

**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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September 7, 2014

Sunday before Elevation of the Holy Cross & Transfer of the Feast of Nativity of The Theotokos

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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Tone 4 / Eothinon 2

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

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.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

The Nativity, O Theotokos hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences, celebrate by crying to thee: the barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.



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Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For, God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

For Your Information – From Your Stewardship Chair

Stewardship for Week 35 is as follows for End Date 9/1/14:

YTD Budget – \$253,750.00

YTD Actual – \$202,473.74

% of Actual Budget –80%

Those to Remember in Prayer – LIVING: Julia, Evelyn, Barry, Katherine, Alex, Gloria, Hoda, George, Nasser, Evone, Gabriel, Robert, Ayman, Janet, Steven, Jeannine, Raya, Noora, Ludmila, Philip, Karen, Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, Fawaz, Buthaina, Joanna, Linda, Amal, Frankie Jr., Alice, George, Kosta, Soula, Edward, Nancy, Alan, Kelly, Noora, Jolene, Steven, Mary, George, Olivia, Juliette, Yousef, Fada, Rose, Jalilah, Petar, Victor, Doris, Gloria, Evelyn, Scott, Romy, Mae, Kassab, Lauryn and The Ladies Auxiliary, Parish Council and St. George Parish. **DECEASED:** Nancy, Georgeann, Frank, Riad, Nasser, Amineh, Raya, Ibrahim, Gabriel, Fakre, George, Feras, Saliba, Moheb and Ibrahim.

Liturgical Holy Bread of Oblation Offered by...

† George and Hoda Freije offer a 1 year Trisagion for their beloved Georgeann Kosobud Shaw; also in memory of the departed servant of God, Frank. May their memory be eternal. For the health and well-being of: Evelyn, Barry, Katherine, Alex, Gloria, Hoda and George.

† The Sayegh Family offers Holy Bread for the health and well-being of: Nasser, Evone, Gabriel, Robert, Ayman, Janet, Steven, Jeannine, Raya and Noora. For the departed servants of God: Riad, Nasser, Amineh, Raya, Ibrahim and Gabriel; may their memory be eternal.

† Fawaz Fakhouri and Family offer Holy Bread for the health and well-being of Fawaz, Buthaina, Joanna, Linda, Amal, Frankie Jr., the Fakhouri family and the St. George Parish Family. In memory of: Fakre, George, Feras, Saliba, Moheb and Ibrahim; may their memory be eternal.

Anniversaries

Richard & Sherry Nichols 9/9 Fawaz & Buthaina Fakhouri 9/12

Baptisms

Julia Hames 9/7/14

Birthdays

Douglas Leih 9/7 Wayne Williamson 9/7 Melhem Mokbel 9/8 Emma Lienert 9/9

Caraline Saigh 9/9 Jacob Saikley 9/9 Katie Pakzadeh 9/9 David Ziton 9/11

Marwan Abukhader 9/12 Dr. Garth Gemar 9/12 Isabelle Hogan 9/12 Chris Doumani 9/13

Mary Grove 9/13 Dr. Victor Khoury 9/12 V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Chris Salamy 9/13

Jacob Sayegh 9/13 Matthew Khoury 9/13

Are you between the ages of 5-18 and interested in dancing in this year's Festival? If so, our FIRST practice will take place TODAY!!!

Meet us in the Teen Room, following Divine Liturgy

Both males and females welcome. Be ready to dance, dance, dance!!!

**Tributaries Sign-up continues TODAY,
in The Legacy Ballroom, following Divine Liturgy**

PATHWAYS begins Tuesday, Sept 9, 2014 at 6:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins Sunday, Sept 14.

**Stay tuned to join our new Adult Sunday School Class
beginning Sunday, Sept 14, 2014!**

**We thank the Ladies Auxiliary for sponsoring
Fellowship Hour this week!**



Please join us at Fellowship Hour on **Sunday, Sept 21, 2014** for a short presentation on the humanitarian work done by the Mosaic ministry.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

“We put on Christ” so we can walk with Christ!
Always take this opportunity in your life.

We will look forward to seeing you all there!

Fellowship and Food

What? OCF College Ministry Back-To-Class BBQ!

When? Saturday, Sept 27, 2014

Where? Holy Trinity Cathedral - 1973 E Maryland Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016


Who? All Orthodox college students in the valley

The BBQ will take place Community Center, following Great Vespers at 5:00 pm

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship college ministry helps Orthodox students connect with other Orthodox students within their universities and across the Valley. **Please RSVP to Fr. Apostolos [602-421-2984](tel:602-421-2984).**

Our 2014 Festival is taking place Oct 3-5.

We are excited for this year's event and look forward to seeing you there!



St. George
Feast of the
Middle East
October 3-5, 2014

St. George Antiochian
Orthodox Church
4530 E. Gold Dust
Phoenix, Arizona
South of Shea/West of Tatum

Falafel · Tabouli · Gyros · Hummus
Kabobs · Grape Leaves · Baklava
Arabic Dancing · Children's Activities
Church Tours
Live Arabic Music featuring Tony Youssef

StGeorgeFoodFestival.org | Free Admission
Fri, Oct 3rd, 5-9pm | Sat, Oct 4th, 11am-10pm | Sun, Oct 5th, 11am-7pm

Limited Time Offer

Purchase your festival tickets from **Sunday August 31st thru Sunday September 28th** at a discounted price. Look for the Festival table in The Legacy Ballroom on Sundays.

Volunteers are Needed!!!

Please contact Alisa Nassar Jones at: (602) 618-2203.

Attention St. George Dancers ages 5 and up

If you are interested in being part of this year's fabulous dance team please contact Hanna Saigh at: Mushca23@aol.com or call (602) 881-6464.

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

For those who would like to donate to the festival, the following items are being requested:

WATER

A total of 100+ cases of water the 16.9oz bottles in cases of 24 or 36

SODA

A total of 100+ cases of either 12, 20 or 24 packs of Pepsi/Coke products (a variety of flavors)

OLIVE OIL

5+ of the 3qt or larger size

UNCLE BENS RICE

Need 100lbs but must be the uncooked Uncle Ben's brand

GARBANZO BEANS

20+ cans of the 6lb LARGE cans

CHARCOAL

15+ of the 20 lb bags for the grill (Kingsford would be great)

If you would like to be a Festival Sponsor this year, you may find the form in the Narthex of the Church.

Thank you in advance!

If you would like to donate any of these items to the left, please bring them to church on any upcoming Sunday and see Taysir or Mary Kay Haddad or Alisa Jones.

Should you come by during the week, please label your item(s) with your name and the word "FESTIVAL" on it. Thanks!