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Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Martyrs Chrysanthos, Daria, and those with them of Rome; Martyr Pancharios of Nicomedia;

New-martyr Demetrios the joiner of Constantinople; Venerable Innocent of Komel

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."

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Join us for our 6th Annual AZ Walk for Missions to benefit OCMC & Project Mexico



Arizona Walk for Missions: Saturday, April 29th

Registration Opens 7:30 a.m.
Opening Prayer & Walk at 8:00 a.m.

Directions to Kiwanis Park, Tempe, AZ **Direction from I-10:** exit Baseline East.

Turn South (right) on Mill. Turn right onto All American Way. Take the <u>first Right into the</u> (<u>first) Parking Area</u>. Proceed to the water: Ramadas #11 & #12 by the bathrooms.

Directions from 101: exit Baseline West. Turn South (left) on Mill. Turn right onto All American Way. Take the <u>first Right into the</u> (<u>first) Parking Area</u>. Proceed to the water: Ramadas #11. & #12 by the bathrooms.



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:

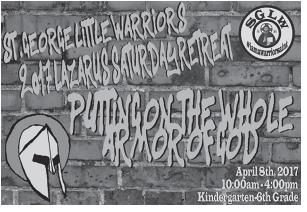
Pre-Kindergarten: **Markers** 5th and 6th Grade: **Loose Leaf Paper**

Kindergarten: Colored Pencils 7th and 8th Grade: Flashcards

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

 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>



Ghaleb Odeh and Nawal Salman and family sponsor coffee hour

Thank You

in loving memory of

Hani Salman.

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FROM THE ST. GEORGE LADIES

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.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SPONSORSHIPS

Call Kelly Resley at 602.399.3720 to find out how easy it is to sponsor Fellowship Hour.

St. George Day Celebration



Sunday, Apríl 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.

We are looking for a sponsor for this year's Paschal breakfast.

If you would like to sponsor the breakfast or would like more information on how you can help, please contact Jennifer Zuraikat at 480.382.3829 or email her at jennifer@thelegacyballroom.com.



Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

Apolytíkíon 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.

Great Lent

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

Sunday, March 19th at 6:00pm: Pan Orthodox Lenten Vespers at St. Sava Serbian

Orthodox Church, 4436 E. McKinley, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Monday, March 20th at 6:30pm: Compline

Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30pm: Compline in Arabic

Wednesday, March 22nd at 4:00pm: Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 24th at 6:30pm: Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn (Madayeh)

Saturday, March 25th at 5:00pm: Vespers

Want to test your knowledge about our faith?

Join us on Wednesday, March 22nd for:

Teen Bible Study at 5:30pm

THRIVE at 5:30pm

Young Men's Bible Study at 6:30pm

Intro to Orthodoxy - Trinity at 6:30pm

Messages from **FATHIER**

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

The Epistle

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel

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The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for # My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

WELCOME!

We welcome Fr. John Behr, Academic Dean at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary and our keynote speaker, for this weekend's retreat.

Those to Remember in Prayer

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

Liturgical Offerings...

Congratulations and God's blessings to Nicholas and Krista Nowaczyk on the baptism of their son James Nowaczyk. May God grant him many years.

lack and Samira Khoury offer Holy Bread in celebration of their grandchildren, James and Ava, on the occasion of their birthdays. May God grant them many years. For the health of Jack, Samira, Marian, Costa, Lillian, Sandy, Eddie, James, Madelyn, George, Jack, Ava, Julia, Matthew and Michael. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Hayet, Nawaf, Kh. Jeries, Khouriyee Hana, Kh. Nassar, Samyia, Adeeb, Johnny, Jameel, Badi, Beneyout, Ghanam, Jeries, Ibrahim, George, Martha, Miriam, Dieb, Ibrahim, Jamila, Jamil, Ilham, Mnezel, Yousef, Diana, Odeh and William. May their memory be eternal.

Magdolene Khoury and family offer Holy Bread for the health of her children, grandchildren and the Khoury and Sayegh families. May God grant them many years. In memory of Banyout, Gabriel, Raya, Hana, Feda, Asmahan, Rajy, Badi, Odeh, Karma, Sida and for all the departed Khoury and Sayegh family members. May their memory be eternal.

Ghaleb Odeh and Nawal Salman offer Holy Bread in loving memory of Ghaleb's cousin, Hani Salman. May his memory be eternal. For the health of Nawal on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many years. For the health and salvation of George, Amer, Rema, Abby, Natali, Andrew, Aleena, Audrey, Ava, Josh and Salman family. May God grant them many years.

Bishop JOHN, Greg, Joe and Maria Abdalah offer carnations in memory of their wife and mother Khouriyee Joanne. May her memory be eternal.

Memory Eternal		Bírthdays
Sophia Jeorse 3.19.69	Jay Banna 3.19	Nasser Sayegh 3.22
Louise Lorenzo 3.21.09	Brooke Homsey 3.19	Jane Esahak-Gage 3.23
Mary Karamouzis 3.23.05	Dan Quomsieh 3.19	Anthony Fakhoury 3.23
Banyout Khoury 3.23.04	Jordan Aranki 3.20	William Frieh 3.23
Mary Malis 3.24.79	Rami Salem 3.20	Kristine Sayegh 3.23
·	Emilie Thomas 3.20	Michael Horan 3.24
	Rachel Yacoub 3.20	Sophie Solheim 3.24
	Andrew Horan 3.21	Louis Hasbany 3.25
	Garo Harmanian 3.22	Alexander Saliba 3.25
		Christopher Stokich 3.25

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