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*Sunday before the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross*  
*Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*  
*Hieromartyrs Autonomos of Italy and Coronatos of Iconium; Venerable Daniel of Thasios*



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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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
OF NORTH AMERICA

September 7, 2021

Dear Reverend Clergy and Esteemed Members of our Parish Councils,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord!

We have all watched with concern and sadness as Hurricane Ida cut a path of destruction across our land. From the pounding winds and rain of its landfall in Louisiana to the recent flooding in New York and New Jersey, this storm has led to much suffering. Homes and businesses have been damaged, and lives have been tragically cut short. Let us all pray fervently to our good and saving God for the affected families and communities, that they might "find hope under His wings" (Ps. 90:4).

The Apostle John, the beloved disciple, exhorts us: "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:17-18). It is incumbent upon us as servants of God, who "is love" (1 John 4:8), to demonstrate love in a practical way to those who are suffering.

This duty is all the more pressing when those suffering are part of our spiritual family, our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox faith, members of our Archdiocese. We have received word that our parish in Metairie (New Orleans) has sustained some damage and that some of its parishioners have even lost their homes. Therefore, I call upon all our parishes to take a special collection for those who have suffered losses from this storm. Once you have had a chance to collect all donations, please forward one check from your parish to the Archdiocese (memo: "Hurricane Relief")—in any event, no later than end of this month. All donations will go directly to those in need.

Asking God's blessings upon your generosity and His preservation of you and your families, I remain prayerfully,

Your Father in Christ,

**+JOSEPH**  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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**Divine Liturgy - Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**  
Monday, September 13, 2021, 6:30pm

**Are you a St. George member in “good standing”?**

The foremost duties of every Orthodox Christian are to attend Church for worship, to hear the Word of God and to receive the Holy Sacraments. Worship is giving of oneself to God. Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is transformative for our lives. In receiving the Holy Sacraments, the presence of Christ is manifested to the believer and the Grace of God is imparted to each and every recipient.

Church membership is defined primarily by participation in worship and the sacraments and by the financial support of the parish. The faithful parishioner attends worship services regularly, receives communion frequently, attends educational and social events, supports the Church financially, and volunteers his or her time and talents in the work of the parish. Accordingly, he or she is a member in good standing.

**Liturgical Offering/Holy Oblation Explained...**

The Liturgical Offering section of the bulletin includes commemorations of both the living and the departed as well as celebration of Churchings, Uncrownings and other special occasions. The wording for the Holy Oblation is submitted via the designated form available in the Narthex or emailed to Tisha at office@stgeorgeaz.org. A donation of \$25 or whatever you can afford shows your appreciation for the love and prayers our ladies put into baking the Holy Bread. The donation for the Wheat & Memorial Bread is \$125. Checks are made payable to “St. George Ladies Auxiliary”. Thank you!

Please note that Churchings, Uncrownings and Trisagions are scheduled through the Church Office with approval from the Pastor.

St. George is happy to announce a volunteer opportunity on Saturday September 25th, 8am-12pm. We’re teaming up with Vitalant’s mobile unit that will be staged in the church parking lot and are looking for 36 volunteers to donate blood. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Visit Vitalant.org, click “Donate Now”, search by “Blood Drive Code” and P2Y723 to sign-up. Thank you!

For questions, see Matthew Peters, 602.228.5941 or mdp9572@hotmail.com

**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 NATIVITY OF THEOTOKOS (TONE 2)**

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world;  
for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,  
annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing  
death and granting us life everlasting.

**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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)**

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness,  
and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one,  
by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offences,  
celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos,  
the nourisher of our life.

*Many* **THANKS**

The Sayegh Family offer Coffee Hour in loving memory  
of Jalliah Sayegh.  
May her memory be eternal!

**PROKEIMENON:**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cary, O my God.

**THE EPISTLE****The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**THE GOSPEL****The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

*To include an oblation or announcement in the bulletin, submit text to Tisha at [office@stgeorgeaz.org](mailto: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.*

**LIVING:**

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

**LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:**

Khouriye Allyson, Sophia and Amelia Salamy offer prayers for the health of Fr. Christopher on the occasion of his birthday. May God grant him many years! For the health of the Salamy, Raya, Ajalat, Jabour, Armelli, Mouajes, Karadsheh, Ovando and Matthews families and all of our wonderful parishioners at St. George. May God grant them many years. In memory of Raymond, Robert, Lutfy, Eileen, Mitry, Elizabeth, Fritz, Jean, Mary, Elias, Adeeb, Joseph, Emily, Salim, Sophie, Edmon, Shafik, Jubran, Olga, Leon, Lucille, Sonia, Philip, David and Chet. May their memories be eternal.

Very Rev. Jehad Michael, Kh. Salwa and family offer a 7 day Trisagion in loving memory of Kh. Salwa's brother, Shahadi Suleman. May his memory be eternal.

The Sayegh Family offer a 1 Year Trisagion for Jalliah Sayegh. May her memory be eternal! In memory of Siman Sayegh, Khadara Sayegh, Odeh Sayegh, Courmel Enabi, Marwan Sayegh. For the health of Salti Sayegh, Hashim Sayegh, Hisham Sayegh, Azzam Sayegh, George Sayegh, Reham Sayegh, Heam Sayegh, Samira Sayegh, their children, their grandchildren and the entire Sayegh family. May God grant them many years.

Hani & Liana Sayegh and family offer a 40-day Trisagion in loving memory of her mother, Hind Sayegh. May her memory be eternal.

Diana Matthews offers Holy Bread in loving memory of Chester (4 years). May his memory be eternal. For speedy recovery for Jonathan. In loving memory of Jubran, Olga, Lucille, Peter, Harry, Arthur, Mary, Farris, Rose, Mitry, Elizabeth, Raymond, Shafik, Steven, Leon, Dorothy, Al, Koli, Aphrodite, Christo, Angelina, Thomaidha, Pastoli, Anesti, Robert, Anna and Alma. May their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of Diana, Nicholas, Molly, Zoe, Anna, David, Angela, Payton, Steven, Emma, Jonathan, Cathy, Toni, Christina, and for the Ajalat, Salamy, Karadsheh, Matthews, Abrahams, Danish and Chambers families. May God grant them many years.