

Welcome to

SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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the West of The Antiochian Archdiocese
of New York and North America

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Sixth Sunday of Luke
Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch
Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia; Venerable Matrona of Chios



WARRIOR SAINTS®

Hey hey, Warrior Saints.

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

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2019 Stewardship

We are truly blessed here in the St. George community to have so many generous members. Whether you are contributing your time, talents or hard-earned money, we always find a way to meet or exceed our goals. These efforts and dollars lead to expanded ministry and continued growth of our community and the positive impact we make outside our community. Last week we heard about the great success of this year's festival while the Legacy Ballroom continues to thrive and contribute to the financial obligations of St. George. Our annual Stewardship is the main factor in contributing toward the financial well-being of our community.

In 2019, the Stewardship committee set two aggressive goals. **Goal 1** was to increase giving by 20% over 2018 giving. **Goal 2** was to increase the number of families that pledge by 50% or 130 pledging families.

Goal 1



- Through September 2019, we have achieved 65% of our Goal
- Historically, we should be at 70% of our goal by this time
- We are falling short of our goals and will need to exceed our historical giving for the final Quarter of 2019 to hit our goal
- Only pledge payments made in 2019 will count toward 2019 contributions. In past years, we have allowed members to continue to contribute in January of the following year to make up any gaps toward their pledge.

Goal 2



- Through September 2019, we have achieved 95% of our Goal
- We have added 40 additional pledging families in 2019
- We still need 6 more to hit our goal
- Information is available on our website or at the Stewardship kiosk in the narthex of the church

We must keep our 2019 Stewardship as a priority for the balance of 2019. We will therefore begin to print the names of all of the members that are in good standing as we approach the end of 2019. 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). Only members in good standing can vote at our annual parish meeting in January and receive discounts for use of the church facilities.

EDUCATION NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 6:30PM-7:30PM

- Adult Bible Study (Fr. Chris is leading a journey through the Book of Revelation)
- Orthodoxy 101 (Greg and Dan are teaching the basics of the Orthodox Faith)
- Teen Bible Study (Our Teens are exploring living out their vocation with Mark)

PLAN YOUR SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE OUR MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES...

1st Tuesday of each month (11/5): Men's Bible Study at U.S. Egg 11:00am

1st Tuesday of each month (11/5): Family Night at St. George 6:30pm

(Pathways Reboot for ages 4-11, Mom's and Dad's Bible Studies)

1st Thursday of each month (11/7): Ladies Bible Study/Meeting at St. George 10:30am

2nd Friday of each month (11/8): Orthodoxy On Tap 6:30pm (Young Adults)

3rd Thursday of each month (11/21): Young Women/Young Men at St. George 6:30pm

SATURDAY EVENING GREAT VESPERS IS BACK...

Please join us for Great Vespers on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 5:00pm

DIVINE LITURGY - ANASTASIA OF ROME

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 9:00am

A life so filled with the Love
of the Lord Jesus Christ
spreads the Glory of God
wherever that life is told

Come and discover the Love of the Lord Jesus Christ in:

"Stories of the Saints"

St. George Bookstore opened after Divine Liturgy

Please stop by any Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Contact Karen Bennion with questions.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP - CHRISTIAN SACRED ART

Russian artist and Iconographer, Ludmila Demich, will be hosting a workshop providing a unique opportunity to learn ancient 15th century Byzantine Iconography Egg Tempura technique over 3 weekends in November & December (Saturdays & Sundays).

Sessions will be held at St. George.

Dates are: 11/23 & 11/24, 11/30 & 12/1, 12/7 & 12/8

For more info, call Ludmila at 480-580-7784

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews,
and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life.
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom,
glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ARTEMIUS THE GREAT-MARTYR (TONE 4)

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee
received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee,
our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants
and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption.
O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION (TONE 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the
Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned;
but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to
intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect,
O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Trunk or **TREAT**

Please join us for our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 27th from 5:00-7:30 pm in the St. George parking lot. Fun for the whole family with games, crafts and, of course, Trick or Treating! We'll be selling hot dogs, chili, chips, brownies and cookies to help send our kids to Camp St. Nicholas so you don't have to cook! Combo meals start at \$4! To decorate your trunk and pass out candy to the Trick or Treaters, please sign up TODAY with Hanna Saigh. Thank you!

PROKEIMENON:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me.” For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

LIVING:

Romy, Gloria, Larman, Don, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Philip, Richard, Marwan, Moira, Mac, Nick, Joe, Samuel, Bart, Roberta, George, Yvonne, Peter, Sophia, Sandy, Michael, Tim, Gary, Ray, Frank, Doug, Anna.

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Elias and Mary Jubran offer holy bread for in loving memory of her mother Taljeh Murad 3 month passing. Also for their good health and salvation.

Mannal Abdalla and family offer holy bread for the good health and salvation of Nawal, Mannal, Kristina, Pete, Joseph, George, Jacob, Jamal, Angelina, Alia, Annabella, Murad, Rosie, Elias, Kandace, Danny and Beckett. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Jamal, Butros, Virginia, Antwenate, Hanna, George, Emmad. May their memory be eternal.

Kenny and Joy Salem offer a 40 day trisagion in memory of Ralph Salem. In memory of Ralph and Mike. For the health of Kenny, Joy, Alex, Julia, Grace, Saman, Ensaf and the Salem Family.

Congratulations and God’s blessings to Fadi & Faten Farah on the churching of their daughter Zia. God grant you many years.

Many **THANKS**

We thank the Abdalla family for hosting Coffee Hour for the good health and salvation of Nawal, Mannal, Kristina, Pete, Joseph, George, Jacob, Jamal, Angelina, Alia, Annabella, Murad, Rosie, Elias, Kandace, Danny and Beckett. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Jamal, Butros, Virginia, Antwenate, Hanna, George, Emmad. May their memory be eternal.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP ~ SATURDAY, 10/26/19

Married? Not married yet? Thinking to get married? We will host a **Marriage Enrichment Workshop** to explore the Orthodox approach to marriage to enhance your marriage, prepare you for upcoming nuptials, or just help with your thinking about marriage. We will begin with Divine Liturgy at 9:00am, followed by our workshop from 10:00am-2:00pm. Cost is \$25 per couple and includes lunch. **RSVP by TODAY October 20th** to office@stgeorgeaz.org or online at: www.stgeorgeaz.org/marriage-enrichment/

To include an oblation in the bulletin, text should be submitted to Tisha Rose at office@stgeorgeaz.org before the deadline of Wednesday at noon. Physical requests submitted with donations may not get to the office in time. All oblations received after the deadline will be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin. Church office hours are Monday - Friday, 9am-1pm.