

# The Spirit of St. George

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
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## No Excuse Sunday. . . On The Lighter Side.

*Humor is a proof of faith. Charles M. Schulz*

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday." Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." there will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard. Eyedrops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night. We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too. We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature. Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them. We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the priest and cotton for those who can. *Author Unknown - From the Joyful Noiseletter*

## ~ Bishop JOSEPH'S Visitations For April 2003 ~

4 - 6	St. Philip Church, Edmonton, Canada	Episcopal Visit
11	Camp St. Nicholas, Frazier Park, CA	Southern California Antiochian Women Retreat
12 -14	St. Innocent Church, Everson, WA	Ordination of Dn. Michael Gillis to the Holy Priesthood
20	St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA	Palm Sunday
<i>Great and Holy Week</i>		
21	St. Andrew the First-Called Church, Riverside, CA	Holy Monday Bridegroom Service
22	St. Barnabas Church, Costa Mesa, CA	Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service
23	St. Luke Church, Garden Grove, CA	Holy Unction Service
24	St. Peter the Apostle Church, San Dimas, CA	12 Passion Gospel Service
25	St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA	Lamentations Service
26 - 28	St. Athanasius Church, Sacramento, CA	Holy Pascha <i>Christ is Risen</i> <b>المسيح قام! حقاً قام!</b>
30	St. Nicholas Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA	Divine Liturgy & Lunch with Clergy and Wives

## Church Records

Funeral: **Raymond Ronald Freije ~ March 6, 2003**

**~ Hello Ladies and Fellow Parishioners ~**

In March, the Ladies' Project was and is Project Orphans. We hope to continue to raise funds to help unfortunate children who live in orphanages. We should be thankful for what we have for there are those who are less fortunate.

March was a very busy month and Ladies you were there every step of the way in providing your services in any way you were able. It may feel like the action is settling down this month, but, we still have more work to get done. I would like to thank the Ladies of St. George Orthodox Church for all that they did throughout March. Also, Ladies, we cannot forget to thank the gentlemen who also helped. They were there to help with whatever was needed. Gentlemen, we thank you.

We would also like to thank all the parishioners for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary in the events that were held. Your support of contributing an item, purchasing a ticket, offering your assistance does not go unrecognized. Thank you.

On a different note, I would like to inform all the Ladies that are 25 years of age or older and are eager to further their education, there are applications available for the Antiochian Women's Scholarship. The application deadline is June 1, 2003. If anyone of you is interested, please let me know and I will provide you with the application and required information. This is a great opportunity. Last year six scholarships of \$500.00 were awarded.

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting and Pot Luck luncheon will be held on Saturday April 5, 2003. It will be at my home: 18208 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix (602) 595-8406. All Ladies are welcome to attend and participate.

We look forward to seeing you. Your sister in Christ, Jennifer Saigh



**To all our families of St. George Church:**

The Ladies Auxiliary is arranging to have a RUMMAGE SALE. We need your help and offerings of clean, gently used items to sell. If you have clothing, toys, furniture pieces, kitchen items, etc., please put them aside during your spring cleaning for the Ladies. Further information, as to a drop-off site and dates, will be announced in up coming bulletins. Thank you one and all for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary in this project.



**For Even The Son Of Man Did Not Come To Be Served, But To Serve, And To Give His Life A Ransom For Many.” (Mark 10:45)**

*Register early to save up to 15%!*

**For The 2003 Parish Life Conference**

Hosted by St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church,  
May 21 ~ 26<sup>th</sup> at the Scottsdale Radisson Resort

Early Bird Registration On Going Each Sunday For The 2003 Parish Life Conference

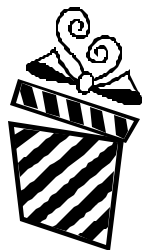
*Register early to save up to 15%?*

Stop by the Registration Table in the Fellowship Hall any Sunday &

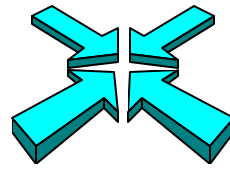
Register before the May 1, 2003 deadline. Early Bird Registrants will be entered into a drawing ~ THE PRIZE. . . Free Registration for two!

**Calling all Parishioners . . .**

Anyone who can help us obtain prizes for the Sunday Evening  
“Farewell Fun-Fest” at the Parish & Family Life Conference,  
please contact Marion Saba @ 480 991-0663



# YOUTH CONNECTION



CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

## THE COLORS OF PASCHA



**Green** is for the palms  
That they waved at Him  
As He entered into Jerusalem.

**Purple** is for the wine He poured and blessed  
Before He faced His final test.

**Red** is for the precious blood He shed  
From the crown of thorns placed on His head.

**Black** is for the sky as He died on the cross,  
Suffering to redeem our loss.

**Pink, Yellow, and Orange** are for the dawn  
That mourn when the tomb was empty,  
And hope was reborn.

**White** is for the dazzling light that awed  
All who saw Him arisen – the Son of God.

**Alleluia!!!**

## WHAT'S GOIN' ON WITH THE KIDS?

### APRIL

- 5<sup>th</sup> - SOYO Trip to Tucson!!!
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Lazarus Saturday Retreat
- 20<sup>th</sup> - SOYO Basket Auction
- 25<sup>th</sup> - All-night vigil & SOYO 24-hour fast
- 27<sup>th</sup> - PASCHA! Christ is Risen!---Egg Hunt following Agape Vespers

### MAY

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Graduation
- 21-26<sup>th</sup> - Parish Life Conference

**\*\*\*LAZARUS SATURDAY RETREAT\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN\*\*\***

Saturday, April 19TH- following 10am Liturgy

- Junior Choir will perform
- FOR THE BOYS: Altar Boys Retreat
- FOR THE GIRLS: "The Blessed Virgin Mary- *How to be a True Lady*"
  - Sunday School Color Wars!---WITH A SURPRISE TWIST!

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD PLEASE BE PRESENT. THANK YOU!**

Our class has had a wonderful year. We start each class period discussing the Epistle and Gospel readings of that Sunday. Then for the first half of the year we discussed different parables from our lesson book. After Christmas, we began discussing the Divine Liturgy. We also had the opportunity to name the furry friend who visits with the kids at the hospital "Zac", which is short for Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a small man who had many great riches. He went up a fig tree to get a better look at Jesus Christ who was passing by. Jesus approached Zacchaeus and told him to come down so that Christ may have dinner at his house. Christ had mercy on him, so Zacchaeus decided that he would give half of what he owned to the poor. We chose this name because Zacchaeus, although small and humble, followed Jesus and would do anything in His name. So, also we must do and believe that in all things He will be with us, calling us from our fig tree.

In Christ, Maram Quomsieh  
7 & 8 grade class

# April 2003

## Sunday April 6

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

<b>Epistle Reader</b>	Hebrews 6:13-20	Bruce Florence
<b>Greeters</b>		Ken & Lynda Haddad
<b>Ushers</b>	Simon Abrahams, Evelyn Kosobud, Anna Bronnenkant, Philip Abdoulah, Tom Habib, Adel Hweimel	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Andy Leahu, Musa Sayegh, Odeh Sayegh, Brandon Fuja, James Sayegh, Abanoob Sayegh, Jared Blackwell	
<b>Hall Lock-up</b>		Brigette DeRienzo
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Layla Sayegh
<b>Stewardship Table</b>		Jim Bagues, Tony Karraz

## Sunday April 13

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

<b>Epistle Reader</b>	Hebrews 9:11-14	Michael Haddad
<b>Greeters</b>		Bob & Sarah Foster
<b>Ushers</b>	Krystal Saigh, Sally Ghiz, Marion Saba, Jim Bagues, Bruce Florence, Louis Hasbany	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Simon Abrahams, Brian Johnson, Ronnie Sayegh, Joseph Sayegh, Alexander Thomas, Anthony Sahawneh, Jiries Karadsheh	
<b>Hall Lock-up</b>		Issa Sweilem
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Mehyar & Helen
<b>Stewardship Table</b>		Margaret Ann Raymond, Brigette DeRienzo

## Sunday April 20

## Palm Sunday

<b>Epistle Reader</b>	Philippians 4:4-9	Tess Bronnenkant
<b>Greeters</b>		Bruce & Lorraine Florence
<b>Ushers</b>	Amanda Haddad, Enaam Hweimel, Margaret Raymond, James Saliba, Jr., George Maloley, Joe Abraham	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Danny Sayegh, Alex Saliba, Basil Dahlan, Rami Khoury, Issa Sayegh, Butros Sayegh, Joseph Hasou	
<b>Hall Lock-up</b>		Joyce Bagues
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Palm Sunday
<b>Stewardship Table</b>		Palm Sunday

## Saturday/Sunday April 26/27

## PASCHAL LITURGY

<b>Epistle Reader</b>	Acts 1:1-8	Aziz Haddad, Michael J. Haddad
<b>Greeters</b>		Richard & Marion Saba
<b>Ushers</b>	Eva Quomsieh, Suzanne Sayegh, Salwa Nassar, Michael David, Sam Hanna, Tony Karraz	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Simon Abrahams, Philip Bolanos, Chris Doumani, Nick Kalinchenko, Andy Leahu, Mathew Saliba	
<b>Hall Lock-up</b>		Marion Saba
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		Pascha
<b>Stewardship Table</b>		Pascha

## Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> Noon

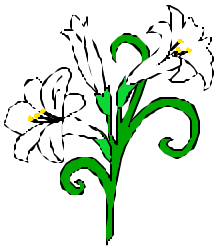
## Agape Vespers – The Baouth Service

### Souvenir Ad Journal

#### 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Region Parish Life Conference

Be part of the "revolutionary, first time ever" Souvenir Journal being created for this year's Western Region Parish Life Conference hosted by our family of St. George Orthodox Church. What's "revolutionary", you ask? Ours will be the first Journal ever produced to include photographs from this year's conference. That's right—the Journal will be printed after the Conference is over and we will include pages of photos from every event that took place during the weekend.

Reserve your space now so that you and your family can relive the memories, fellowship and spiritual renewal this special weekend will create. But hurry, the reservation deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see David Ghiz, the Souvenir Journal coordinator with any questions.



# Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for the Great & Holy Pascha Flowers,  
 please fill out below and return to the Evelyn Kosobud at the Bookstore by  
**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** Or mail to church office @ 4530 E. Gold Dust Ave., Phoenix AZ 85032

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Health of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation    \$20\_\_\_    \$15\_\_\_    \$10\_\_\_    \$5\_\_\_

St. George Church graciously thanks you for your donation



## Holy Week Services April 20<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 pm	Bride Groom Services
Wednesday 6:30 pm	Holy Unction
Thursday 9 am	Divine Liturgy Last Supper with the Washing of Feet
Thursday Evening 6:30 pm	Twelve Passion Gospels
Friday 9:00 am	Royal Hours ~ 3:00 pm Vespers/Taking Down From the Cross
Friday Evening 6:30 pm	Lamentations/All Night Vigil
Saturday 10:00 am	Divine Liturgy/Empty Tomb
Saturday 11:00 pm	Hajme/Rush Service followed by Paschal Liturgy
Sunday @ Noon	Agape Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt

**April 2003**  
*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <b>PATH- WAYS</b> Bible Study 6:30pm Parish Council Mtg 7pm	<i>2</i> <b>Pre- Santified Liturgy</b> 6:30pm	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <b>Akathist</b> 6:30pm Teen Bible Study after Service	<i>5</i> <b>Great Vespers</b> 5 p.m. SOYO Trip to Tucson
<i>6</i> <b>8:50</b> Matins 10am Divine Liturgy SSch 11:30am	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <b>PATH- WAYS / Bible Study</b> 6:30pm	<i>9</i> <b>Pre- Santified Liturgy</b> 6:30pm	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> <b>Akathist</b> 6:30pm	<i>12</i> <b>Great Vespers</b> 5 p.m.
<i>13</i> <b>8:50</b> Matins 10am Divine Liturgy SSch 11:30am	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <b>PATH- WAYS / Bible Study</b> 6:30pm	<i>16</i> <b>Pre- Santified Liturgy</b> 6:30pm	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <b>Compline w/Canon of St. Lazarus</b> 6:30pm	<i>19</i> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> 10am Lazarus Sat. Ret- reat Great Vespers 5pm
<i>20</i> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:50 Matins 10am Divine Liturgy SOYO Basket Auction Bridegroom Srv 6:30pm	<i>21</i> <b>Bride- groom Service</b> 6:30pm	<i>22</i> <b>Bride- groom Service</b> 6:30pm	<i>23</i> <b>HOLY UNCT- ION</b> 6:30pm	<i>24</i> 9am Divine Liturgy Last Supper/ Washing of Feet 6:30pm 12 Passion Gospels	<i>25</i> <b>Royal Hours</b> 9am Vespers 3pm La- mentations 6:30pm all night Vigil	<i>26</i> 10am Div. Liturgy Empty Tomb 11pm Hajme Rush Srv. followed by Paschal Liturgy
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>						
<i>27</i> <b>Agape</b> Vespers Noon/Egg Hunt for Children Christ is Risen!	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY OR PATH- WAYS</b>	<i>30</i>			
<b>BRIGHT WEEK</b>						

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
 TRULY HE IS RISEN!

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Office Hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Monday thru Friday

Church Service Times

Saturday Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Orthros (Matins) 8:50 a.m.  
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.  
Confession: Sundays 9:00-9:25 a.m.  
Or by appointment with Fr. Christopher

Articles are welcomed to be submitted for consideration  
They must be turned into the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the  
month to be published. Please call or send name and  
address changes to the church office.



**10:00**

**am**

**Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Divine Liturgy**

**11:00 pm Hajme/Rush Service followed**  
**by Paschal Liturgy**