

# 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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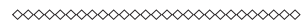
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*Sixth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man;*

*Equals-to-the-Apostles Constantine and Helen*

*Constantine, Prince of Murom, and his sons Michael and Theodore, the Wonderworkers*



Welcome to  
**ST. GEORGE**

Society is harshly divided.  
We struggle with broken morality, health, jobs, relationships, and ultimately, death.

The voice of culture tells 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 better Way.

At St. George we call that The Way of the Warrior Saint.

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

### The Feast of the Ascension

We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30pm.

### Great Vespers

Final Great Vespers before the summer will be May 27th at 5:00pm. Great Vespers will resume in October.

### Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Due to an event in The Legacy Ballroom on Sunday, May 28th, there will be no coffee hour. Coffee hour will resume the following Sunday, June 4th.

### Bulletin Deadline

If you would like to include an oblation for the June 11th bulletin, we ask that you submit your text by Friday, June 2nd. Text received after June 2nd will be included in the June 18th bulletin. Please submit text to Tricia at [office@stgeorgeaz.org](mailto:office@stgeorgeaz.org).

### Archdiocese Convention in South Florida

If you are attending the convention in July and are interested in representing St. George at the General Assembly, please contact the office as soon as possible.

### Stay in Touch

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

## MESSAGES

FROM THE ST. GEORGE LADIES

### Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8th at 11:30am at U.S. Egg on Shea Blvd. and Scottsdale Road. Please make your reservation by calling Nawal Salman at 602.518.5980 by Monday, June 5th. All are welcome.

### Bunko Night

Back by popular demand...Bunko Game Night and Ice Cream Social! Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 25th at 6:00pm in The Legacy Ballroom. A great evening for the entire family that includes prizes, fellowship and fun! Adults are \$10 and children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets will be sold during Fellowship/Coffee hour. For additional questions, please contact Sandy at 602.277.1963.

**Teen Bible Study**  
Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm as we continue to look at the Gospel of Mark in preparation for this year's Bible Bowl. Whether or not you are planning on attending the Parish Life Conference, all teens are welcome to study scripture with us.

Messages from **FATHER**

A message from **GREG**

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. Starting June 1, 2017, the Archdiocese Dues will be raised to \$75.00 per baptized soul in each household. If you have not already done so, May 31, 2017 is the deadline to submit your Archdiocese Dues for \$60.00. 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, Ilhssan  
 Arnouk, Mariam  
 Bakhit, Hala  
 Bandak, Christopher & Hnadi  
 Bennion, Karen  
 Bousard, Rosaline  
 Brewer, Philip & Monica  
 Bronnenkant, Anna  
 Catanese, Jason  
 DeRienzo, James & Brigette  
 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  
 Iacovelli, Rima  
 Kanaan, Eugene & Donna  
 Karadsheh, John & Natascha  
 Karamouzis, Elizabeth  
 Khoury, Eddie & Sandy  
 Khoury, Jack & Samira  
 Khoury, Rida & Sana  
 Mas, Margaret  
 Mounts, Samia  
 Musallam, Juliet  
 Musallam, Rowana  
 Mushahwar, Juliette  
 Nahat, Denise & Johnson, Ray  
 Nassif, Sam  
 Nichols, Richard & Sherry  
 Peters, Matthew & Laura  
 Qaqish, Ziad & Samiyah  
 Quomsieh, Nadia  
 Rehm, Nathan  
 Ritchie, Rev. Dn. Basil & Barbara  
 Romley, Daniel & Jane  
 Saba, Gary  
 Sahawneh, Amanda  
 Saigh, Caraline & Ray  
 Salamy, V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Chris & Allyson  
 Salem, Kenny & Joy  
 Salem, Robert & Buthaina  
 Salem, S. Henry

Salem, Saman & Ensof (Fadia)  
 Saliba, Anthony & Carrie  
 Saliba, James & Kathleen  
 Saliba, John & Marybeth  
 Santana, Linda & Gerry Wiebers  
 Sayegh, Abraham & Christine  
 Sayegh, Dr. Edward & Luma  
 Sayegh, Ghassan & May  
 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

**Results of the Spring 2017 School Supply Drive for Foster Care Children:**

- 3700 Loose Leaf Papers
- 31 Composition Notebooks
- 1300 Notecards
- 136 Colored Pencils
- 114 Pens
- 530 Pencils
- 38 Markers
- Other items (binders, crayons, chalk, and pencil holders)



Donated items will be used by Arizona foster care children in the upcoming school year. On behalf of the entire team at bak.pak, we would like to send a special thank you to all those who have participated in this drive! We are grateful for the generous continuing support from the St. George community.



*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 SS. Constantine and Helen (Tone 8)*

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

*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.

*Prokeimenon:*

*Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.*

*The Epistle*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (26:1, 12-20)**

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

## The Gospel

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered, "And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

## Those to Remember in Prayer

**LIVING:** Rosie, Lily, Richard, Marion, Mary, Sandra, Aaron, Corrie, Shirley, Michael, Chase, Romy, Alex, Chet, Norma, Mike, Isam, Laila and Madeline

## Liturgical Offerings...

Gary and Norman Saba offer a one-year Trisagion in loving memory of their beloved mother Mary T. Saba. May her memory be eternal. In loving memory of Morris, Mary Lynn, Thomas, Najeeby, Solomon, Bahria and Habib. May their memory be eternal.

The Ghareib family offers a 3, 9 and 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of Firas Ghareib. May his memory be eternal.

## Birthdays



- Abeer Gebran 5.21
- Diana Matthews 5.22
- Jenna Rabadi 5.24
- Farouk Karadsheh 5.26
- Alexander Kalyoussef 5.27

## Anniversaries

- Ziad and Hannan FrieH 5.26
- Michael and Feirouz Ziton 5.26
- Gary and Suzanne Hull 5.27
- Ramey and Rawan Sweis 5.27
- David and Nesrin Ziton 5.27

## Memory Eternal

- Fanny Kofile 5.22.08
- Thomas Habib 5.26.03
- Avanel Wolfley 5.26.03
- Helena Habib 5.27.05
- George Romley 5.27.97

**Sunday, May 21st Following Liturgy**

**World Famous Hot Dog and Lemonade Stand**  
\*50/50 Raffle\*

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**JUNE 5-9, 2017**

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