

2022 Stewardship

Our St. George community is blessed to be a beacon of light in a world that is shrouded in darkness and the birthplace of the Warrior Saint Movement! Through the guidance of Fr. Chris, our pastoral team, and many others that selflessly give their time to our community, we enjoy a unique and robust education program. The faithful stewards of our St. George community continue the growth of this vital ministry. Thanks to your generosity, we had a very successful Stewardship campaign in 2021 and we continue to grow.

Please visit our Stewardship kiosk in the Narthex for your 2022 Pledge Cards, Giving Envelopes and a brochure with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). We will also have an information table in The Legacy Ballroom after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 16th, 23rd and 30th to answer any questions you may have, turn in your pledge cards, or for assistance with Pushpay.

In 2022, we will focus on two goals:

A 10% increase in giving • A 10% increase in total pledges

We have several ways you can help us reach these goals:

- PushPay
 - Text “Dragon” to 77977 to download the app.
 - Follow the prompts to set up your PushPay account and download the app.
 - Once the account is set up, choose the type of gift from the drop-down menu labeled “Giving Type”.
 - Choose “Tithe” to fulfill your 2022 Commitment or “Archdiocese Dues”.
- Check
 - Please complete your check payable to St. George.
 - Ensure your name is noted on the check.
 - Please write “Tithe” if this is to fulfill your 2022 Commitment or “Archdiocese Dues”.
- Cash
 - Please insert cash into an envelope that has your name written on the envelope. (Giving envelopes are provided in the church narthex at the Stewardship kiosk.)
 - On the front of the envelope, please write “Tithe” if this is to fulfill your 2022 Commitment or “Archdiocese Dues”.
- Credit Card – Please contact our stewardship chairman, Bill Fender, and we will set up automatic payments through PushPay.
- Visit www.stgeorgeaz.org/giving with other important links.

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 c.) pay Archdiocese Assessment Dues (\$75/baptized soul).

We are excited for a great 2022 campaign that will allow St. George community to continue to flourish!

Your Stewardship Committee:

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

Welcome to

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Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Apostle Peter

Peusippos and Neonilla, and the martyrs of Cappadocia;

Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilandar monastery on Athos



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.





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pursuant to Article 8 of the St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Constitution, the Annual Parish General Assembly Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, February 6th, 2022** in the Legacy Ballroom immediately following Divine Liturgy. It is important that we proceed directly to the Ballroom following Liturgy so that we can start on time.

According to the St. George Church By-Laws, in order to participate and vote at this meeting, ALL of the following requirements must be met:

- **Commit to supporting the Church financially by signing a pledge card.**
- **Be current with your financial pledge on file and your Archdiocese Dues.**
- **Must be an Orthodox Christian in spiritual good standing.**

If for any reason you have any questions regarding your financial obligation, feel free to contact Bill Fender our Stewardship Chairman to clarify where you stand for the year ending 2021 according to our records.

Packets containing the minutes from last year's annual meeting and committee reports will be emailed out to everyone that has provided us an email address. We ask that you print out this packet and bring it with you to the annual meeting. For those members who do not have access to the internet we will have a limited number on hand at the meeting.

It is very important that as a pledged voting member, you attend this annual meeting to stay up to date and involved in our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Ralph Saigh
Parish Council President

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE (TONE 4)

Without leaving Rome, thou didst come to us by the precious chains thou didst wear, O foremost of the Apostles. And worshipping them with faith, we pray: By thine intercessions with God, grant us great mercy.

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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Vitalant Blood Drive

St. George will again host the Vitalant mobile unit on Saturday, January 29th, 8am-12pm. We're looking for 36 volunteers to donate blood. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Visit donors.vitalant.org, and search Blood Drive Code:

StGeorgeAOC to sign up. Thank you!

Contact Matthew or Laura Peters for questions or more information.

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PROKEIMENON:

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

*Super Family Hafli has been rescheduled for May 7, 2022.
More information will follow soon.*

LIVING:

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

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Michele Homsey and family offer a 40-day Trisagion in memory of her beloved husband Don Homsey. In memory of Olivia Homsey. May their memory be eternal!

Tom and Melanie Risk offer Holy Bread in loving memory of his sister Barbara Risk (01/10/15). May her memory be eternal. For his health and the health of Melanie, the Risk, and Haddy families. May God grant them many years.

Fatha Saigh offers Holy Bread in remembrance of Kassab Rafeal on his 7 year memorial. May his memory be eternal. For the health of Alice, Emily, Rafeal, Rita, Dino, Freddy, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Kassab, Sulieman, Faisal, Rafeal, Fuda, Frieh, Hanna, Najla, Michael, & Nicole. May their memory be eternal.

Clothing and Blanket Drive for Homeless in Phoenix

Donations of the following items can be dropped off on Sundays in the box located in the Narthex or by contacting Matthew directly and will be accepted through Friday, January 21st: Blankets, coats, ponchos, sweatshirts, socks, sleeping bags, blue or brown tarps (5 by 7-feet or 7 by 9-feet), tents, bungee cords, hand warmers, scarves and beanies. Items should be clean and in good condition for men and women from small to XXL. Thank you!

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