

ST. GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Diocese of Los Angeles and
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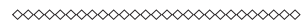
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*Feast of Palm Sunday:
Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem*

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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.



His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

Palm Sunday 2017

Beloved in Christ:

Blessings and greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we have completed the 40-day Fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause this weekend to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant and brilliant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

As we think about the historical setting for this joyous event, the holy city of Jerusalem and the entire land of the Middle East, we cannot but also think about the suffering that has been going on in the land of our Patriarchate. While we are always concerned with the holy places, the monasteries, churches and shrines, we lament even more over the senseless loss of life and the destruction of souls. Recently I heard a statistic that 1.7 million Syrian children have been without education for at least two years! Such numbers are staggering and affect us all.

Today, as we celebrate this glorious feast, we also take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X. His Beatitude continues to use all his strength to help alleviate the suffering of the faithful and all people adversely affected by the war. He is also already making plans to rebuild our churches and institutions that have been destroyed. We take this offering today to help him with this colossal task. While we always encourage the faithful to give generously during this season of almsgiving, prayer and fasting, it is especially vital this year as those in need continue to increase.

Wishing you in advance a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, 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)

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

April 9, 2017

Being a member in good standing at St. George includes being a member in good standing of the Antiochian Archdiocese. The family names published have made a 2017 pledge and have contributed to that pledge. If your family name is not published and to track or update a tithe, payment and Archdiocese dues status may be viewed electronically through CCB. Or you may contact any member of the Stewardship Team, Salim Shleef at 602.793.8257 or sshleef@gmail.com, Eddie Khoury at 602.316.0965 or abujamz@aol.com and Steve Feldman at 973.461.2337 or steve@renovationangel.org.

- Abdalah, Greg
- Abdoulah, Connie
- Alsayegh, Imad & Neda
- Ammari, Ihssan
- Arnouk, Mariam
- Bandak, Christopher & Hnadi
- Bennion, Karen
- Bousard, Rosaline
- Brewer, Philip & Monica
- Catanese, Jason
- DeRienzo, James & Briggette
- Doumani, John & Nicole
- Feldman, Steve & Elisabeth
- Fender, William & Nannette
- Ferris, Scott
- Florence, Lorraine
- Gavras, Chris & Willa
- Gebran, Assad & Ilham
- Gebran, Gebran
- Gebran, George & Abeer
- Gebran, Mario & Amal
- Gharib, Munira
- Ghiz, David & Melanie
- Grove, Dn. Serafim & Mary
- Haddad, Michael & Valerie
- Hakimeh, Fouad & Malake
- Hasbany, Louis & Sandy
- Horan, Adnan & Lisa
- Hweimel, Enaam
- Hweimel, Sammer
- Kanaan, Eugene & Donna
- Karadsheh, John & Natascha
- Karamouzis, Elizabeth
- Khoury, Eddie & Sandy
- Khoury, Jack & Samira
- Khoury, Rida & Sana
- Mas, Margaret
- Mounts, Samia
- Mushahwar, Juliette
- Nahat, Denise, & Johnson, Ray
- Nichols, Richard & Sherry
- Peters, Matthew & Laura
- Qaqish, Ziad & Samiyah
- Rehm, Nathan
- Romley, Daniel & Jane
- Saba, Gary
- Sahawneh, Amanda
- Saigh, Caraline & Ray
- Salamy, V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Chris & Allyson
- Salem, Kenny & Joy
- Salem, S. Henry
- Salem, Saman & Ensof (Fadia)
- Saliba, Anthony & Carrie
- Saliba, James & Kathleen
- Santana, Linda & Gerry Wiebers
- Sayegh, Dr. Edward & Luma
- Sayegh, Dr. Steven & Mary
- Sayegh, Issa & Ekhlal
- Sayegh, John & Rania
- Sayegh, William & Ensaf
- Shahla, Dr. Gobran & Evelyn
- Shleef, Salim & Lara
- Simon, Michael & Nadia
- Simon, Noha & Donald
- Spanovich, Nick & Elizabeth
- Sweilem, Issa & Jennifer
- Sweis, Sameeh & Janette
- Toronto, Ray & Rose Marie
- Vintila, Pamela
- Vogel, David & Debbie
- Wier, William & Valerie
- Zananiri, Tawfiq & Najwa
- Ziton, Michael & Feirouz
- Zuraikat, Husam (John) & Jennifer

Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Apolytikion of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone 6)

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the Angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

Holy Week and Pascha
 Please find below the services for Holy Week and Pascha:
Sunday, April 9th at 6:30pm: Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 10th at 6:30pm: Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm: Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30pm: Holy Unction Service
Thursday, April 13th at 9:00am: Vespertal Liturgy **6:30pm:** Twelve Passion Gospels
Friday, April 14th at 9:00am: Royal Hours **10:30am:** Vespers (**Note: time change from last year**) **6:30pm:** Lamentations
Saturday, April 15th at 10:00am: Divine Liturgy of the Empty Tomb
11:00pm: Rush Procession with Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 16th at 12:00pm: Agape Vespers followed by Egg Hunt

Please note that there will be no church cleaning on Friday, April 14th. Parents should remain with their children and take their children home with them after Liturgy.

Bible Study and Intro to Orthodoxy
 We will not have Bible Study and Intro to Orthodoxy on Wednesday, April 12th and Wednesday, April 19th. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 26th.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Epistle

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

MESSAGES
FROM THE ST. GEORGE LADIES

St. George Day Celebration

On April 23rd, St. George will celebrate our patron saint with a lunch and festivities for the whole community. We need your help to make it a success. To honor our patron Saint, we ask every man, woman and child to volunteer 30 minutes during the party. This will allow everyone time to enjoy the party. Call Khalida "Kelly" at 602.399.3720 to sign up or visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10094fa5a72ba7f58-stgeorge/>

The delicious meal will be served from 12:00 - 3:00 PM at the Legacy Ballroom immediately following Divine Liturgy. Our sincere gratitude to the Gebran Family for graciously donating the meal.

Make sure to buy tickets for yourself, your family and friends. **Important - ticket sales deadline is today.** Call Enaam for ticket reservations at 602.614.3446 or .

St. George Fashion Show

Please join us for a fashion and beauty luncheon on Saturday, May 13th at 10:30am. Tickets are \$50 and children 12 and under are \$20. There will be raffles and door prizes. To purchase tickets, call Alisa Jones at 602-618-2203 or Camilia Saigh at 480.521.8903.

*A huge thank you to Linda Wiebers
for breaking out her tool belt and tools to fix
the tiles in the church and The Legacy Ballroom.*

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.

Those to Remember in Prayer

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



Birthdays

- James Tavlarides 4.10
- Christopher Bandak 4.11
- Ralph Sayegh 4.11
- Aziz Haddad 4.12
- Rima Iacovelli 4.12
- Yasmin Fakhouri 4.13
- Ghadir Quomsieh 4.13
- Salem Salman 4.13
- Krystal Saigh 4.14
- Fadia Abukhader 4.15
- Suzanne Hull 4.15
- Esther Khalil 4.15
- Samir Zuraikat 4.15

Memory Eternal

- George Sheib 4.9.00
- Kelly Haddad 4.13.95
- Laila Khoury 4.13.06
- Anna Abraham 4.14.93
- Ibrahim Kuri 4.15.09