

*Welcome to*

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*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Luke  
Forefeast of the Conception of the Theotokos; Venerable Patapios of Thebes;  
Sophronios, bishop of Cyprus; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Crispos, Caesar &  
Epaphroditos of the Seventy*



Hey hey, Warrior Saints.

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

Follow us on Instagram: @stgeorgephx. Like us on Facebook: StGeorgePHX. Listen to Sunday's sermon on YouTube: WarriorSaints.



**2019 Stewardship Update:** November proved to be another good month for Stewardship. We exceeded our November 2018 total by 10%. 2019, year-to-date, we have received 15% more in Stewardship than this time last year. With a strong finish to the year we still have the chance to meet our goal of 20% increase over 2018. Remember to keep St. George on your holiday gift list! It's a great way to express your gratitude toward the community that offers us so many great blessings year after year. Below is the updated list of Members in Good Standing. If your name does not appear on this list that means we have: a) not received a 2019 pledge from you, b) you are not current on giving or c) you have not paid your archdiocese dues for 2019 yet. If you have completed these requirements and your name does not appear on the list below, our apologies. Please let me know so we can correct and update our records accordingly. My email address is [bill.fender20@gmail.com](mailto:bill.fender20@gmail.com).

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Greg and Diana Abdalah       | Dn Serafim and Mary Grove   | Denise Nahat and Ray Johnson             | Linda Santana and Gerry Wiebers  |
| Connie Abdoulah              | Michael and Valerie Haddad  | Sam and Lori Nassif                      | Dr. Abraham and Christine Sayegh |
| Brittany Abraham             | Linda Haddad                | Richard and Sherry Nichols               | Edward and Luma Sayegh           |
| Joseph and Helen Abraham     | Aziz and Samar Haddad       | Matthew and Laura Peters                 | John and Bolivia Sayegh          |
| Catherine Agra               | Taysir and Mary Kay Haddad  | Walid and Randa Qaqish                   | John and Rania Sayegh            |
| Nora Alhaddad                | Fouad and Malake Hakimeh    | Ziad and Samiyah Qaqis                   | May Sayegh                       |
| William Assaly               | Louis and Sandra Hasbany    | Mazen and Julie Rayyan                   | Saleem and Abeer Sayegh          |
| Hala Bakhit                  | Walid Hawileh               | Samier and Mai Rayya                     | Dr. Steven and Mary Sayegh       |
| Christopher and Hnadi Bandak | Michael and Leah Hopper     | Tom Risk                                 | Suzanne Corlett Sayegh           |
| Richard Blanchard            | Sammer Hweimel              | Dn Basil and Barbara Ritchie             | Daniel and Yulia Schneider       |
| Rosaline Bousard             | William and Rima Iacovelli  | Daniel and Jane Romley                   | Salim and Lara Shleef            |
| Philip and Monica Brewer     | Edward and Munira Isaac     | Gary Saba                                | Michael and Nadia Simon          |
| Anna Bronnenkant             | Simon and Ruba Isaac        | Richard and Marion Saba                  | Noha and Donald Simon            |
| Rimon Dahdal                 | David and Alisa Jones       | Amanda Sahawneh                          | Shirley Snage                    |
| Samia Dahdal                 | Eugene and Donna Kanaan     | Hesham and Michelle Sahawneh             | Mike and Brenda Solomon          |
| Ghassan Dalloul              | John and Natascha Karadshah | Hanna Saigh                              | Nick and Elizabeth Spanovich     |
| Mary Davison                 | Charles and Esther Khalil   | Khalil and Jennifer Saigh                | Daniel and Dina Stokich          |
| James and Brigette DeRienzo  | Rida and Sana Khouri        | Najla Saigh                              | Kimberly Stringer                |
| John and Nicole Doumani      | Eddie and Sandy Khoury      | Ralph and Camilia Saigh                  | Issa and Jennifer Sweilem        |
| Walid and Yasmin Fakhouri    | Emily Khoury                | Ray and Caraline Saigh                   | Sameeh and Janette Sweis         |
| Akram and Mervat Fakhoury    | Jack and Samira Khoury      | Rumsey Saigh                             | Ray and Rose Marie Toronto       |
| Michael Faris                | Victor and Mary Khoury      | Darrin and Layla Saikley                 | Pamela Vintila                   |
| Bill and Nanette Fender      | Karen Lyon                  | Ken and Judy Salameh                     | David and Debbie Vogel           |
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| Lorraine Florence            | Chester and Diana Matthews  | Kenny and Joy Salem                      | William and Valerie Wier         |
| George Gebran                | Maysoun Mikhail             | Raed and Burhaina Salem                  | Larman and Olga Wilson           |
| Michael Gebran               | Halim and Susan Mokbel      | Saman and Ensof Salem                    | Tawfiq and Najwa Zananiri        |
| Assad and Ilham Gebran       | Juliet Musallam             | Anthony & Carrie Lynn McConkey Saliba    | Akram and Elizabeth Zanayed      |
| Khalid and Anna Gharib       | Rowana Musallam             | James and Kathy Saliba                   | David and Nesrin Ziton           |
| Munira Gharib                | Juliette Mushahwar          | Peter Samore                             | Michael and Feirouz Ziton        |
| David and Melanie Ghiz       | Raja and Rachel Mushahwar   |  |                                  |

Thanks to all who continue to contribute to St. George.

Your continued generosity is appreciated and needed to maintain and grow our ministries.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Bill and Nanette Fender, Mike Afsa, Salim Shleef, Melanie Ghiz and Valerie Haddad

*Messages from* **FATHER**

**EDUCATION NIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 6:30-7:30PM**

- 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)

**JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES...**

- 1st Tuesday of each month (1/7): Men's Bible Study at U.S. Egg 11:00am
- 1st Tuesday of each month (1/7): Family Night at St. George 6:30pm
- 1st Thurs of each month (1/9): Ladies Bible Study/Meeting at St. George 10:30am
- 2nd Friday of each month (12/13): Orthodoxy On Tap 6:30pm (Young Adults)
- 3rd Thurs of each month(12/19): Young Women/Young Men at St. George 6:30pm

**DIVINE LITURGY - ST. HERMAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 9:00AM**

**NO VESPERS SERVICE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 5:00PM**

**DIVINE LITURGY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 10:00AM**

We are blessed to welcome the Softener of Evil Hearts Icon of the Mother of God at Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 15th.

**DIVINE LITURGY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 10:00AM**

Members of The Order of St. Ignatius should wear their cross and be ready to serve.

*Messages from* **THE OFFICE**

**Christmas Flowers Donation Submission Deadline: Today, December 8th**

NOTE: If you did not receive acknowledgement of your submission by phone or email, PLEASE contact Tisha at office@stgeorgeaz.org or 602-953-1921 immediately.

**Christmas bulletin Submission Deadline: Friday, December 20th by noon.**

**Sunday, December 29th Bulletin Submission Deadline: Wednesday, December 18th.**

**Sunday, January 5th Bulletin Submission Deadline: Monday, December 30th.**

*Tone 8* **EOTHINON 3**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 8)**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One,  
and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion;  
Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (TONE 3)**

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably,  
Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings;  
with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on  
as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

**PROKEIMENON:**

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

**THE EPISTLE**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you  
have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in  
love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and  
one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord,  
one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and  
in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

*Thank you from* **THE LADIES**

The St. George Ladies Auxiliary appreciate all your support in 2019.  
Thank you for your participation in the Annual Ladies Tea and for every  
donation for the Christmas Flowers. Have a wonderful holiday season!

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

**LIVING:**

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

**LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:**

Anna Bronnenkant offers Holy Bread in celebration of Drew's birthday. God grant him many years. In memory of Helen & Nick Collis, Greg & Pindi, Helen & Paul Bronnenkant, Benny, Carol & John, Jacob Musallam, Sue & Leo, Anna & John, Anna & Paul and the departed members of the Collis, Bronnenkant, Panarites, Stitt, Laws, and LetoBarone families. For the health and salvation of Drew, Anna, Adam, Tyler, Tess & Jon, Jane, Maria, Erik, Emil, Anna, Griffin and the Collis, Bronnenkant, Lundmark, Laws, Panarites, LaRocca, Elmore, Scott, McSweeney, Musallam and LetoBarone families.

Souheil and Raoud Alhaddad offer holy bread for the good health and salvation of Jude, Aliaa, Sam, Nora, Peter, and all of the Alhaddad, Alassali, Kallass, Alhaj, Goodwin, Alabdulah, Samore and Risk families. May God grant them many years.

*Thank you from* **JOHN & NATASCHA**

We want to thank everyone who jumped in and participated in the KOR Properties Stocking Drive for Helen's Hope Chest. We exceeded our parish goal and delivered over 150 Christmas stockings to foster kids in our community. Over 1,100 stockings were collected for the project this year and we are so proud that our community was responsible for almost 14% of all of the stockings donated. We are grateful to you for sharing your generosity with kids who are less fortunate in our community and we can't wait to do even more in 2020.

With all our love and thanks!  
John and Natascha Karadsheh

*Many* **THANKS** *for Coffee Hour*

May the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bring you all health, joy, peace, and prosperity always.  
Waleed, Kholoud, Rashid, Libby, Hannah, Charbel and all the Khouri family.

*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.*

**BOOKSTORE SALES**

**Icons, Incense, Books, Bibles and more  
SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS  
AND SPREAD THE JOY OF JESUS' BIRTH**

St. George Bookstore is open after Divine Liturgy

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us".  
Matt 1:23

**UNIQUE TO YOU:**  
BAPTISM/CHRISMATION,  
WEDDING AND EASTER  
CANDLES  
ALLOW 1 WEEK FOR  
DELIVERY