# Welcome to

# SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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New Sunday or Anti-Pascha Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called "The Twin" Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; Hieromartyr Leonidas, bishop of Athens



Greatness lies within all of us. By tricking us to focus on self, the world is pulling us off the path to greatness.

At St. George we offer a different Way to help you unlock the greatness within. We call that The Way of the Warrior Saint, which is practical, biblical and crucifixional living and focused on others. This is the path to greatness. Join the movement and become a Warrior Saint.

Unlock your inner greatness by following the Way of the Warrior Saint.



# Messages from THE LADIES

## **ZATAAR BAKE SALE**

Join us today for the Zataar Bake Sale in The Legacy Ballroom after Divine Liturgy.

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Sign up to host Fellowship Hour using our SignUpGenius link! Follow this link https://www.stgeorgeaz.org/fellowship-hour. Please contact Kimla Saba with any questions at klsaba@yahoo.com or 928.542.6206.

# This Week's **SCHEDULE**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
15th 11:30am Zaatar Bake Sale	16th	17th	No Bible Study/ Education Night	19th	20th	8:00am AZ Pan- Orthodox Walk for Missions
						5:00pm Great
						Vespers

# Messages from FATHER

## **BIBLE STUDY/EDUCATION NIGHT**

There will be no Bible Study or Byzantine Chant on Wednesday, April 18th. We will resume on Wednesday, April 25th.

## **ARIZONA WALK FOR MISSIONS**

Join us on Saturday, April 21st from 8:00-9:30am at Kiwanis Park in Tempe for the 7th Annual Arizona Walk for Missions. For more information and directions to the walk, please pick up a flyer in the Narthex.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT DESERT MISSION FOOD BANK (DMFB)

On Friday, April 27th from 10:00am-12:00pm there will be a volunteer opportunity for St. George at DMFB. This is a great opportunity for folks to help customers coming to the food bank by shopping for items at DMFB and then loading food into vehicles. This is a way to show Christ's love and live the life of a Warrior Saint. There are 10 volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact Matthew Peters at 602.228.5941 or via email at mdp9572@hotmail.com

# HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN OF WORCESTER

Make sure to join us next week for the visit of His Grace, Bishop JOHN of Worcester for Divine Liturgy!

### **APOLYTIKION OF 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.

## **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:**

Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

### THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor.

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison.

But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

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.

### LIVING:

Romy, Chase, Joe, Ted, Gloria, Larman, Don, Michael, Walter, Joann, Stacy, Susan, Julie, Thomas, Jaime, George, Kim and Mary.

## **LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:**

Congratulations and God's blessings to Sloan Myers on the occasion of her Baptism. May God grant her many years. For the health of Ethan Khoury on his Churching. May God grant him many years. For the health of Lily and Tony Hassan, Asma Khoury and the Ayoub, Khoury, Myers and Glass families. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Peter and Becca Khoury on the Churching of their son Ethan. May God grant him many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Imad and Neda Alsayegh on the Baptism of their sons George and Elias. May God grant them many years.

# Many THANKS

We thank Victor and Mary Khoury and family for hosting Fellowship Hour.

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.