WILL CONCLUDE ON CHRISTMAS EVE
AFTER LITURGY. THIS FAST INCLUDES
ABSTAINING FROM ALL MEAT, DAIRY,
ALCOHOL, AND OIL.

صيام عيد الميلاد

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

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

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

THE CHARITY CENTER (OPERATED BY YAF) IS COLLECTING CLOTHES, TOILETRIES, AND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS DURING ADVENT FOR THE LOCAL SHELTER. PLEASE DROP OFF ALL ITEMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Celebrate the Epiphany (Baptism) of

THE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

*with your
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احتفالات عيد الغطاس

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

**PRE-COMMUNION PRAYERS | 9:00 AM • ORTHROS/MATINS | 9:15 AM
GREAT DOXOLOGY AND DIVINE LITURGY | 10:20 AM
FOLLOWED BY THE BLESSING OF THE WATERS**

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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

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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.





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