

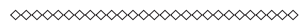
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Second Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica

Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane; Gregory the Dialogist, pope of Rome;

Venerable Simeon the New Theologian; Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron the High Priest

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Welcome to
ST. GEORGE

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.

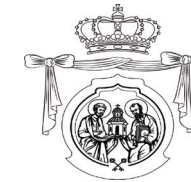
What: Here's what we do: Engaging and relevant bible studies, powerful worship and fellowship, and opportunities to minister to those in need.

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

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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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St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

March 12, 2017

St. George Day Celebration



Sunday, April 23, 2017
Noon to 3:00 pm

4530 E. Gold Dust Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85028

\$20 Adults - 11 & older
\$10 Children - 10 & under

*Delicious Food
Music
Children's Games*

Sponsored by the Gebran Family
For tickets, call Enaam at 602.614.3446.

Zataar Bake Sale

Zataar Bake Sale today after Liturgy.

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

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Saturday March 4 8 am - 5 pm, Sunday March 5 1 pm - 7pm

Saturday March 11 8 am - 5 pm, Sunday March 12 1 pm - 7 pm

Saturday March 18 8 am - 5 pm

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 than 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 Prostopon 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 gessoed wooden board, red clay polymer, paint materials (pigments and egg yolk emulsion), 2 gold leaves, brushes and a pallet, sandpaper, wax paper, stones to polish 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

Tel (480) 580-7784

Second Collection

At the request of Metropolitan Joseph, there will be a second collection this week for support for young men of our archdiocese who are undertaking theological studies.

Great Lent

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

Sunday, March 12th at 6:00pm: Pan Orthodox Lenten Vespers at St. John the Evangelist, 916 S. 52nd Street, Tempe, AZ 85281

Monday, March 13th at 6:30pm: Compline

Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30pm: Compline in Arabic

Wednesday, March 15th at 4:00pm: Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 17th at 6:30pm: Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn (Madayah)

Saturday, March 18th at 5:00pm: Vespers

Intro to Orthodoxy

Join us on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30pm for the Intro to Orthodoxy class. We'll be meeting an hour later this week. As a result, we will not have THRIVE this week.

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 St. Gregory Palamas (Tone 8)

Light of Orthodoxy, pillar and teacher of the Church, adornment of monastics, invincible champion of theologians, O Gregory thou wonder worker, boast of Thessalonica, herald of grace: ever pray that our souls be saved.

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** 7th and 8th Grade: **Flashcards**

1st and 2nd Grade: **Pencils** High School: **Pens**

3rd and 4th Grade: **Composition Notebooks**

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

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.

Raja Mushahwar and his family offer coffee hour

Thank You

in loving memory of his father
Yusef Mushahwar.

Prokeimenon:

O Lord, Thou wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

Those to Remember in Prayer

LIVING: Rosie, Lily, Richard, Marion, Mary, Sandra

The Epistle

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

“In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Liturgical Offerings...

Congratulations and God’s blessings to Faris and Najwa Sayegh on the churching of their daughter Amora Sayegh. May God grant her many years.

Congratulations and God’s blessings to Anthony and Eman Horan on the baptism of their son Frank Horan. May God grant him many years.

Rita Baqseh and her children, Farah, Michael, Faysel, Feryal and Aftehar, offer a 1-year Trisagion in loving memory of Bahij Farah Baqseh. May his memory be eternal.

Victoria Sayegh and her children and grandchildren offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Odeh Sayegh. They will cherish his kindness, charm and wisdom and thank him from the bottom of their hearts for his unconditional love! May God have mercy upon his soul. May his memory be eternal. In memory of Magdoleen, Faris, Samman, Nassar, Fr. Jeris, Hanna, Michael, Kamal, Jamil, Jamila, Adeeb, Gabriel, Raya, Karma, Sida, Leila and all the departed members of the Khoury and Sayegh family. May their memory be eternal.

Juliette Mushahwar and family offer a 3, 7 and 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of her beloved husband Yousef Mushahwar. May his memory be eternal.

Nicholas and Maya Deep offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of their beloved aunt and godmother Mary Harb Melof. May her memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of the Deep, Harb, Melof, Conroy, Salibi and Saade families. May God grant them many years.

Najla S. Saigh offers Holy Bread for her health and the health of her family. May God grant them many years. In memory of Suleiman, Ibtihaj, Ralphael, Futha, Freih and Hanna. May their memory be eternal.

Memory Eternal


Fred Feutz 3.13.88
Tim Martell 3.13.97
Akram Rafidi 3.13.04
Bernard Homsey 3.14.95
John Grabbe 3.15.84

Birthdays


George Homsey 3.12
Jennifer Pettit 3.12
Cynthia Sweis 3.13
Najwa Zananiri 3.13
Thomas Doyle 3.14
William (Buzz) Iacovelli 3.14
Gray West 3.14
Kassab Saigh 3.15
Nayet Sayegh 3.16
Alyssa Johnson 3.16
Jonathan Larsen 3.17
Ava Sayegh 3.17
Malak Abukhader 3.18

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 bulletin.

2017 Lenten Retreat
Standing by the Cross:
 Putting on Christ
 March 18, 2017
 SOYO: 9:30am - 6:00pm
 Young Adults: 1pm-6pm
 RSVP by 3/11/17



Speaker: Fr. John Behr
 Dean, St. Vladimir's Seminary



Questions? Contact
 greg@stgeorgeaz.org

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 2017 LAZARUS SATURDAY RETREAT
 PUTTING ON THE WHOLE
 ARMOR OF GOD




April 8th, 2017
 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Kindergarten-6th Grade

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