

ST. 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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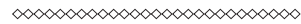
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Fourth Sunday of Great Lent & Leave-taking of the Annunciation to the Theotokos
The synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel; Stephen the Confessor, Abbot of Triglia

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."

Follow us on Instagram: @stgeorgephx. Like us on Facebook: StGeorgePHX.  

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.



Paschal BREAKFAST



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

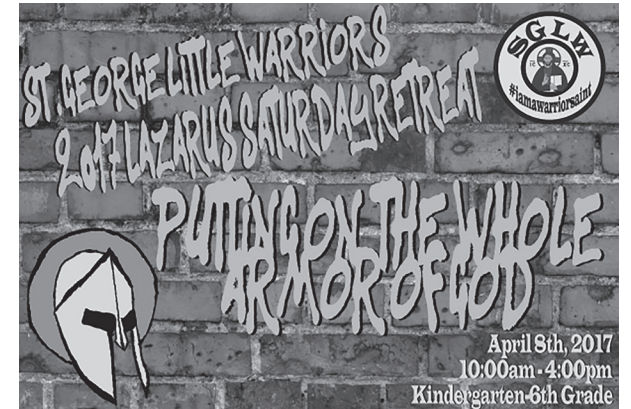
School Supply Drive for Foster Care Children (FEBRUARY 26th-APRIL 2nd)

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.



Rami and Rawan Sweis sponsor coffee hour

Thank You

in memory of their beloved aunt
Mayda Issa Sweis.

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.



Birthdays

Fouad Hakimeh 3.28
Nathan Horan 3.29
Bob Lienert 3.29
Abigail Saigh 3.29
Judy Salameh 3.29
Christina Haddad 3.30
Anthony Sahawneh 3.30
Emma Gharib 3.31
Delores Haddy 3.31
Larry Haddy 4.1
Halim Mokbel 4.1
James Saliba 4.1

Marian Beck 3.27
Hazel Sakran 3.27
Shannon Nichols 3.28
Imad Odeh 3.28
Kalee Nowlin 3.28

Memory Eternal

Valentin Pavloff 3.26.92
Nicholas Freije 3.31.74
Adolph Beer 4.1.87
Sida Sayegh Droubi 4.1.95
Nicholas Terebey 4.1.01

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy.
And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen
O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of the Annunciation (Tone 4)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the
mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin,
and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos:
Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

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.



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.



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Great Lent

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

Sunday, March 26th at 6:00pm: Pan Orthodox Lenten Vespers at

St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
2716 N. Dobson Road, Chandler, AZ 85224

Monday, March 27th at 6:30pm: Compline

Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30pm: Compline in Arabic

Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm: Little Compline with the Canon of
St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 31st at 6:30pm: Little Compline with the Akathist Hymn (Madayeh)

Saturday, April 1st at 5:00pm: Vespers

Bible Study and Intro to Orthodoxy

We will not have Bible Study and Intro to Orthodoxy this week.
Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 5th.

Prokeimenon:

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Epistle

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

Those to Remember in Prayer

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

Liturgical Offerings...

Congratulations and God's blessings to Wael and Manal Yaziji on the baptism of their daughter Marilaina Sham Yaziji. May God grant her many years.

Aziz and Samar Haddad offer Holy Bread for the good health and blessings of their new grandson Gabriel John and his mom Valerie. May God grant them many years. For the health of Michael, Valerie, Georgina, Gabriel, Michael, Amanda, David, Aziz, Samar, Taysir, Mary Kay, Adam, Mariam and for the Haddad, Bitar, Moussa, Audi, Araj and the Samore families. May God grant them many years.

Fred III, Philip and Rufus Shaheen offer a 1-year Trisagion in loving memory of their beloved parents Fred Norman Shaheen, Jr. and Jeanne Shaheen. May their memory be forever eternal. In memory of their grandfather Fred W. Shaheen Senior (Jido), who is also one of the original founders of St. George, (Sito) Seleena Shaheen, their brother Michael Joseph, aunt Lillian, Nita Kory Shaheen and all of the Shaheen, Mestas and Aeed family who have passed. May their memory be forever eternal.

Rami and Rawan Sweis offer Holy Bread in memory of their beloved aunt Mayda Issa Sweis. May her memory be eternal. In memory of Mayda, Diana, Haneen, Issa, Jameeleh, Sultan, Issa, Theebah, Victor, Janet, Mirna, Jamal and Elyanor. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Habes, Musa, Atef, Rita, Fadya, Rami, Rawan, Maya, Raya, Akef, Mary, Tina, Troy, Maha, Rani, Fayrouz, Issa, Rima, Raouf, Hala, Talia, Dima, Omar, Faisal, Hashem, Luma, Waddah, Zeina, Haya and Leah. May God grant them many years.

The Baqseh family offers a 3 and 9-day Trisagion in loving memory of Mayda I. Sweis. May her memory be eternal. For the health and wellness of Atef I. Sweis. May God grant him many years.

David and Melanie Ghiz and family offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of their beloved brother and uncle Edward Ghiz. May his memory be eternal. In memory of George, Sally, David, Arleen, Albert and all other departed members of the Ghiz, Brown and Tibshraeny families. May their memory be eternal. For the health and well-being of David, Melanie, Alexandra, Harrison and all other members of the Ghiz, Brown, Tibshraeny, Martin and Wacker families. May God grant them many years.

Rasha Kuri offers Holy Bread for the health of Rasha, Amjed, Kathy, Raya, AJ, Andrea, Jeremy, George, Joanne, Jackson, Ella, Daniel, Nelson, Chrissy, Jaden, Nathaniel, Mateo, Evie, Sophia, Adel, Dina, Linda, Salim, Lara and Marwan. May God grant them many years. In memory of Ibrahim, Ayed, Katrina, Gabriel, Raya, Nasser, Hana, Sida, Karma, Odah, Leila, Faisal, Laiya, Bediah, Yacoub and Khaled. May their memory be eternal.

Maysoun Mikhail offers Holy Bread in memory of Moheb, Ibrahim, Saliba, Kholoud, Mark, Helmi, Josephine, Louis, Fakhry, Hanna and Saida. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Maysoun, Fada, Faris, Sammy, Amanda, Laila and all my sisters and their family. May God grant them many years.

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.