Welcome to ST. GEORGE

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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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First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
Hieromartyr Konon of Isauria; Martyrs Archelaos and his 152 companions in Egypt;
New-martyr John the Bulgarian

**Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great **

Why: The world is a battlefield. Society is harshly divided. We struggle with broken morality, health, jobs, relationships, and ultimately, death.

Society teaches us that the way to combat these fears is through self-focus and political-correctness. But this only perpetuates brokenness, fear, anger, and loneliness. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shows us a different Way. A Way of strength, community and selflessness. At St. George we call that The Way of the Warrior Saint.

How: St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church trains Warrior Saints to follow Christ's Way. Here's how we do that: We **teach** the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that we are educated, strong, and independent leaders. We **build** a solid community, so that our lives are enriched through worship and fellowship. And we **serve** others, so that we are empowered to be selfless and outward looking.

What: Here's what we do: Engaging and relevant bible studies, powerful worship and fellowship, and opportunities to minister to those in need.

"Warrior Saints don't take, they give."



His Eminence The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

March 5, 2017

"Let us begin the season of fasting with rejoicing, giving ourselves to spiritual strife, purifying soul and body, fasting from passions, as we fast from foods, faring on the virtues of the Spirit, which if we continue to long for, we shall all be worthy to behold the most solemn Passion of Christ, and the holy Pascha, rejoicing with spiritual joy."

---Vespers of Cheese-fare Sunday Evening

Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Council, Beloved Faithful:

Grace and peace to you and your families in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on this first Sunday of the Great Fast. I pray that the "clean week" we just completed has oriented all of us to the spirit of this holy season so that our Lenten journey will be fruitful.

Each year on this Sunday an appeal is made for your continued support of the young men of our archdiocese who are undertaking theological studies in preparation for ordination. We must all give thanks to God for having richly blessed us with an abundance of workers in the Lord's Vineyard. These young men often give up well paying jobs and sell their homes to submit to the call of the Lord to "come and follow me." We are thankful for their sacrifice and try to help them as much as we can. With that in mind, we are constantly vigilant of the rising cost of educating these young men. As college tuition continues to rise, so does the cost of educating our future priests. The last thing we want is to send a new, young priest (most often with a wife and children) to a parish to serve his spiritual children with a large debt hanging over his head. Adjusting to a new life in a new place with new spiritual children is difficult enough without the added burden of seminary debt. Therefore, we ask you, the future "spiritual children" of these young men whom you will someday call father, to give generously as you always do for this special collection.

Praying that this holy season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will aid us on our journey to the heavenly kingdom, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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Messages from the LADIES

St. George Day Celebration

St. George Day
Celebration will be
on Sunday, April 23rd
from 12:00-3:00pm
at St. George. Enjoy
delicious food, music
and games for children.
Tickets will be sold today
in The Legacy Ballroom
during Fellowship Hour.
Tickets are \$20 for adults
(11 and older) and
\$10 for children
(10 and under).

St. George Fashion Show

After a two year hiatus, the St. George Women's Fashion Show is back! The show will be Saturday, May 13th at 10:30am. It promises to be the best one yet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alisa Jones at 602-618-2203 or alisanassarjones@hotmail.com.

CHRISTIAN SACRED ART

This is a unique opportunity to learn ancient 15th century Byzantine iconography (egg tempera technique)

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

weekends sessions in St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Address: 4530 E. Gold Dust Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85028 Tel. (602) 953-1921 www.STGEORGEAZ.ORG

Saturday March 4 8 am - 5 pm, Saturday March 11 8 am - 5 pm, Saturday March 18 8 am - 5 pm

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BEGINNERS' WORKSHOP Students will paint the icon of Guardian Angel, the guide for the beginners on the first step of their journey.

People with some art training as well as people with little or no art training are welcome! This course is designed especially for those who have never before written an icon.

INTERMEDIATE STUDENT (who did more then 1 or 2 icons) can practice another one: Archangel or Saint.

Our goal is to have completed an icon to take home at the end of the course.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Explanations of iconographic symbolism and the theological and philosophical basis of each step of the process are presented parallel to an absolutely ancient technical approach: how to prepare and apply natural pigments, make an emulsion for the egg tempera, gold leaf application, preparation of olifa varnish and application on the icon.

From the principles of simple symbolic images "reverse perspective" language and other characteristically iconographic elements – the student moves towards an understanding of that which stands beyond the symbolic, and gains a clearer vision of God, himself and ultimately of the world.

INSTRUCTOR

LUDMILA DEMICH, parishioner of St. George Antiochian Orthodox church, Phoenix, AZ. Born in Minsk, former USSR. After receiving a formal education in the fine art and later in graphic design, she became interested in religious art which led her to study independently to collect all possible sources.

Since 1996 she also has studied iconography under Vladislav Andreev, an iconographer and founder of Prosopon School of Iconology in New York and his son Demetri and continues to study and perfect this ancient art, making educational trips to Greece, Macedonia, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Poland, Czech Republic and Israel.

Her icons found homes in churches and monasteries as well as in private collections in the United States and the other countries.

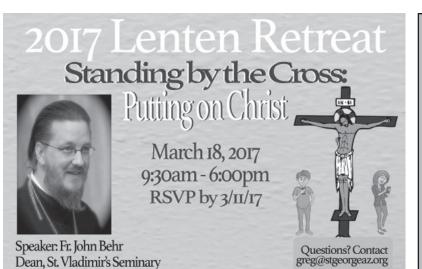
TUITION \$475.00 (can be divided into two payments or other options).

MATERIALS \$ 175.00 including prepared gestoed wooden board, red clay polymer, paint materials (pigments and egg yolk emulsion), 2 gold leaves, brushes and a pallet, sandpaper, wax paper, stones to onlish gold.

Attendance is limited to 10 students. Places may be reserved on a first-come basis by payment of \$175.00 to instructor has to be send by February 25.

Deposits payable to: Ludmila Demich, 11260 N. 92 St. # 1074, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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A Message From GREG

Registration for Summer Camp is **NOW OPEN!**Please let Greg Abdalah know as soon as you are registered so you can be included in our fundraising efforts.

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 First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 2)

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will Thou wast well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned.

Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

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 the Annunciation (And Great Lent) (Tone 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.



bak•pak is a 501c3 certified non-profit organization committed to alleviating homelessness in the Phoenix community.

School Supply Drive for Foster Care Children (FEBRUARY 26th-APRIL 2nd)

St. George will be hosting a drive for the bak•pak organization to collect items which will provide bak•paks to educate Foster Care children through the Kids Count organization.

Assigned items for each Sunday School class:

Pre-Kindergarten: **Markers** 5th and 6th Grade: **Loose Leaf Paper**

Kindergarten: Colored Pencils 7^{th} and 8^{th} Grade: Flashcards

1st and 2nd Grade: **Pencils**

High School: **Pens**

 3^{rd} and 4^{th} Grade: Composition Notebooks

For any additional donations or questions, please contact Savanah Harmanian at <u>outreachdirector@givealifebakpak.org.</u> To learn more about bak•pak please visit <u>www.givealifebakpak.org.</u>



We welcome

Mr. Jhony Ibrahim

soon to be Lebanese Ambassador to the U.S.

Welcome to St. George!

Prokeimenon:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Epistle

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Gospel

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The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Those to Remember in Prayer

LIVING: Rosie, Lily, Richard, Marion, Mary

Liturgical Offerings...

Congratulations and God's blessings to Michael and Roseen Latimer on the baptism of their son Joseph Ibrahim Latimer. May God grant him many years.

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Messages from

Great Lent

Please find below the schedule for this week's Lenten services:

Monday, March 6th at 6:30pm: Compline

Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30pm: Compline in Arabic

Wednesday, March 8th at 4:00pm: Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 10th at 6:30pm: Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn (Madayeh)

Saturday, March 11th at 5:00pm: Vespers

Intro to Orthodoxy

Want to test your knowledge about our faith? Join us on Wednesday, March 8th at 5:30pm for the Intro to Orthodoxy class.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study kicked off in January with a heartfelt, honest and open discussion about how we deal with suffering in our lives. We want to continue that discussion. If you weren't able to be with us, please consider joining us on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00am at U.S. Egg on Shea and 70th Street. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 7th.

Memory Eternal

Raymond Freije 3.6.03 Nadima Nader 3.6.85 Moses Toney 3.6.60 Michael Haddy 3.8.71 Adam Bochnak 3.9.67 Abe Farage 3.11.97 Mitchell Homsey 3.11.04 Miladeh Hweimel 3.11.04

Anniversaries

Matthew and Laura Peters 3.6 Darrin and Layla Saikley 3.10

Birthdays

Karmen Kalyoussef 3.5 Sara Sayegh 3.5 Ghassan Yacoub 3.5 Alexandria Woolsey 3.5

Birthdays (continued)

Jeannine Sayegh 3.7 Ramey Sweis 3.7 Masen Fung 3.8 Michael Salameh 3.9 Tess Elmore 3.10 James Khoury 3.10 Danielle Rayyan 3.10 Victoria Sayegh 3.10

Nawal Salman 3.11

Jasmine Ammari 3.7

To include an oblation in the bulletin, text must be submitted to Tricia Urbano Voltz

at office@stgeorgeaz.org by the deadline of Wednesday at noon. All oblations received after the deadline will be included in the following Sunday's bulleting