

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
A Parish of The Diocese of Los Angeles and the West
of The Antiochian Archdiocese of New York and North America**



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Sunday, May 4, 2014

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea & Righteous Nicodemus
Venerable Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus; Athanasios, Bishop of Corinth;
Venerable Nikephoros the Solitary of Athos**

Welcome To St. George

We are honored that you have come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the Orthodox Christian Church, often called the Ancient Church, we invite you to simply relax, listen to the service and allow our congregation to carry you in worship.

We understand Communion to be a sacred act of unity within our faith. Though we work toward such unity throughout Christianity, it regrettably does not yet exist. Therefore, only baptized Orthodox Christians, prepared through prayer and fasting, are permitted to receive Holy Communion. If you are not Orthodox, or are Orthodox but have not prepared, we welcome you to come forward and request a blessing from our clergy. You may also partake of the blessed bread you will see being offered by non-clergy during Communion and at the end of our service.

Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for our Fellowship Hour next door in our Legacy Ballroom. Our clergy and congregation welcome the opportunity to learn more about you and answer your questions about St. George and the ancient Orthodox Faith. Thank you for joining us today!

We welcome our Youth Pastor, Greg Abdalah, to our St. George Parish Family! We are so happy and excited for his arrival! Come and say "Hi" to Greg today, during Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy.



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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA (TONE 2)

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN (TONE 2)

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women, the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE 4)

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great Martyr George intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.



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Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Those to Remember in Prayer – LIVING: Steven, Jolene, Joe, Nicholas, Gloria, Romy, Scott, Philip, Ludmila, Samira, Joe, Salty, Jalilah, Abanoob, Butros, George, Mary, Elia, Maya, Ghassan, Dolly, Miray, Sara, Fada, Faris, Najwa, Issa, Grace, George, Maysoun, Yasmin, Buthaina, Abe, Mousa, Laila and the entire St. George Parish Family. **DECEASED:** Metropolitan PHILIP, Sousan, Abdallah, Isaaf, Musa, Refga, Kholoud, Ibrahim, Saliba, Moheb, Issa, Mousa, Saliman, Martha, Rafia, Rathia, Yacoub, Bishara, Fakre, Saltan, Mariam and Raya.

Liturgical Holy Bread of Oblation Offered by...
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† The Clergy, the Parish Council, the Ladies Auxiliary AOCWNA, the Organizations and all the congregation of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, offer a 40 day Trisagion, in remembrance of our beloved Father in Christ, His Eminence PHILIP (Saliba), Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America, of Thrice Blessed Memory. May his memory be eternal!

† Samira and Joe Sayegh offer a 40 day Trisagion in loving memory Sousan Sayegh; may her memory be eternal. For their health and the health of: Salty, Jalilah, Abanoob, Butros and George.

† Mary and Elia Najm offer Holy Bread in memory of Metropolitan PHILIP, of Thrice Blessed Memory; their beloved father Abdallah and their mother Isaaf Kirouz (3 years); may their memory be eternal! For the health of: Elia, Maya, Mary, their brother Ghassan and family, sister Dolly, Miray and Sara and their families, and all the members of the Najm families (in Syria) and Kirouz families (in Lebanon).

† The children and grandchildren of Musa and Refga Sayegh offer a 40 day Trisagion in memory of Metropolitan PHILIP, of Thrice Blessed Memory; may his memory be eternal! For continued health, salvation and peace for all Christians and those who are sick and suffering in the world.

† Fada Sayegh offers Holy Bread for her health and the health of her family. For the departed servants of God: Kholoud (16 years), Ibrahim, Saliba, Moheb, Issa, Mousa, Saliman, Martha, Rafia, Rathia, Yacoub, Bishara, Fakre, Saltan, Mariam and Raya. For the health and salvation of: Fada, Faris, Najwa, Issa, Grace, George, Maysoun and her family, Yasmin and her family, Buthaina and her family, Abe, Mousa, Laila and her family.

Anniversaries

Helena & Shaker Yacoub 5/4 Amira & Tony Salem 5/4
Lisa & Robert Lichter 5/5 Irene & George Bezzerides 5/5
Joyce & James Bogues 5/6 Jennifer & Khalil Saigh 5/6
Jane & George Esahak-Gage 5/7 Juliette & Spiro Doku 5/7
Yulanda & Garo Harmanian 5/9 Cheryl & Sam Sayegh 5/10

Birthdays

Michael Salem 5/6 Wael Yaziji 5/6 Munira Gharib 5/6
Jerjes Alfreih 5/7 Salim Shleef 5/7 Melissa Sola 5/7
Riley Nichols 5/7 Lukas Raja Sweis 5/7 Amanda Araj 5/8
Mimi Musallam 5/8 Stephanie Michael 5/8
Robert Qaqish 5/8 Hiyam Salem 5/9 Jerjes Abukhader 5/9
Pamela Vintila 5/9 Donn Hogan 5/9 Henry Salem 5/9
Peter Khoury 5/10 Mary Ann Sola 5/10

Memorials

Wassileh Khoury 5/05/96 Issaf Kirouz 5/8/11
Edward Naddour 5/9/04 Leona F. Jeorse 5/10/94

Uncrowning

Chris Pohl and Amy Wiechert 5-4-14



FOR YOUR INFORMATION – From our Stewardship Chair

Stewardship for Week 17 is as follows for End Date 4/28/14:

YTD Budget – \$123,250.00

YTD Actual – \$128,602.77

% of Actual Budget –104%

TEEN NEWS ... HE'S ARRIVED!!!

TODAY – The youth of St. George will have an opportunity to hang out with Greg Abdalah (during Sunday School) following Divine Liturgy.

On Tuesday, May 6, 2014 6:30pm-7:30pm in The Legacy Ballroom, we will be hosting a “COME MEET GREG” night. The entire parish family is welcome to attend! Please bring a snack to share. Thanks! See you there!



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