## Welcome to

## SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost & Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew Synaxis of Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver & Anna the Prophetess



Hey hey, Warrior Saints.

Welcome to the Way of the Warrior Saint where we unleash great by living a crucifixional life.





#### **BIBLE STUDIES**

All Bible Studies will be cancelled on Wednesday, February 13th Bible Studies will resume the following week.

#### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC)

There will be a volunteer opportunity at FMSC, on Saturday, February 16, 2019
25 spots are available
9:00 am to 11:00 am
1345 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, AZ 85210
Please contact Matthew Peters for more information
mdp9572@hotmail.com

## A Message from THE LADIES

On February 10th, we will have our Zaatar sale. We will be adding some produce, homemade jams and jellies. A preview of the Ladies newsletter too! Proceeds to benefit our yearly diocese fundraiser.

Sign up and payments for the book club is ready at the book store.

The book club is starting in February!

This year's book is: "The Sweetness of Grace" (Stories of Christian Trial and Victory) by Constantina R. Palmer. We encourage all women of all ages in the church to join us. If you like to organize parties, events and dinners contact us via email if you can not make meetings. Any questions or needs please feel free to call Valerie Sabbag-Wier "the other Valerie" at the church wumpachic@gmail.com or 602 354-1376

Be Safe! Love you all! Get excited!

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## 2019 **STEWARDSHIP**

We are grateful for the generosity of our many faithful stewards in our St. George community! We have implemented some new ideas with our 2019 campaign designed to simplify the giving process. 1. We have an updated Stewardship kiosk in the church narthex that contains 2019 Pledge Cards, Giving Envelopes and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) brochure.

2. We have updated the St. George website to make it easier to navigate to the Giving page. To access this site, go to https://www.stgeorgeaz.org/giving/ and use the "important links" to fill out the 2019 Commitment Card, set up or fulfill your Tithe and Archdiocese Dues through Pushpay, access your Church Community Builder (your St. George Church record) profile and how to download your giving statement through Church Community Builder (CCB).

Please visit us in The Legacy Ballroom after Liturgy each Sunday in January to answer any questions you have, turn in your pledge cards or get assistance setting up the PushPay app on your Smart Phone. As a reminder, to be a member in good standing at St. George, one must a.) make a pledge commitment annually, b.) contribute toward your commitment and fulfill it by year-end and c.) pay Archdiocese Assessment Dues (\$75/baptized soul).

We are excited for a great 2019 campaign that will allow St. George community to flourish!

Your Stewardship Committee: Bill and Nanette Fender, Mike Afsa, Salim Shleef, Melanie Ghiz and Valerie Haddad



# ADULT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEB 22ND 6:00 PM - THE LEGACY BALLROOM

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Adults Only - No Kids Please!

# Tone 3 EOTHINON 3

#### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 3)**

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm.

He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead.

He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

#### APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

#### **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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Simeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

#### **PROKEIMENON:**

The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

#### THE EPISTLE

### The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

## Tone 3 EOTHINON 3

#### THE GOSPEL

#### The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saving: "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sew, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As Jesus said these things He cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

## Those to Remember in Prayer

#### LIVING:

Romy, Gloria, Larman, Don, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Marwan, Moira, Mac, Nick and Joe.

#### LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

The Fakhouri family offers a Holy Oblation in memory of Fakre, George, Feras, Ibrahim, Saliba, Kholoud and Moheb. May their memory be eternal. Memory eternal for their cousin Tareq Abojoudeh who passed away in Jordan. May his memory be eternal. For the health and well being of the Fakhouri families and St. George parish. May God grant them many years.

David and Melanie Ghiz and family offer the 2 year Holy Oblation in loving memory of their beloved brother, brother-in-law and Uncle Edward Ghiz (2.13.17). May his memory be eternal! In memory of George, Sally, Jazelle, David, Arleen, Albert and all other departed members of the Ghiz, Brown and Tibshraeny families. May their memory be eternal. For the health and well-being of David, Melanie, Alexandra, Harrison and all other members of the Ghiz, Brown, Tibshraeny and Maytes families. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Alberto and Krystal Rodriquez on their Uncrowning. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Joe and Crystal Yakou on the Churching of their daughter Alayna. May God grant her many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Musa and Mariana Dahdal on the Churching of their daughter Kenzie. May God grant her many years.

## This Week's SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9nd
Souper Bowl		11:00am Mens Bible Study U.S.Egg	5:30pm Teen Bible Study Bible Study with Dn.Raphael The Minor Prophets: Who are they and how is their message relevant to me?	10:30am Ladies Meeting	10:00am Young Moms Bible Study	5:00pm Great Vespers
			6:30pm Adult Bible			
			Orthodoxy 101			

## Book STORE

Bookstore News.....

Book Fair Starts Today!

Kids and Teens and Prizes

Drop by the Bookstore table for more information.



To include an oblation in the bulletin, text must be submitted to the office 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.