

THE SPIRIT OF ST. GEORGE



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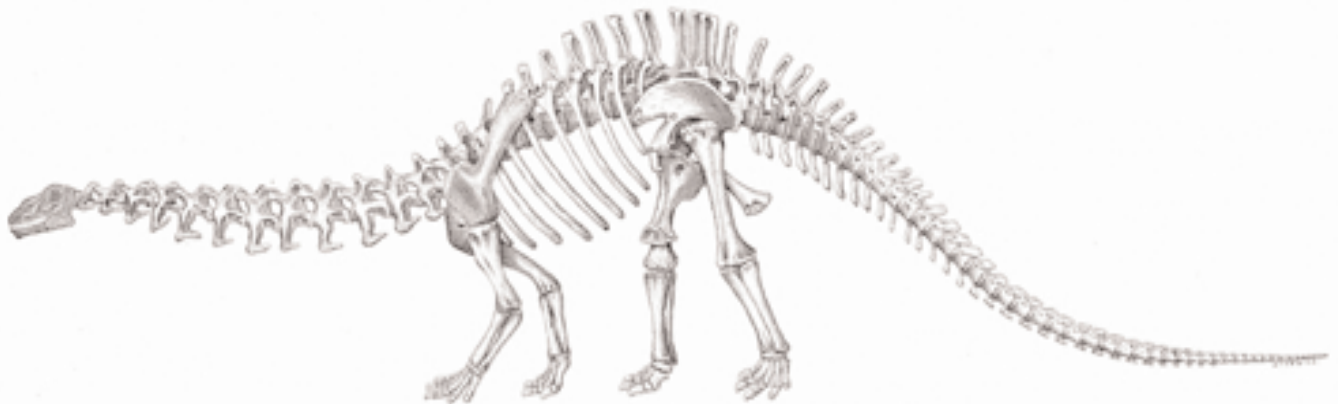
St. George Parishioner Helps Discover *Apatosaurus* in Utah

As Orthodox Christians know and believe, God did in fact create the Heavens and the Earth. (Gen. 1:1) This is undisputable for believers, as well

as most modern scientists and cosmologists (or at least those willing to be honest about the theories and data proffered to date). This belief, however, does not preclude allowing God to have created the universe in any manner that He saw fit. As science has certainly established, our universe, including our solar system, is extremely old. We would therefore be hard pressed to defend any claim that the earth is only 10,000 years old...especially when we have discovered

artifacts and bones that are millions (and even hundreds of millions) of years old. This should not be disturbing to us though, because no matter how long ago creation actually began, we can be sure that God was the One who created it. Always remember that faith and science do not have to be opposites, but can work together. The belief that God is the Author of Life is in no way threatened by the discovery of ancient fossils, but rather, modern Christians can rejoice in the majesty of God's creative power each time mankind discovers another one of His creations...including dinosaurs!

One of our beloved and faithful family members, Wayne Williamson, was involved in the discovery of a fossilized skeleton of an *Apatosaurus* in Utah in 1939. While studying under and working with Dr. Edward Holt,



RESTORATION OF SKELETON OF HERBIVOROUS DINOSAUR.

Apatosaurus.
BY E. S. RIGGS.

Wayne was on an expedition in Grand Junction, CO that eventually led him to Floy Junction, UT where an amazing discovery was made. Dr. Holt and Wayne discovered an *Apatosaurus*! (*Apatosaurus* is the proper name but we are all probably more familiar with the vernacular: *Brontosaurus*)

To briefly tell the story, here are Wayne's own words:

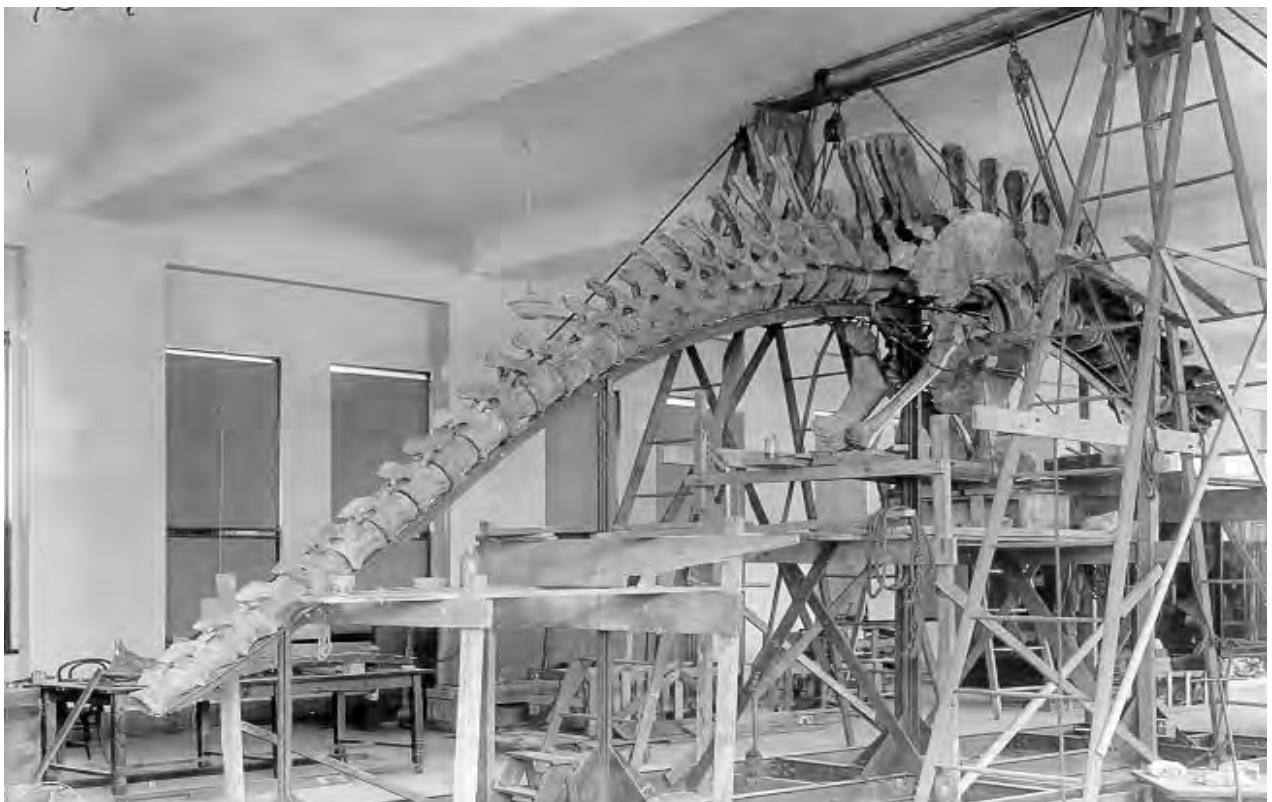
"I'm 87 years old and my memory of Prof. Holt and I finding the fossil remains is still vivid in my mind. We were not searching for fossils but were pursuing a particular stratum that the U.S. Geological survey said had petered out near Grand Junction. I was a student of his at the time and he was working on his Ph.D. dissertation. Ed Holt found that the stratum did not end near Grand Junction and we pursued it into Utah. I was doing the plane table and alidade work as he traced the formation. On one particular weekend we had ventured further into Utah and we just really stumbled upon the find. Ed thought it might be worth saving but he knew that a team from, I believe Yale, was in the same region and in order to secure the claim we went to a nearby

location that had a considerable number of petrified trees (logs) heavily impregnated with Uranium. We packed all that he could carry in the trunk of his car and returned to the fossil site and "salted" the site with the ore!

We then staked out a claim and drove in to Vernal and filed a mining claim - thus insuring that no one could dig the fossil remains without his permission.

I left Grand Junction the end of that academic year - 1939, and went to California, and I later heard that he had traded it for a *Tyrannosaurus* skull. I saw the skull on a visit to Grand Junction for my 40th high school graduation anniversary in 1976, but it was then in a temporary exhibit awaiting placement in a museum that I believe was being built at the time. That is as much as I know about the find."

Indeed, what a remarkable find it was! The *Apatosaurus* is now on display in the Field Museum in Chicago. Congratulations to Wayne Williamson!



THE LADIES AUXILIARY FASHION SHOW 2006

The Ladies Auxiliary Of
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Invites You to Their Third Annual

FASHION SHOW
&
LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 28, 2006

11:00-12:00 Noon - Social Hour

12:00 Noon - Luncheon & Fashion Show

St. George Fellowship Hall
4530 E. Gold Dust Avenue
Phoenix, AZ

Fashions provided by



Adults \$35.00/Person

Children 12 Years and Under \$15.00/Person

For Reservations/Tickets Contact

Lillian Macoule - 480-380-0896

Connie Abdoulah - 602-938-2258

Door Prizes and Raffle

Congratulations to our New Officers

St John the Divine Fellowship:

President: Jim Bogues
Vice President: Hanna Saigh
Secretary: Lillian Macoule
Treasurer: Sherry Nichols

Teen SOYO:

President: Amanda Sahawneh
Vice President: Chris Rayyan
B-P: Marina Sayegh
Treasurer: Mariam Hasou
Secretary: Amanda Sayegh
Historian: Melissa Rayyan

Ladies Auxiliary:

President: Lillian Macoule
Vice President: Connie Abdoulah
Secretary: Joyce Bogues
Treasurer: Evelyn Kosobud
Sunshine Comm.: Yvonne Tibshraeny

Jim and Ruth Cohlma Scholarship

Congratulations to all the recipient's of the "Jim and Ruth Cohlma Scholarship" for 2006. The recipients are:

Cristina Banna - Bachelors Degree in Accounting at ASU

Heather McLeod - Pre-Med at Phoenix College

Zubeida Horan - Bachelors Degree in Biology at ASU

Michele Paise - PHD in Music Education at ASU

Carrie Sayegh - Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Policy at USC

From the Pre-K Sunday School Classroom...

This year the children will be introduced to many Orthodox traditions, the meaning of some of our special Holy Days, and church etiquette. During each class we recite The Lord's Prayer and practice making the Sign of the Cross. Along with a weekly lesson, the children have a related craft project. This provides the children with something special to take home to reinforce their Sunday school lesson. We feel very blessed to be a part of the lives of these beautiful children.

Yours in Christ,
Rhonda Hallal and Jennifer Sweilem

BISHOP JOSEPH'S VISITATIONS:

October 3-6, 2006

Chicago, Illinois
SCOBA Meeting



October 6-8, 2006

St. George Church, Troy, MI
Board of Trustees Mtg and 40th Anniversary
Celebration of His Eminence

October 20-21, 2006

St. Michael Church, Whittier, CA
Annual Diocesan Delegates Meeting

October 27-29, 2006

St. Vincent of Lerins Church, Saskatoon, SK,
Canada
Episcopal Visit

NEW FACES - WELCOME

In 1982, Stacy Kerr moved to Phoenix from Denver, to help with the opening of a new hotel in the Valley. Her formal education is based in hotel sales and management with a certificate from the Business Council for Alcohol Education. She is currently employed at the Eldorado Private School in Scottsdale.

A few months ago, Stacy called three Orthodox churches for weekly services. Lauretta called Stacy back inviting her to attend Diving Liturgy. Soon after, Stacy attended St. George and has been a parishioner ever since. Stacy is an avid runner, she's training for the P.F.

Chang's Marathon!

She looks forward to meeting new people and to participating in future church functions.



Baptisms:

Michael Rahib 9/10/06 - Parents: Issam & Souzan Rahib

SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 2, 2006 **THE MOM'S GROUP, MISSION OF ORTHODOX MOTHER'S**

The Mom's Group, Mission of Orthodox Mother's is preparing for our 1st Annual Christmas Tea, to be held Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon in our church hall. We will be looking for table "hostesses" that will provide guests for a table of 8 and will be responsible for decorating the table with their own china and table linens. We will have traditional tea sandwiches as well as homemade scones and breads. There will be a Christmas program and a surprise for all of the attendees. It is a true tea, so anyone that may have extra tea pots at home that they can loan to

our event would be appreciated. We are having an informational meeting on Sunday, October 8th to discuss table leaders and hand out tickets for the event. We hope you will join us if you would like to be a table leader. There are 10 leaders still needed. Please see Jennifer Baker or Jennifer Sweilem for more information. We would also like to involve the men of our church to celebrate the holidays with us and would ask for at least 12 men of the church to aid in serving the day of the tea.

Our New Iconostasion Explained



IOCC Expands Aid To Lebanon Through OFDA Grant

\$2.5 Million Project to Benefit Hardest-Hit Southern Villages

August 30, 2006

Baltimore (IOCC) — International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) announces a broad expansion of its ongoing relief work in Southern Lebanon through a newly-awarded \$2 million grant from the U.S. Government's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). IOCC will provide water and sanitation installations, hygiene kits, psychosocial support, infrastructure rehabilitation, emergency relief supplies and cash for work activities in the hardest-hit southern villages of Marjeyoun, Hasbayya, and seven other villages surrounding the port city of Tyre.

“The overall purpose of this project is to assist returnees by providing a healthy and safe environment, with special emphasis on mothers and children,” says Matthew Parry, Interim Director of Operations for IOCC. “This intervention will positively impact these families’ lives by creating employment opportunities through construction activities, and will reduce tension, frustration and the prevalence of communicable diseases.”

The project will assist an estimated 2,500 vulnerable families including families of victims, people with disabilities, families caring for orphans and elderly people living alone. IOCC, which will provide an additional \$525,000 in cash and in kind material contributions, making the total project value at \$2.5 million, will repair 23 schools, water mains, village communal water tanks and water pumps, and install and replace chlorination units in 30 villages. The areas that IOCC selected were based on an assessment made by staff in consultation with grassroots leadership, church hierarchs, school directors, the Head of the Ministry of Education and the High Relief Council.

IOCC has been active in Lebanon since 2001 where it has been implementing a USDA-funded school feeding and education program in over 250 public schools throughout Lebanon. It was this development program that became the platform for IOCC's emergency efforts when the crisis broke out in July. Since then, IOCC has delivered \$100,000 in medicine and medical supplies to St. George Orthodox Hospital in Beirut and five other medical centers in the South, and provided food and hygiene parcels to over 5,000 displaced persons taking shelter in the Matn, Alay and Chouf areas, as well as to families who returned to the village of Marjeyoun shortly after the ceasefire.

IOCC was founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA). Since then, it has implemented over \$226 million in relief and development programs in 30 countries around the world.

Religious One-Liners

- * Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- * Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- * Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
- * It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
- * The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- * When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- * People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- * Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- * Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- * If the church wants a better priest, it only need to pray for the one it has.

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Parish Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fall is here and along with the welcomed cooler weather comes everyone's busy schedule.

As you make plans for social events, ball games, trips etc, please save time to help out on the upcoming events at St. George. We need all our parishioners to get involved.

- I. The first annual Mom's Group Christmas Tea Party, December 2nd from 10: 00 am to noon.
- II. Festival 2007 - Sign up now for a committee.
- III. St. George New Year's Ever party.
- IV. Church work party, painting and cleaning, end of October.

Other events to be announced.

Please don't forget to check the names of your loved ones on lists posted on bulletins. Placques will be engraved next month. Contact Richard Saba with any corrections that need to be made.

The windows in the Narthex that had BB holes have been replaced. the tinting of the windows will be completed next week.

There is still a need for a loveseat and 2 chairs for the ladies restroom in the hall.

This is a great time to sign up, have fun, get involved and get to know your fellow parishioners better.

Yours in Christ,
Marion Saba
Parish Council President

St. George Annual Biblical Studies Seminar

2006 St. George Annual Biblical Studies Seminar (Samuel 1 and 2)

Sponsored by

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

With

V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Tarazi. ThD

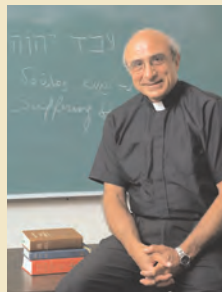
When: Saturday October 14, 2006

Where: St. George Fellowship Hall

Time: Begins at 9:30 a.m. & concludes at 5:00 p.m with Great Vespers

This seminar is free and open to the Orthodox faithful in Phoenix as well as to the general public. Lunch will be served.

If you have any questions please call the Church office at (602) 953-1921



Fr Paul Tarazi is Professor of Old Testament at St Vladimir's Seminary, where he teaches courses in the full range of scriptural studies in Old and New Testament and Biblical Hebrew. He also teaches at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts and at St. John of Damascus Institute in Balamand, Lebanon. His publications include biblical commentaries on 1 Thessalonians and Galatians, a three-volume Introduction to the Old Testament, the first two volumes of a projected four-volume introduction to the New Testament, and numerous scholarly articles. He is currently working on the final two volumes of his New Testament introduction, after which he will continue his biblical commentary series.

October 2006 - Youth Month Servers

Sunday October 1

Epistle Reader	II Cor 6 : 1-10	Amanda Sayegh
Greeters		Giana Sayegh, Dimiana Taamneh
Ushers	Chris Doumani, Lynn Mansour, Christina Friehe, Nina Odeh, George Odeh, Gus Sahawneh	
Altar Servers	Joseph Hasou, Joseph Salem, Ramy Khoury, Issa Sayegh, Ronnie Sayegh	
Hall Lock-up		Aziz Haddad
Coffee Hour		Doumani Family

Sunday October 8

Epistle Reader	Luke 7 : 11-16	James Sayegh
Greeters		Chris Rayyan, Melissa Rayyan
Ushers	Jay Banna, Ray Banna, Elizabeth Sahawneh, Danielle Sayegh, James Sayegh, Lexi Sayegh	
Altar Servers	Mathew Saliba, Jared Blackwell, Freddy Dahdal, Joseph Sayegh, Christopher Stokich	
Hall Lock-up		Issa Sweilem
Coffee Hour		Sameeh & Janette Sweis

Sunday October 15

Epistle Reader	Titus 3 : 8-15	Marina Sayegh
Greeters		Carolyn Sayegh, Nikki DeRienzo
Ushers	Miriam Hasou, Raya Sayegh, Joseph Sayegh, Marina Sayegh, Lauren Sayegh, Carolyn Sayegh	
Altar Servers	Chris Doumani, Andrew Stokich, Anthony Sahawneh, Butros Sayegh, James Sayegh, Alexander Thomas	
Hall Lock-up		Caraline Saigh
Coffee Hour		Tony & Bonnie Karraz

Sunday October 22

Epistle Reader		Dimiana Taamneh, Giana Sayegh
Greeters		Andrew Stokich, Gus Sahawneh
Ushers	Luvenia Sayegh, Dimiana Taamneh, Giana Sayegh, Nisreen Odeh, Chris Rayyan, Melissa Rayyan	
Altar Servers	Rick Khoury, Jacob Sayegh, Abanoob Sayegh, Odeh Sayegh, Gergey Mousa, Stephen Skuba	
Hall Lock-up		Rima Iacovelli
Coffee Hour		Buzz & Rima Iacovelli

Sunday October 29

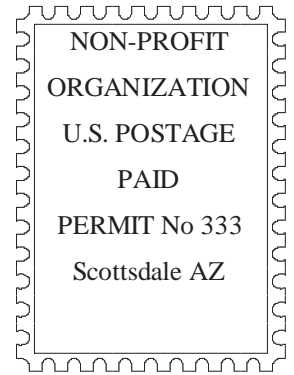
Epistle Reader		Danielle Sayegh
Greeters		Jay Banna, Ray Banna
Ushers	Samantha Sahawneh, Christina Friehe, Anthony Sahawneh, Lexi Sayegh, Raya Sayegh, Nikki DeRienzo	
Altar Servers	Joseph Hasou, Joseph Salem, Ramy Khoury, Issa Sayegh, Ronnie Sayegh	
Hall Lock-up		Dan Thomas
Coffee Hour		Open

October 2006 - Youth Month Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am	2	3	4 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	5 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting/Lunch Noon Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm	6 Orthodox Youth Outreach>	7 Chant Class 3:30pm Great Vespers 5:00pm Youth Outreach>
8 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Hospitaler's Youth Outreach	9	10 PATHWAYS 6:30pm	11 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	12	13 St. George Annual Biblical Studies Seminar>	14 10-4pm Retreat Seminar No Chant Great Vespers 5:00pm
15 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am SOYO Get Together	16	17 OMO Group 10am PATHWAYS 6:30pm	18 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	19	20	21 Chant Class 3:30pm Great Vespers 5:00pm
22 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Hospitaler's	23	24 PATHWAYS 6:30pm	25 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	26	27	28 Ladies Annual Fashion Show 11-12 Social Hour, Lunch at noon Chant 3:30pm Great Vespers 5:00pm
29 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am SOYO Nursing Home visit	30	31 PATHWAYS All Saints Day Celebration! 5:30pm				

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Church Services	
Saturday Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Matins	8:50 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	After Communion until 12:15 p.m.
Evening Feast Days	6:30 p.m.

Just a reminder ... Confessions will be heard on Saturdays before Great Vespers, Sunday mornings before (9:25 a.m.) the Orthros Gospel, or by making an appointment with Fr. Christopher.

Parishioners are encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

Please note the deadline for submitting articles for approval is the 10th of each month before issue date.