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Saturdays: Great Vespers as announced

Sundays: 9:15am Orthros (Matins) and

10:20am Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy

Confession by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church!

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

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

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! أهلا وسهلا!

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

أهْلُنَا 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 إلهِي
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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TODAY'S LITURGY INSERTS

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION (TONE 1)

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لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

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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لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 4)

Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. * Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life * hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. * Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, * wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, * and as we eat thereof we shall all live, * and shall not die as did Adam. * For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforesaid.

إِسْتَعِدِّي يَا بَيْتَ لَحْمٍ، فَقَدْ فُتِحَتْ عَدْنُ الْجَمِيعِ،
تَهَيَّأِي يَا أَفْرَاثَا، لِأَنَّ عَوْدَ الْحَيَاةِ قَدْ أَزْهَرَ فِي
الْمَغَارَةِ مِنَ الْبَتُولِ. لِأَنَّ بَطْنَهَا قَدْ ظَهَرَ فِرْدَوْساً
عَقْلِيّاً، فِيهِ الْغَرْسُ الْإِلَهِيُّ، الَّذِي إِذْ نَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ نَحْيَا
وَلَا نَمُوتُ مِثْلَ آدَمَ. الْمَسِيحُ يُوَلِّدُ مِنْهُضاً الصُّورَةَ
الَّتِي سَقَطَتْ مُنْذُ الْقَدِيمِ.

TROPARION OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY (TONE 2)

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

عَظِيمَةٌ هِيَ أفعالُ الْإِيمَانِ، لِأَنَّ الْفَتِيَّةَ الثَّلَاثَةَ الْقَدِيسِينَ
قَدِ ابْتَهَجُوا فِي يَنْبُوعِ الْهَيْبِ كَأَنَّهُمْ عَلَى مَاءِ الرَّاحَةِ،
وَالنَّبِيُّ دَانِيَالُ ظَهَرَ رَاعِياً لِلسَّبَاعِ كَأَنَّهُمْ غَنَمٌ،
فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ خَلِّصْ نُفُوسَنَا.

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 أنك للمأسورين مُحَرَّرٌ ومُعْتَقٌ، وللْفُقَرَاءِ والمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وللمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِي 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.

اليَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَوَلَادَةٌ لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَافْرَجِي أَيُّهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتِ، وَمَجِّدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظَهَرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ.

KONTAKION FOR THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON (TONE 8)

Only at Saint George Church in Cicero

To thee the champion leader, * I thy city offer thanks of victory. * O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. * But as thou hast that power which is invincible, * From all dangers set me free and deliver me. That I may cry unto thee: * Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إني أنا عبدك يا والدة الإله * اكتبُ لكِ رايَاتِ الغلبةِ يا جندِيَّةَ مُحامِيَّةَ * وأقدمُ لكِ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْفَذَةٍ مِنَ الشَّدَائِدِ * لكن بما أن لكِ العِزَّةَ التي لا تُحَارَبُ * اعتقيني من صنوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ * حتى أصرُخَ إليكِ إفرحي يا عروساً لا عروساً لها.

THE SYNAXARION

On December 22nd in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Great-martyr Anastasia the deliverer from potions, and her teacher, the Martyr Chrysogonos.

On this day, the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ, we have been enjoined by our holy and God-bearing Fathers to make commemoration of all them that from the beginning of time have been well-pleasing unto God, from Adam even unto Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as Luke the Evangelist hath recounted historically; and likewise for the Prophets and Prophetesses, especially of Daniel the Prophet and the three holy youths.

It is also known as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. We remember the aforementioned names, those in the Old Testament who were related to Christ by blood, and those who spoke of His Birth as a man. In the Divine Liturgy, we shall read of Jesus Christ's lineage from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. In this way, the Church shows us that Christ truly became a man, taking on human nature. He was not a ghost, an apparition, a myth, a distant imagined god, or the abstract god of philosophers; such a god does not have a family tree. Our God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He has flesh and blood, human ancestors—many of whom sinned greatly, but like David, also repented greatly. Yet, all of these righteous ones in every age had been well-pleasing to God because they loved Him. By taking on human nature, the Son of God became like us in all ways, in flesh and blood, in mind and soul, and in heart and will. He differed from us in only one way: He could not sin. Since we know that Christ's human nature remained sinless, He is also fully divine, and He shows us the way in which we can avoid sin, and so improve and transform our human nature.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of

Saint Paul to the Hebrews (11:9-10;32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.
لَأَنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسَ

الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ (11:9-10;32-40)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ نَزَلَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ فِي أَرْضِ
الْمِيعَادِ نَزْوَلُهُ فِي أَرْضِ غَرِيبَةٍ، وَسَكَنَ فِي خِيَامٍ
مَعَ اسْحَقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ الْوَارِثَيْنِ مَعَهُ لِلْمَوْعِدِ بِعَيْنِهِ.
لَأَنَّهُ انْتَهَرَ الْمَدِينَةَ ذَاتَ الْأُسُسِ الَّتِي اللَّهُ صَانِعُهَا
وَبَارئُهَا. وَمَاذَا أَقُولُ أَيْضاً؟ إِنَّهُ يَضِيقُ بِي الْوَقْتُ
إِنْ أَخْبَرْتُ عَنْ جِدْعَوْنَ، وَبَارَاقَ، وَشَمْشُونَ،
وَيَفْتَاخَ، وَدَاوُدَ، وَصَمُوئِيلَ، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، الَّذِينَ
بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمَلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا
الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدُّوا أَفْوَاهَ الْأَسُودِ. وَأَطْفَأُوا حِدَّةَ
النَّارِ، وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفِ
وَصَارُوا أَشِدَاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَسَرُوا مُعَسَّكَرَاتِ
الْأَجَانِبِ، وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءٌ أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِقِيَامَةٍ. وَعُذِّبَ
آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا
بِالنَّجَاةِ لِيَحْصَلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةٍ أَفْضَلِ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا
الْهُزْءَ، وَالْجُلْدَ، وَالْقَيْوَدَ أَيْضاً وَالسِّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا،
وَنُشِرُوا، وَامْتَحِنُوا، وَمَاتُوا بِحَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحُوا
فِي جُلُودِ غَنَمٍ وَمَعِزٍ، وَهُمْ مُعَوِّزُونَ مُضَايِقُونَ
مَجْهُودُونَ — وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَحِقًّا لَهُمْ —
وَكَانُوا تَائِهِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ، وَالْجِبَالِ، وَالْمَغَاوِرِ،
وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَوْلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُوداً لَهُمْ
بِالْإِيمَانِ، لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَنَظَرَ
لَنَا شَيْئاً أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمَلُوا بَدُونِنَا

The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Saint Matthew (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ (1:1-25)

كِتَابُ مِيلَادِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ ابْنِ دَاوُدَ ابْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. فإِبْرَاهِيمُ وُلِدَ إِسْحَاقَ، وَإِسْحَاقُ وُلِدَ يَعْقُوبَ، وَيَعْقُوبُ وُلِدَ يَهُوذَا وَإِخْوَتَهُ. وَيَهُوذَا وُلِدَ فَارَصَ، وَفَارَصُ وُلِدَ حَصْرُونَ، وَحَصْرُونَ وُلِدَ أَرَامَ. وَأَرَامُ وُلِدَ عَمِينَادَابَ، وَعَمِينَادَابُ وُلِدَ نَحْشُونَ، وَنَحْشُونَ وُلِدَ سَلْمُونَ. وَسَلْمُونَ وُلِدَ بُوعَزَ مِنْ رَا حَابَ، وَبُوعَزُ وُلِدَ عُوبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوثَ، وَعُوبِيدُ وُلِدَ يَسَّى، وَيَسَّى وُلِدَ دَاوُدَ الْمَلِكِ. وَدَاوُدُ الْمَلِكُ وُلِدَ سُلَيْمَانَ مِنَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ لِأُورِيَّا. وَسُلَيْمَانُ وُلِدَ رَحْبَعَامَ، وَرَحْبَعَامُ وُلِدَ أَبِيَّا، وَأَبِيَّا وُلِدَ آسَا. وَآسَا وُلِدَ يَوْشَافَاطَ، وَيَوْشَافَاطُ وُلِدَ يُورَامَ، وَيُورَامُ وُلِدَ عُزْرِيَّا. وَعُزْرِيَّا وُلِدَ يُوْتَامَ، وَيُوْتَامُ وُلِدَ أَحَازَ، وَأَحَازُ وُلِدَ حِرْقِيَّا. وَحِرْقِيَّا وُلِدَ مَنَسَّى، وَمَنَسَّى وُلِدَ آمُونَ، وَآمُونَ وُلِدَ يَوْشِيَّا. وَيَوْشِيَّا وُلِدَ يَكُنْيَا وَإِخْوَتَهُ فِي جَلَاءِ بَابِلَ. وَمِنْ بَعْدِ جَلَاءِ بَابِلَ، يَكُنْيَا وُلِدَ شَالْتَيْئِيلَ، وَشَالْتَيْئِيلُ وُلِدَ زَرْبَابَيْلَ. وَزَرْبَابَيْلُ وُلِدَ أَبِيهُودَ، وَأَبِيهُودُ وُلِدَ أَلْيَاقِيمَ، وَأَلْيَاقِيمُ وُلِدَ عَازُورَ. وَعَازُورُ وُلِدَ صَادُوقَ، وَصَادُوقُ وُلِدَ

GOSPEL Continued...

of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

وأخيم، وأخيم ولد أليهود. وأليهود ولد ألعازار، وألعازار ولد مثنان، ومثنان ولد يعقوب. ويعقوب ولد يوسف رجل مريم التي ولد منها يسوع، الذي يدعى المسيح. فكل الأجيال من إبراهيم إلى داود أربعة عشر جيلاً، ومن داود إلى جلاء بابل أربعة عشر جيلاً، ومن جلاء بابل إلى المسيح أربعة عشر جيلاً. أمّا مولد يسوع المسيح فكان هكذا. لما خطبت مريم أمه ليوسف، ووجدت من قبل أن يجتمعا حبلى من الروح القدس. وإذا كان يوسف رجلاً صديقاً، ولم يرد أن يشهرها، هم بتخليتها سراً. وفيما هو متفكر في ذلك، إذا بملاك الرب ظهر له في الحلم، قائلاً: يا يوسف ابن داود، لا تخف أن تأخذ امرأتك مريم. فإن المولود فيها إنما هو من الروح القدس. وستلد ابناً فتسميه يسوع، فإنه هو يخلص شعبه من خطاياهم. وكان هذا كله ليتم ما قيل من الرب بالنبي القائل: ها إن العذراء تحبل، وتلد ابناً، ويدعى عمانوئيل (الذي تفسيره الله معنا). فلما نهض يوسف من النوم، صنع كما أمره ملاك الرب. فأخذ امرأته. ولم يعرفها حتى ولدت ابناً البكر، وسماه يسوع

Holy Bread Offered By:

- Today** – Kamal and Etihad
Rihani and Family
- Maurice and Hanan Mseih and Family
 - Huda Zanayed and Family
 - The Sousan Family
- Dec 24** – Majdi and Arwa Rayahin and Family
- Dec 29** – Nabeel and Bulin Eseed and Family
- Azzam and Norma Barhoumeh and Family
 - Elias and Raida Abuizzam and Family
- Jan 5** – The Zayed Family
- Salim and Rania Najjar and Family
- Jan 12** – Dina Saba and children and their Families
- Taoufik and Diala Moaqad and Family



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Coffee Hour Sponsors:

- Today** – 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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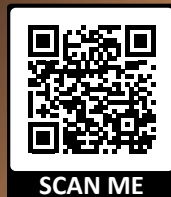
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YAF BREAKFAST OR COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

- ↳ Dec 29 – ANONYMOUS
- ↳ Jan 5 – **OPEN**



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CONDOLENCES

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

Amal (Nidal) Zanayed, Antoun (Loubna) Sousan, Abdoulla Sousan, and Mary (Kevin Hynes) Sousan, and their families, on the falling asleep of their mother, †HAYAT SOUSAN, this past week. Also, to the entire Sousan and Samaan families.

Memory Eternal!

Are you offering **CHURCH BREAD** and need **NAMES REMEMBERED** in the Liturgy?
Sign-Up online with the names by **TUESDAY** of that week
www.StGeorgeChi.org/holy-bread or scan QR-Code



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER IS THE ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS MONTH

Fri, Nov 15- Wed, Dec 25	• Holy Advent Season (<i>see pg. 33</i>) • Advent Humanitarian Drive	
Today	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy • Choir Rehearsal • Sunday School Classes • God's Little Lights Ministry (3- and 4-year-olds) (<i>see pg. 14</i>) • Coffee Hour	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Communion After Communion After Liturgy
Mon, Dec 23	AC2025 Sponsorships and Journal Meeting	12:00 pm
Tue, Dec 24	• Royal Hours for the Feast of the Nativity (<i>see pg. 33</i>) • Pre-Communion Prayers (<i>see pg. 33</i>) • Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity (<i>see pg. 33</i>)	10:00 am 4:45 pm 5:00 pm
Wed, Dec 25	OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY	
Fri, Dec 27	Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Christmas Gathering (<i>see pg. 18</i>)	7:00 pm
Sat, Dec 28	Great Vespers Service	5:00 pm
Sun, Dec 29	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Orthros (Matins) followed by Great Doxology and Divine Liturgy • Choir Rehearsal • Coffee Hour • Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) Breakfast and Spiritual Discussion	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am After Liturgy After Liturgy
Mon, Dec 30	Teen SOYO Christmas Retreat (<i>see pg. 16</i>)	9:00 am
Tue, Dec 31	• Pre-Communion Prayers • Evening Divine Liturgy for Feast of Circumcision of the Lord and Feast of Saint Basil • New Year's Eve Family Celebration hosted by the Antiochian Family Ministry (AFM) (<i>see pg. 36</i>)	6:45 pm 7:00 pm After Liturgy
Wed, Jan 1	OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	
Fri, Jan 3	Golf Outing Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat, Jan 4	• Great Vespers Service • Antiochian Women (AW) Annual Epiphany Dinner (<i>see pg. 21</i>)	5:00 pm 6:30 pm

CHURCHINGS

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

COMMEMORATIONS

Today 30-Year Commemoration for †**ELIAS ZANAYED**, offered by Huda Zanayed and family.

MEMORIALS

Today 3/9-Day Memorial Service for †**HAYAT SOUSAN**, offered by the Sousan family.

Dec 29 40-Day Memorial Service for †**AIDA ABUIZZAM**, offered by Elias and Raida Abuizzam and family.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

to

**Sanaa Jdaidany and The Beautification
Committee**

for Decorating the Christmas Tree
and to

Omar and Lillian Rihani and Family

for sponsoring the Poinsettias
and to

Fares Bannourah and the Property Management Committee

for helping to prepare the building for the season.

May God Grant them Many Years!



*Thank
you*



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to

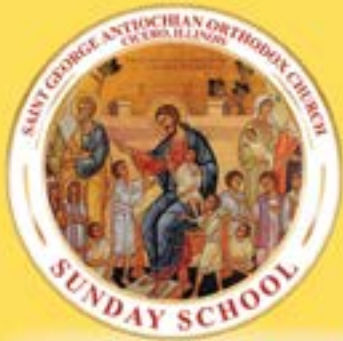
**Dr. JOHNNY and Dr. VERA Kuttab and Family
and**

TEMPERATURE ONE HEATING AND COOLING

for sponsoring the 2025
Church Calendar.

**May God Grant them
Many Years!**





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Christmas Concert

On December 15, the Byzantine Choir, Youth Choir, Spanish Choir, and Angel Choir put on a beautiful Christmas Concert for the church. The students have worked hard since October. God bless them all for sharing their talents with the church family. The Sunday School Officers, staff, and the leaders of these choirs hope you enjoyed the concert. Merry Christmas to you and your family from the Saint George Sunday School!



Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday School Classes	-----	Sun Dec 22
No Sunday School Classes	-----	Sun Dec 29
Sunday School Classes Resume	-----	Sun Jan 5
AV CAMP REGISTRATION @ 4:00 PM	-----	SUN JAN 5
Sunday School Teachers' Zoom Training	-----	Wed Jan 8

CREATING MEMORIES

smile!



SAM KARAM

Meet the Staff

OCCUPATION: Business Owner

GRADE YOU TEACH: Bouncer (Door Monitor)

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING SS: Cannot Remember

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TEACH SS: Helping support a program that is important for my children.

HOBBIES: Home improvement projects and watching my kids compete.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: *"I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I lay My vengeance upon them." ...Ezekiel 25:17*



NYSSA (GEORGE) GOMEZ

Meet the Staff

OCCUPATION: Residential Realtor

GRADE YOU TEACH: Sunday School Outreach Officer

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING SS: 2 years

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO TEACH SS: Help to facilitate a strong foundation of faith for children to build upon in their life.

HOBBIES: Traveling, working out, family time, cooking!

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." ...John 15:12-13*





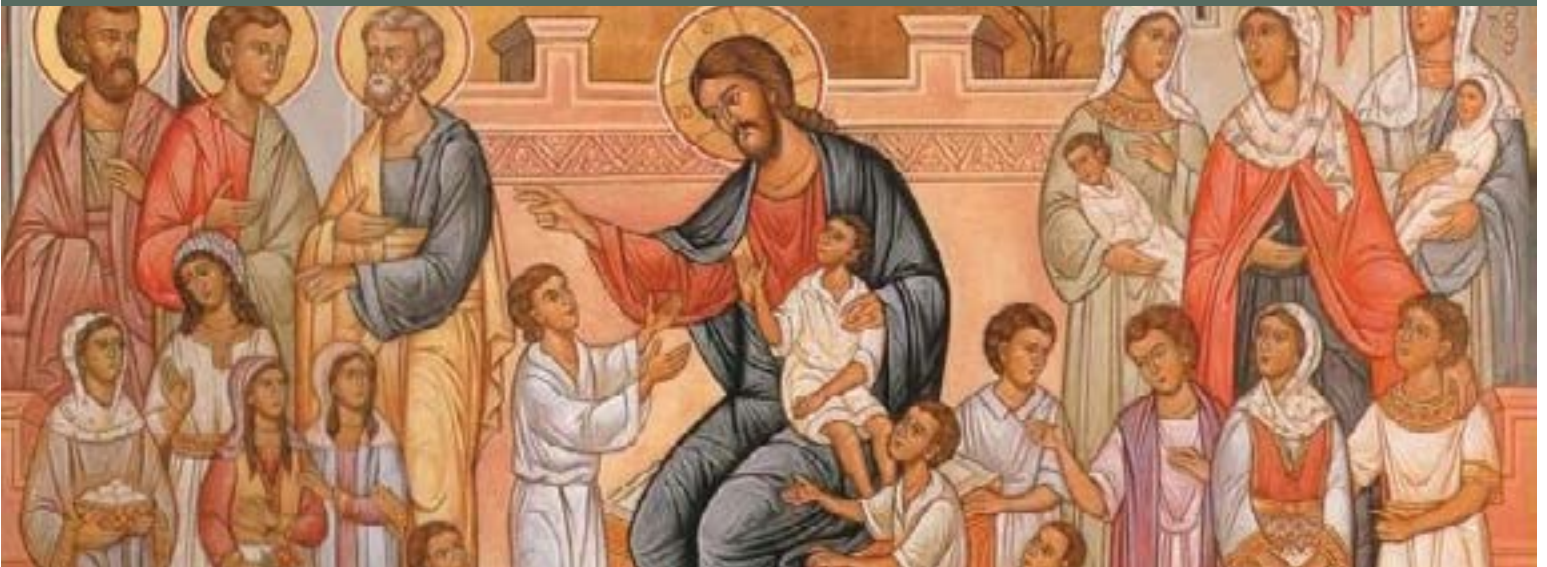
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



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.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



GLORY CLUB

G.O.D'S L.OVING 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

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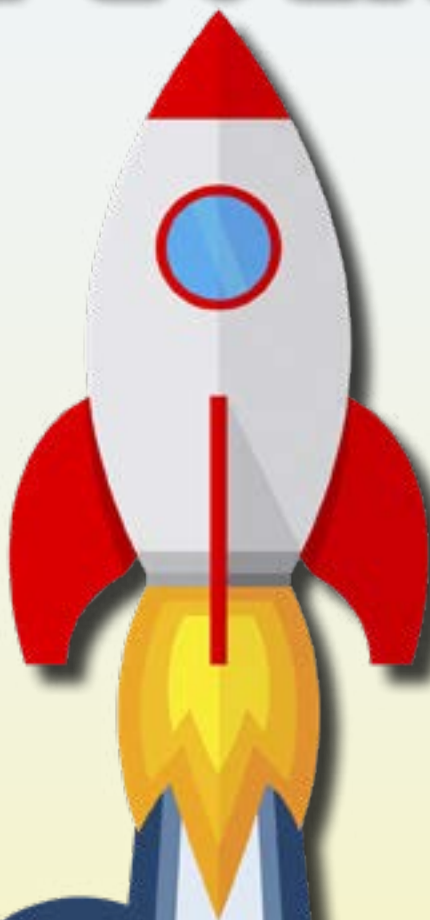
TO DONATE TO THE HOMELESS

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 6:00 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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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



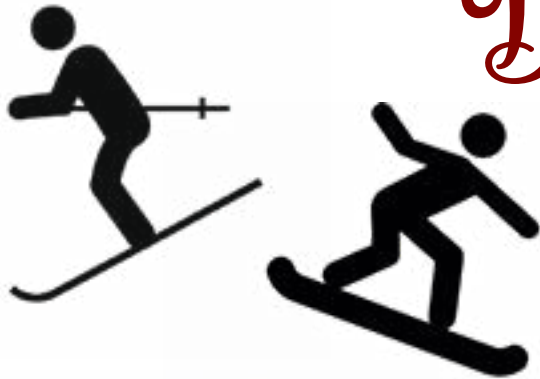
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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES,
AND COLLEGE STUDENTS (AGES 18+)



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

RSVP BY
SUN | DEC 22



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

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

Antiochian Men (A-MEN) Shawerma and Cards Night



**Saturday
January 18, 2025
5:00 PM**

**IN THE
CHURCH
HALL**

**VESPERS
DINNER
GAMES**



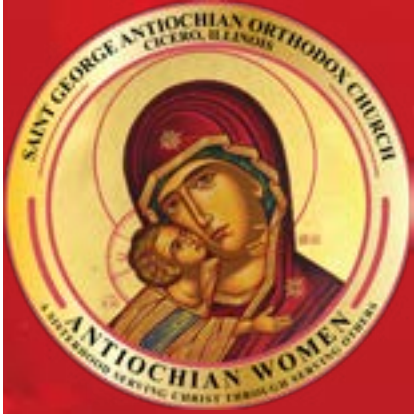
**\$25/
GENTLEMAN**

**RSVP by
Wednesday
January 15**



ALL Gentlemen 18+ Invited

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL

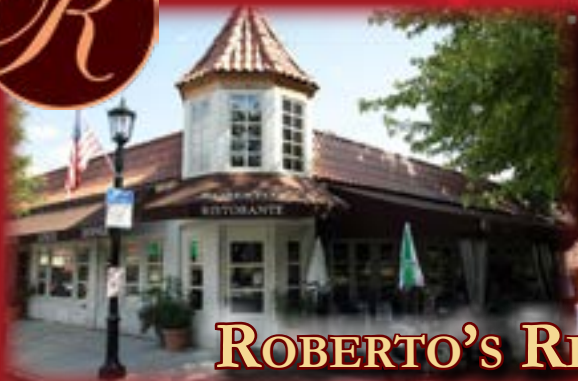


ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

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



SCAN ME

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



All Women 18+ Welcome!



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
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neighbor.

– Saint Ignatius of Antioch



The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

December 15, 2024

Christ is in our Midst!

During this Advent period of our Orthodox Faith, we are called to focus on our words, deeds, and thoughts. On behalf of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, we thank you for your selfless act in support of the Order's ministry. Your unconditional gift affects the lives of countless people within our Orthodox Faith, our Antiochian Orthodox community and beyond. Your gift creates a life-changing ripple effect that is immeasurable in its impact on individuals and families you will never come to know personally. Thank you and God bless you.

For almost 50 years, you, and those before you made a conscious decision to put the needs of others before your own. Your gift is not simply a donation deposited and forgotten. It is so much more than a check written or a charge on your credit card. It is an act of Faith in support of a life-changing ministry. Your gift ...

- Provides reassurance to our clergy during their golden years and expresses gratitude toward our beloved them for their years as our guide, comforter and welcomed friend during our times of sorrow, uncertainty and joy through the funding of the **Retired Clergy Fund**.
- Helps plant seeds of Orthodoxy, the True Faith, throughout North America through the support of the **Department of Missions and Evangelism**.
- Helps provide loving care, reassurance and comfort to children without families and parents. Letting those children know that someone they may never come to know, cares enough to help provide the basic needs we may take for granted in our everyday lives through support of organizations like **Project Mexico**.
- Educates our children in the Faith and strengthens their resolve in their Faith as they prepare themselves to become the future leaders of our parishes and Archdiocese through **Youth Ministry, Summer Camp Scholarships, SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training, Christian Education and College Conference**.
- Does so much more than provide summer camp scholarships for children that would otherwise not be able to attend camp due to financial reasons. It also provides knowledge, relationships and memories created in God-filled environments that are the essential tools to help our children overcome the challenges and deceptions in this world that will test their Orthodox Christian beliefs.

Even more, through the generosity of our many Governing Council volunteers who give of their time, talents, and treasure, we are thankful to share that over **91%** of total annual revenue reaches the departments, projects and grant requests the Order of Saint Ignatius supports. This is only possible through the generosity of the Order's Governing Council members who cover all their own travel, lodging and various event sponsorships personally.

So, as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years or consider becoming a part of The Order's ministry for the first time, we leave you with what we believe should be in your heart. These words are what guide our work as a Governing Council and come from the teachings of St. Ignatius himself ...

"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."

In His service,

Roger J. David
North American Chairperson
The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Gratitude

The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

The Retired Clergy Allowance

... you help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. You express your gratitude to your beloved priest, faithful counselor and comforting friend who's been with you during your times of need, joy and sorrow.

We Need Your Help To Do More ...

We are thankful for the unconditional gifts from the members of the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch for over 48 years. Since the **Order's inception in 1976**, Order members have provided almost \$50 million in annual and one-time gifts to support the essential departments, projects and charitable gifts of the Antiochian Archdiocese. We want to do more. As our Archdiocese has grown exponentially since 1976, so have the needs of the Archdiocese and its people. We need your help to increase the Order's current \$270,000 annual contribution toward The Retired Clergy Allowance for our retired clergy and their wives. It is essential to expand our programs for the youth to strengthen their Faith in this secular world. Our future youth programs will require more than the current estimated \$380,000 annual budgeted amount. These are only two of the major annual needs of the Archdiocese that depend on your support as a member of the Order. See how you may help us do more.

\$500 or \$1,000 in 2024 just
Doesn't Go As Far As It Did in 1976

It takes
\$1,636 today
to maintain
the purchasing power of
\$500 in 1976

It takes
\$3,271 today
to maintain
the purchasing power of
\$1,000 in 1976

NOTE: Calculations are based on a 2.5% inflation rate over a 48 year period and are for illustrative purposes only.



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Annual Gift Increase

Increase your gift of
\$500/yr. or \$41.67/mth
as a Knight or Dame
to
\$1,000/yr. or \$83.33/mth
as a Knight or Dame Commander

Life & Metropolitan Upgrade

The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program

You can upgrade to Life Member or
Metropolitan Member for a gift of
\$10,000 or \$20,000
paid over a 2-year or 3-year period.
See reverse side for details and requirements

How You Can Support the Ministry

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch



We are not merely to call ourselves Christians;
we are asked to be Christians through our deeds.
- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Your Unconditional Gift Changes People's Lives

Knight & Dame

- \$500 Annually
- \$41.67 Monthly
- \$1.37 Daily

Junior Knight & Dame

Ages 18-26 Only

- \$300 Annually
- \$25 Monthly
- \$0.82 Daily
- At age 27, converts to Knight or Dame at \$500 Annually

Knight Commander Dame Commander

- \$1,000 Annually
- \$83.33 Monthly
- \$2.73 Daily

Life

- \$15,000 Total Gift
- 100% Lump Sum or \$5,000 Over 3 Consecutive Years
- Life Upgrade*

Metropolitan

- \$30,000 Total Gift
- 100% Lump Sum or \$10,000 Over 3 Consecutive Years
- Metropolitan Upgrade**

Life and Metropolitan gifts are invested in an endowment and only the earnings are spent each year making it a gift that will live on into perpetuity.

***Life Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 5 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Life Member for \$10,000 paid over a two-year period.

****Metropolitan Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for at least 10 years (active/good Standing members); or any Knight/Dame Commander, who has been a member for at least 5 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Metropolitan level for \$20,000 paid over a three-year period. Life members who have fulfilled their initial Life member gift may upgrade to the Metropolitan level for \$10,000 paid over a 2-year period.



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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!



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.

Fr. Fouad and Kh. Diana Saba	Fares Bannourah	Majed and Dima Dalloul
Fr. Gabriel and Kh. Amelia Coronel	Issa and Hanadi Bannourah	Hazem Dawani
Dn. George Nassief	Jack and Sawsan Baqleh	Christopher and Jessica Dedow
Gloria Abboud	Steven and Julia Baqleh	Kamel and Afaf Egal
Michael and Jennifer Abdo	Ibrahim and Norma Barbari	Sali Esber
Roger and Aline Abdo	Khalil and Mary Barbari	Maher and Jennifer Eseed
Matthew and Georgina Ablan	Michael and Sandra Barbari	Nabeel and Bulin Eseed
Elias and Raida Abuelizam	Nick and Brittany Barbari	Najeeb and Sandy Eseed
Elias and Maggie Akkari	Azzam and Norma Barhoumeh	Nicola and Angela Eseed
Yaacoub and Antoinette Akkari	Edward and Noura Barhoumeh	Dr. Anton and Lena Fakhouri
Dr. George and Samar Alamir	George and Hiba Barhoumeh	Gus Fakhouri
Adel and Sheilia Alfakhori	Joseph and Rosel Barhoumeh	Hani and Randa Fakhouri
Suleiman and Caroline Alhabash	Dr. Carlos and Marwa Bechara	Mary Fakhouri
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Peter and Amani Isaid	Salim and Rania Najjar	Jerry and Emily Zanayed
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Sonhero and Amanda Khoshaba	Fairouz Rayan	Yousef and Mary Zayed
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Joanna Khoury	Michael and Mariana Rayan	Zureikat
Kareem and Dina Khoury	John and Lama Rayyan	
Nancy Khoury	Amir Rihani	



CHICAGO 57TH BIENNIAL
2025 *Antiochian*
 O R T H O D O X
 ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION



“CONTINUING THE ANTIOCHIAN LEGACY IN CHICAGO”

Celebrating the
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFICATION OF NEW YORK AND TOLEDO
 and the
120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORD MAGAZINE

- Church Services
- 100+ Events and Meetings
- Club Saint George for ages 4-12
- Teen Events
- Young Adult Events
- Humanitarian Activity
- Workshops
- Bible Bowl
- Oratorical Festival
- “Taste of Chicago”
- Antiochian Legacy Banquet and Grand Hafli
- “Ask Abouna” all week

THE MIRACULOUS WEeping ICON

Cicero, IL



With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Saba, for the first time, venerate the Miraculous Weeping Icon in the hotel Chapel all week.



“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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!



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Host Parish
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 Antiochian
 Orthodox Church

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Offers a most sincere

Thank You

to all who participated in the
2024 Christmas Card Fundraiser!

The following names were received after the Christmas Card went to print and, thus, unfortunately missing from the printed Christmas Card:

✦ For the Good Health of...

Wail Fakhoury and Family

Hon. and Mrs. William J. Haddad

Saba and Nabila Isa and Family

✦ In Memory of...

Raja, Carol, and Roger Moukheiber

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cicero, IL



Celebrate the Birth of
THE LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
with your
Saint George Church Family!

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

Saint George Church Family!

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.

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





SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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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.





ANTIOCHIAN FAMILY MINISTRY
A MINISTRY OF SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, CICERO, IL

New Year's Eve Family Celebration!

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

6:45 PM – Pre-Communion Prayers

7:00 PM – Evening Divine Liturgy

FOLLOWED BY *Dinner, Music, and Raffle*

Countdowns at 10:00 PM and Midnight

\$400/table of 8 seats including children over 3 yrs.

For extra seats or individual tickets, please contact:

Dr. Daniel and Amanda Mseih at (708) 745-1687 or amandamseih@gmail.com

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

RSVP by Sun | Dec 22

Count of all Adults and Children

NO REFUNDS AFTER DEC 22



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