Welcome to

SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Pious Joseph of Arimathaea & Righteous Nicodemus & Great-martyr and Trophy-bearer George



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.



Welcome to ST. GEORGE

Joining us today for Divine Liturgy are the following clergy and dignitaries. Please welcome them to our St. George family.

Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Worcester and New England V. Rev. Fr. Donald Shadid, St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Johnstown, PA

V. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kimmett, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Norwood, MA

V. Rev. Fr. Michael Nasser, St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, Grand Rapids, MI

V. Rev. Fr. John Salem, St. Elijah Antiochian Orthodox Church, Oklahoma City, OK

V. Rev. Fr. Philip Rogers, St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church, Memphis, TN V. Rev. Fr. Joel Gillam, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Upper Darby, PA

Rev. Fr. Seraphim Solof, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester, MA

Rev. Fr. Nicholas Belcher, Episcopal Assistant, Antiochian Archdiocese of North America Rev. Fr. James Purdie, St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church, Hampton, VA Rev. Fr. Alexander Makhoul, St. John Antiochian Orthodox Church, Memphis, TN

Rev. Fr. Timothy Chrapko, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Rev. Dn. Marek Simon, Assistant Director, Antiochian Village Camp

Rev. Dn. John El Massih, Episcopal Assistant, Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

Mr. Christopher Shadid, Assistant Director, Antiochian Village Camp Miss Katrina Bitar, Camp Director, Camp St. Nicholas Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Kathy Abraham, Archdiocese Board of Trustees Mr. Roger David, Chairman, Order of St. Ignatius

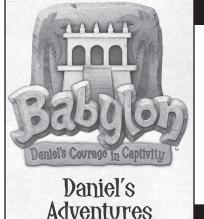
Mr. Jeffrey Hoff, Treasurer, St. Vladimir's Seminary Board of Trustees

Mrs. Michelle Moujaes, Faithtree Resources

Rev. Dn. Basil Ritchie

The Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women,

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Mark your calendar! Save the date for Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 4th-8th! Registration coming soon.

For more information,

contact Valerie at valerie@stgeorgeaz.org

Messages from FATHER

THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS

Today, Bishop JOHN will induct the following members into The Order of St. Ignatius: George Fakhouri, Sandra Hasbany, Simon Isaac, Robert Kanaan, Dr. Joseph Khalil, George Maalouli, Matthew Peters, Dr. Abe Sayegh, George Sayegh and William Sayegh. God bless you all and may God grant you many years.

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 eight volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact Matthew Peters at 602.228.5941 or via email at mdp9572@hotmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS ORTHODOXY ON TAP

Calling all Young Adults! Join us on Friday, May 11th at 6:00pm at the Skeptical Chymist, 5688 N Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. For more information please send an email to youngadults.stgeorgephx@gmail.com

Messages from THE LADIES

ST. GEORGE RESERVED PARKING SPOT RAFFLE

Get ready for the Second Annual St. George Reserved Parking Spot Raffle! We will be raffling 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 raffle will be during St. George Day in The Legacy Ballroom immediately following Divine Liturgy. From now until Sunday, May 6th, we will be selling raffle tickets in The Legacy Ballroom. More details to follow.

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.

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power.

And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee:

O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA (TONE 2)

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN (TONE 2)

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption.

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 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.

This Week's **SCHEDULE**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------|--------|---------|--|----------|--|---------------------|
| 22nd | 23rd | 24th | 25th | 26th | 27th | 28th |
| No Sunday School | | | 6:00pm Bible Study, Education Night and Byzantine Chant | | 10:00am Desert Mission Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity | No Great Vespers |

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. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

LIVING:

Romy, Chase, Joe, Ted, Gloria, Larman, Don, Michael, Walter, Joann, Stacy, George, Kim, Mary and Joshua.

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Congratulations and God's blessings to Greg Abdalah and Diana Haddad on the occasion of their marriage. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Sammy Sayegh on the occasion of his tonsure as Subdeacon. May God grant him many years.

Assad and Ilham Gebran offer Holy Bread for the health of Assad and Ilham Gebran, Mike Gebran, Vera Gebran, George Gebran, Mario Gebran, Abier Gebran and their families and the Gibran family. May God grant them many years. In memory of Rafat Gebran, Amalane Gebran, Gebran Gebran, Issa Ossais, Raifa Issa, Mansour Ossais and Elias Ossais. May their memory be eternal.

Nadia Quomsieh offers Holy Bread for the health of Nadia, Ron, Dan, Maram, Will, Eva, Doug, Donovan, Sabine, Isabelle, Einar, Lilly and William. May God grant them many years. In memory of Ghadir (6 months), William, Jeries, Iskander, Sammy, Samia, Michael and the Quomsieh and Gharib families. May their memory be eternal.

Jack and Samira Khoury offer Liturgical prayers for Assad Gebran's quick recovery after his recent surgery. May God grant him many years. For the health of all the living members of Jack and Samira's family. May God grant them many years. In memory of all the deceased members of Jack and Samira's family. May their memory be eternal.

Many THANKS

Thank you to Jack and Samira Khoury for hosting Fellowship Hour to welcome Bishop JOHN and to honor Greg Abdalah and Diana Haddad on the occasion of their marriage. 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.