

ST. GEORGE



ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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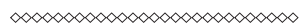
V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Christopher Salamy, **Pastor**

Rev. Fr. Mansour Azar, **Assistant Pastor**

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Greg Abdalah, **Youth Pastor**

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New Sunday or Anti-Pascha

*Sunday of Thomas the Apostle,
Called "The Twin"*

Great-martyr George the Trophy-bearer

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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MESSAGES
FROM THE ST. GEORGE LADIES

Pascha Flowers

Thank you to everyone that made a donation for Pascha flowers. Your donation helped make our church look beautiful for Pascha.

St. George Feast Day Celebration

St. George Feast Day Celebration will be today from 12:00-3:00pm in The Legacy Ballroom immediately following Divine Liturgy. St. George will celebrate our patron saint with a lunch graciously donated by the Gebran Family and festivities for the whole community.

No Coffee Hour Today

St. George Feast Day Celebration will commence at 12:00pm in The Legacy Ballroom. Sorry no tickets will be sold at door, only advance tickets sold. Coffee hour will resume on Sunday, April 30th.

St. George Reserved Parking Spot Auction

For the first time ever, we will be auctioning off a front row, reserved parking spot for an entire year! A valuable item all year round but especially during those hot summer months. You will be able to hop from your car's air conditioning to the church's air conditioning no problem. The live auction will be during St. George Day today in The Legacy Ballroom immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Ladies Auxiliary Bible Study

The next Ladies' meeting is right around the corner. Join us on Thursday, May 4th at 10:30am. Fr. Mansour will lead bible study. A potluck luncheon will follow. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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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
Abdelnour, Joe & Louise
Abdoulah, Connie
Agra, Catherine
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

Nassif, Sam
Nichols, Richard & Sherry
Peters, Matthew & Laura
Qaqish, Ziad & Samiyah
Quomsieh, Nadia
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, Issa & Ekhlal
Sayegh, John & Bolivia
Sayegh, John & Rania
Sayegh, Dr. Steven & Mary
Sayegh, Suzanne Corlett
Sayegh, William & Ensaf
Shahla, Dr. Gobran & Evelyn
Shleef, Salim & Lara
Simon, George & Christine
Simon, Michael & Nadia
Simon, Noha & Donald
Spanovich, Nick & Elizabeth
Stringer, Kim
Sweilem, Issa & Jennifer
Sweis, Sameeh & Janette
Sweis, Sameh & Juliet
Toronto, Ray & Rose Marie
Vintila, Pamela
Vogel, David & Debbie
Wier, William & Valerie
Zananiri, Tawfiq & Najwa
Ziton, Michael & Feirouz
Zuraikat, Husam (John) & Jennifer

WARRIOR SAINTS



Apolytikion for Thomas Sunday (Tone 7)

Whilst the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave,
O Christ God: and whilst the doors were shut,
Thou didst come unto Thy disciples, O Resurrection of all,
renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Apolytikion for 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 of Pascha (Tone 8)

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb,
Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God.
Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice!
And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

Feast Day of St. George
Thank you to George Kalyoussef and George Saba for reading the Epistle today on their name's day! Thank you also to all those who also bear the name George for serving during Liturgy today. Many years!

St. Mark the Evangelist
We will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, April 25th at 9:00am for St. Mark the Evangelist.

Bible Studies and Intro to Orthodoxy
Teen Bible Study, Young Mens' Bible Study, THRIVE and Intro to Orthodoxy class will resume on Wednesday, April 26th.

Stay in Touch
Listen to the homily and read the bulletin online at <http://www.stgeorgeaz.org/stay-in-touch/>

Prokeimenon:

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hear my voice, O God.

The Epistle

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (12:1-11)

In those days, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

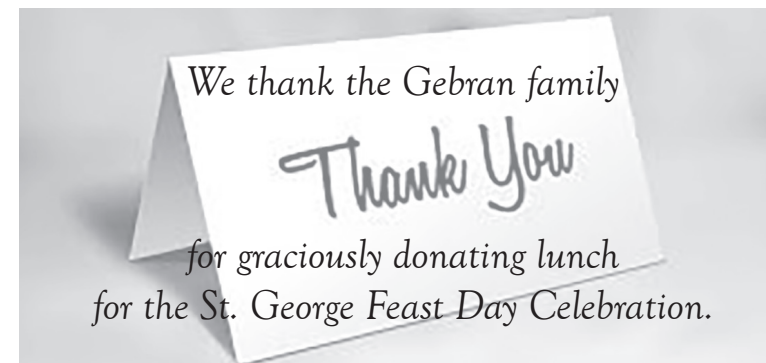
Those to Remember in Prayer

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

Liturgical Offerings...

The Gebran family offers Holy Bread for the health of Assad and Ilham Gebran, Gebran, Aline and family, Mike Gebran, Vera Gebran and family, George and Abeer and family and Mario and Amal and family. May God grant them many years. In memory of Gebran and Amalane Gebran, Issa and Raifa Ossias and Mansour and Elias Ossias. May their memory be eternal.

Dan and Kathy Abraham and Rose Ansara offer Holy Bread in remembrance of the servant of God, Wade Abraham on the 2-year anniversary of his passing to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May his memory be eternal! We thank the parish of St. George for their prayers and remembrances.



Birthdays

- George Hakimeh 4.23
- Olga Wilson 4.23
- Jacob Zuraikat 4.23
- Janee Nichols 4.25
- Ilham Gebran 4.25
- Christopher Sola 4.28

Anniversaries

- John and Jennifer Zuraikat 4.28

Memory Eternal

- Victor Lupu 4.26.02
- Khouriye Fannie Habib 4.29.03

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