

Welcome to

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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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the West of The Antiochian Archdiocese
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*Dormition of Righteous Anna, mother of the Theotokos
& Fifth Sunday of Matthew*

Righteous Mothers Olympias, deaconess of Constantinople; Eupraxia of Tabenna



Hey, hey, Warrior Saints.

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

The Sacrament of Marriage: A Summary of Wedding Guidelines

- * The bride and the groom, as well as the best man and maid/matron of honor, must be Orthodox Christians in good standing.
- * Your desired wedding date must be approved by the Pastor. Contact the Church Office at office@stgeorgeaz.org with a request.
- * You will receive the wedding guidelines at the time of request and, upon notification of approval of your date, the form and fees should be submitted within 2 weeks in order for your date to be held. Please refrain from committing to a reception venue until the date is approved by the Pastor.
- ** The financial responsibility for the use of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church for your wedding is \$1,000.
- ** Please note there are Lenten periods in the Orthodox Church when it is forbidden to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Marriage.
- ** Upon returning from the honeymoon, the newly-married couple should have their crowns removed. This special service takes place during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday and is a special blessing bestowed by God. The date for the removal of crowns is approved by the Pastor by calling or emailing the Church Office.
- ** Please remember that no one will ever be turned away if they cannot legitimately afford the fee mentioned above.

Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have blessed the Sunday before the feast of St. Silas, the patron saint of prison ministry, as Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. This year we remember this sacred ministry on July 25th. Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry ministers to prisoners across the United States.

Together, let us obey the Lord's commandment to visit Him in prison
("I was in prison and you visited me." - Matthew 25:36)

2021 Stewardship

Hey, hey Warrior Saints!

Great news! Our 2021 Stewardship Giving for the first half of 2021 is 18% more than last year at this time.

However, we have fallen behind on the number of Stewardship Pledges and the number of families that are making Pledge Payments. The number of Stewardship Pledges is down 40% from last year and number of families making pledge payments is down 13%.

Please make your Pledge today!

- To make your pledge on-line go to <https://www.stgeorgeaz.org/giving/> and use the "Important Links" to fill out the 2021 Commitment Card, set up and fulfill your Tithe and Archdiocese Dues through the **Pushpay App**, access your Church Community Builder (your St. George Church record) profile and how to download your giving statement through Church Community Builder. **The use of Pushpay is highly encouraged as an easy way to set up and automate your giving in 2021.**

- We also have a Stewardship kiosk in the church narthex that contains 2021 Pledge Cards, Giving Envelopes and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) brochure.

Please contact me at bill.fender20@gmail.com or call me at (937) 232-9594.

On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, thank you for your generosity and God bless you all!

Bill Fender

Many **THANKS**

The Sayegh Family sponsor Coffee Hour
in loving memory of Alice Allabed.
May her memory be eternal!

To include an oblation or announcement in the bulletin, submit text to Tisha at office@stgeorgeaz.org before noon on Tuesdays. All oblations received in the office after the deadline will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Church office hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm.

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE DORMITION OF ST. ANNA (TONE 4)

O godly minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure Mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever-blessed one.

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 DORMITION OF ST. ANNA (TONE 2)

We celebrate now the memory of Christ's ancestors, while asking their help with faith, that we may all be saved from all manner of tribulation as we fervently cry aloud: Be Thou with us, O Lord our God, Whose pleasure it was to glorify them both.



PROKEIMENON:

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. But the one from the handmaid is born according to the flesh; whereas the one from the freewoman is through the promise. These things are an allegory, for these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for bondage, which is Hagar. For Sinai, which corresponds to Hagar, is a mountain in Arabia, and resembles the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is the mother of us all. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail: For many are the children of the desolate, much more than of her who has a husband.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, “What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?” Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, “If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine.” And He said to them, “Go.” So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Opportunity

St. George, you are invited to serve on either or both of the following Saturdays at the Feed My Starving Children located at 1345 S. Alma School Rd, Mesa AZ.
August 7th, 12pm - 2pm / September 18th, 9am - 11am
Contact Matthew Peters at mdp9572@hotmail.com or 602-228-5941 to sign up.
Thank you for your time!

LIVING:

Romy, Chase, Gloria, Don, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, George, Michael, Ray, Pam, Iskander, Amal, Nejwa, Farouk, Randa.

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

The Sayegh Family offer a 40 day Trisagion for Alice Allabed. May her memory be eternal! In memory of Sleiman, Jamillah and Thaher Asfour, Shehadeh and Rasmiyah Allabed, and Jallilah Sayegh. For the health of Salty and Razan Sayegh, their children Charbel and Isaac, Hisham and Ghada Sayegh and their family, and Malek, Wael and Osama Asfour.

Noha Simon offers a 6 month Trisagion for her beloved husband, Donald. May his memory be eternal. In memory of Elia, Marie, Nadia, Elias, George, Toofic, Saidy, Richard, Heather, Sandy, Lillian. For the good health and salvation of Paula, Joe, Malia, Christina, Walter, Sophia, Michael, Nadia, Savannah, Amelia. May God grant them many years.

Susan Tibshraeny and family offer Prayers in celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary for Richard and Marion Saba. Also for the health of Rich Nichols. God grant them many years.

Divine Liturgy - St. Panteleimon

Tuesday, July 27th, 9:00am

Many **THANKS**

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Fr. Basil Caldaroni and the clergy
for serving while Fr. Chris traveling.*