

**Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church
A Parish of The Diocese of Los Angeles and the West
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Sunday, July 20, 2014

**Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Tishbite and Sixth Sunday of Matthew
Righteous Iliya Chavchavadze of Georgia**

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!



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EMPOWER



Tone 5 / Eothinon 6

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF PROPHET ELIAS (TONE 4)

(Be quick to anticipate**)**

The incarnate Angel, and the Prophets' summit and boast, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elias, the glorious, from above sent down his grace upon Eliseus, he doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers; and unto all that honor him, he poureth forth streams of cures.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (TONE 2)

O protector of Christians that cannot be put to shame and their constant intercessor before the Creator despise not the petitions of us sinners who are imploring thee in thy goodness come to our help who in faith cry out to thee hasten O Theotokos to intercede for us and hurry to pray for us for thou hast always protected those who honor thee.



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Prokeimenon: Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou on my right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

THE EPISTLE

(For Prophet Elias)

The Reading from the Epistle of St. James. (5:10-20)

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sixth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

For Your Information – From Your Stewardship Chair

Stewardship for Week 28 is as follows for End Date 7/14/14:

YTD Budget – \$203,000.00

YTD Actual – \$173,454.74

% of Actual Budget – 85%

Those to Remember in Prayer – LIVING: Metropolitan JOSEPH, Wael, Manal, Laythe, Nour, Baby Yaziji, Rouza, Andrew, Dina, Sana, Roula, Taysir, Mary Kay, Adam, Mariam, Aziz, Samar, Michael, Valerie, Georgina, Michael, Amanda, Kassab, Diana, Destiny, Munira, Samia, Steve, Jasmine, Alex, Lina, Mikaila, Nicholas, Tamara, Lisa, Robert, Mia and Zayna, Enaam, Edward, Sammer, Susan, Samaan, Linda, Yulanda, Edward, Nancy, Alan, Kelly, Noora, Jolene, Steven, Mary, Wayne, Anthony, Juliette, Yousef, Scott and Romy. **DECEASED:** Metropolitan PHILIP, Isam, Ibrahim, Robert, Alice, Refga, Musa, Sami, Raya, Adel, Abdallah, Jamil, Samaan, Hissen, Hawa, Faisal, Suleiman, Muntaha, Michael and Vicki.

Liturgical Holy Bread of Oblation Offered by...

† Wael and Manal Yaziji and Family offer a 3 day Trisagion in memory of their beloved Isam Yaziji (80 years old) who died in Syria; may his memory be eternal! For the health and well-being of Wael, Manal, Laythe, Nour, Baby Yaziji, and the Family of Isam: wife Rouza, son Andrew and daughters Dina, Sana and Roula and the Yaziji and Ishak families.

† Taysir and Mary Kay Haddad offer Holy Bread in memory of their beloved Ibrahim Haddad (2 years); may his memory be eternal. For the departed servants of God: Robert and Alice Audey and all members of the Audey, Haddad and Bitar families; may their memory be eternal! For the health and well-being of: Taysir, Mary Kay, Adam, Mariam, Aziz, Samar, Michael, Valerie, Georgina, Michael, Amanda, and for the Haddad, Audey, Bitar and Samore families.

† Kassab and Diana Saigh offer Holy Bread in celebration of their daughter, Destiny Saigh on the occasion of her churching; may God grant her many years!

† The children and grandchildren of Refga Sayegh offer a 6 month Trisagion in her memory; may her memory be eternal. Holy Bread is offered for the departed servants of God: Metropolitan PHILIP, Refga, Musa, Sami and those members of the Sayegh and Gharib Families; may their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of: Metropolitan JOSEPH, Munira, Samia, Steve, Jasmine, Alex, Lina, Mikaila, Nicholas, Tamara, Lisa, Robert, Mia and Zayna.

† Enaam Hweimel and Family offer Holy Bread in memory of: Refga, Musa, Raya, Adel, Abdallah, Jamil, Samaan, Hissen, Hawa, Faisal, Suleiman, Muntaha, Michael and Vicki; may their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of: Enaam, Edward, Sammer, Susan, Samaan, Linda, Munira and her family, Yulanda and her family.

Anniversaries

Jeries & Malak Abukhader 7/25

Birthdays

Mary Najm 7/16 Olivia Homsey 7/20 Matthew Hall 7/21 Michael Haddad 7/21
Helen Sickler 7/21 Steven Hadeed 7/22 Laurent Cheze 7/22 Simon Abrahams 7/22
Richard Nichols 7/23 Jadah Gharieb 7/23 AnnaRose Saba 7/23 Odette Odeh 7/24
Nicole DeRienzo 7/25 Harrison Ghiz 7/25 Marlo Southam 7/25 Dina Stokich 7/26

Churchings

Destiny Saigh 7/17/14

Memorials

Warren L. Paul 7/26



Our annual festival is set to take place on October 3, 4 and 5, 2014.
We are excited about this year's event and look forward to seeing you there.

Visit www.stgeorgefoodfestival.org
Like us <https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgeFeastOfTheMidEast>

Stay tuned for additional announcements and ways to get involved.

**Mark Your Calendars
Schedule of Services for
*THE DORMITION FAST***



Vesperal Liturgy for The Transfiguration
Tuesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm

Paraklesis
Wednesday, August 6 at 5:00 pm

Paraklesis
Monday, August 11 at 5:00pm

Paraklesis
Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 pm

Vesperal Liturgy for The Dormition
Thursday, August 14 at 6:30pm