Welcome to

SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West of The Antiochian Archdiocese of New York and North America

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Third Sunday of Luke

Holy Martyrs Eulampios & Eulampia at Nicomedia Venerable Theophilos the confessor of Bulgaria: Venerable Ambrose of Optina



Hey hey, Warrior Saints.

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



From THE OFFICE

The Sacrament of Baptism: A Summary of Baptismal Guidelines

- * Please have the proposed date approved by the Pastor by contacting the Church Office at office@stgeorgeaz.org with a request.
- * Upon request for baptism, you will be provided the baptismal guidelines. Once the date is approved, the Church Office will place a temporary hold to reserve the date. The necessary forms and fees should be submitted within two weeks upon notification from the Church Office of the Pastor's approval to formally secure the date.
- * The Godparents at a Baptism should be Orthodox Christians in order to help impart the fullness of the Orthodox Faith to the newly baptized.
- * The financial responsibility for the use of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church for your child's baptism is \$600. Please remember that no one will ever be turned away if they cannot legitimately afford the fee mentioned above.

When to Church and Baptize your child:

After your child is born, the Pastor should be contacted so that he can come to the hospital and pray for the new mother and child. Forty days after your baby is born, the churching of the mother and child takes place. Please have the churching date approved by the Pastor by calling or emailing the Church Office no later than the Wednesday morning before the desired Sunday.

The child should be baptized approximately three months after birth. Sunday School, which begins for our children four (4) years and older, is his or her post-Baptismal education! In Baptism, the baptized becomes a child of God. The greatest gift we pass on to our children is the gift of faith long after we are gone. We pray that, as parents, you will be good models of faith, hope and love.

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 is \$1,000. No one will ever be turned away if they cannot legitimately afford the fee mentioned above.
- ** 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 during the Divine Liturgy. The date is approved by the Pastor through the Office.

Messages from THE OFFICE

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 Member & Business Directory almost sold out!

Get your copy (\$20 each) at fellowship hour after Divine Liturgy. If we run out, you can pre-order and reserve yours at re-printing. The pictorial directory is beautiful and makes a wonderful gift! Come see for yourself. To reserve a copy for you and your family, call/text Feirouz Ziton at 480-381-0303.

Tone 7 EOTHINON 5

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy.

And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. EULAMPIOS & EULAMPIA (TONE 4)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their 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.

Tone 7 EOTHINON 5

PROKEIMENON:

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10) Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is "the day of salvation"; giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry is not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

Those to Remember in Prayer

LIVING:

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

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Miriam Zaghlul offers a 1 year Trisagion in loving memory of her brother Azzam Khalil Sweis. May his memory be eternal. In memory of Khalil, Najla, Jiries, Sami, Afife, Sulieman, Futien, John, Hanna. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Miriam, Futien, Kaitlyn, Solomon, Lana, Andrew, Huda, Jon, Zayn, Laith, John, Dawn, Albert, Megan, Elizabeth, Abigail. May God grant them many years.

Ziad and Samiyah Qaqish offer Holy Bread for the health and salvation of Ziad, Samiyah and their children Susan, Derick, Ann, Lisa, Mark, Ralph, Adnan, Tali and their grandchildren and the newest blessing of baby James. May God grant them many years. In memory of Refah, Makeal, Raphael, Faris, Halim, Tamam, Hannah, Slaman and Hala. May their memory be eternal.

Congratuation and God's Blessings to Mark and Talia Qaqish on the churching of their son James Mark Qaqish. God grant you many years!

To include an oblation or announcement in the bulletin, submit text to Tisha at office@stgeorgeaz.org <u>before noon on Tuesdays</u>. 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.