

Welcome to

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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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the West of The Antiochian Archdiocese
of New York and North America

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Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra

Martyr Agathangelos; Paulinos, bishop of Nola



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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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

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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. CLEMENT OF ANCYRA (TONE 4)

Thou didst blossom forth for the faithful, O most sacred Clement, as a branch of holiness, a staff of contest, a most sacred flower, and a sweet God-given fruit. But as a fellow-sufferer of Martyrs and a fellow-prelate of hierarchs, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

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.

**The Clothing and Blanket Drive ended on Friday.
Thank you to those who were able to participate.
Stay tuned for other outreach opportunities.
Donations of food and clothing are only accepted
for designated periods of time.**

PROKEIMENON:

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

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God."

LIVING:

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

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Halim and Susan Mokel offer Holy Oblation for their health and the health of Ayleen, Melhem, Jonathan, Janet, Nadim, Salim, Ghassan, George, Linda, Jamal, Sara, Gianna, Marenal, Kenan, Christopher, Evangelina, Gabi, Sergio. May God grant them many years. In memory of the newly departed Heide, also in memory of Marie, Melhem, Raoul, Maria-Rosa. May their memory be eternal.

Vitalant Blood Drive

St. George will again host the Vitalant mobile unit next 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.

602.228.5941 or mdp9572@hotmail.com

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

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.