



**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-Loving Faithful,

On this holy Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ, I send warm greetings to you from His Beatitude Patriarch John X, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, father of fathers and shepherd of shepherds, in the name of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today we gratefully recognize all our dedicated and faithful church musicians and take a moment to reflect on their essential contribution to our church life. The beauty and sweetness of their music carry our hearts beyond mundane preoccupations to the contemplation of heavenly and eternal truths. The spirit and strength of their singing fill us with zeal for God and boldness in seeking His Kingdom.

It is written in the Psalms, “Blessed is the people who know the festal shout. O Lord, they will walk in the light of Thy countenance and will exult in Thy name all day long and will be lifted up by Thy righteousness” (88:16–17). The hymns sung by our choirs and chanters are not merely pleasant tunes but festal shouts of courage and victory. As these hymns fill our hearts and our lives, they inspire us to live boldly for God in each moment, proclaiming our loyalty to Him without embarrassment and being led by Him into a life of holiness.

On this Musician Appreciation Sunday, we extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball and all the members of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music for their tireless efforts in support of this holy ministry. And we gratefully honor the dedication of all the choir directors, chanters, and choir members in parishes throughout the archdiocese, who faithfully present their time and talents, week after week, as priceless gifts to Christ and His Church.

Wishing you and your families—in the name of His Beatitude Patriarch John X and on my behalf—a blessed remainder of the fast and a joyous Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I remain,

Yours in Christ,
✠Metropolitan ANTONIOS

Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek, and Dependencies
Patriarchal Vicar of New York and All North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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*Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
Venerable Daniel the Stylite; Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon*



Hey hey, Warrior Saints. Welcome to St. George, birthplace of the Warrior Saint Movement.

Scan our QR code to access PushPay and support the ministry of St. George.



The submission deadline for the Christmas Sunday, December 25th bulletin is Friday, December 16th.

The submission deadline for the Sunday, January 1st bulletin is Friday, December 23rd.

**The Nativity of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ
St. George Sunday School Program
December 18th**

*“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.”
(Luke 2:10-11)*

Sunday School is excited to present our
Nativity Celebration on December 18, following Liturgy during
Coffee Hour in The Legacy Ballroom.
This event will include St. Nicholas interactively
telling the story of the Nativity.

Christmas Schedule

Friday, December 23rd
Royal Hours: 10am

Saturday, December 24th
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy: 10am
Vigil: 5pm

Sunday, December 25th
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy: 10am

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding
Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day,
O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause
the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life.
Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ,
glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence,
O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS (TONE 2)

By faith didst Thou justify the Forefathers, when through them
Thou didst betroth Thyself aforetime to the Church from among the nations.
The Saints boast in glory that from their seed there is glorious fruit,
even she that bare Thee seedlessly. By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY (TONE 3)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word
ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing
the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him
Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

Many **THANKS**

*William & Ensaf Sayegh offer Coffee Hour
for their health and the health of Musa, Noura, Louiey,
David, Helen, Luke. May God grant them many years.
In memory of Musa, Rifga, Issa. May their memory be eternal.*

PROKEIMENON:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

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. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

LIVING:

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

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Esther Khalil and family offer a one year Trisagion in memory of Charles Muneer Khalil. In memory of Fadwa, Yacoub, Freigh and Henna. May their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of Esther, Maggie, Richard, Christine, Priscilla and families. May God grant them many years.

Daniel and Jane Romley offer Holy Oblation in loving memory of her brother Richard. In memory of Issa, Richard, Jeries, Laila, Joseph, Sawsan, Misadeh, Miriam, Jim, Rose, Robert, Maher, Maha, Francis, Scott, Josephine, Helena, Aziz, Jack and Audie. May their memory be eternal. For the good health of Daniel, Jane, Troy, Kristie, Jillian, Lisa, Matthew, Kailee, Stephen and Jamie, Elizabeth, John and James. May God grant them many years.

William & Ensaf Sayegh offer Holy Oblation for their health and the health of Musa, Noura, Louiey, David, Helen, Luke. May God grant them many years. In memory of Musa, Rifga, Issa. May their memory be eternal.

Richard and Marion Saba offer Holy Bread in celebration of her 80th Birthday last week and for their good health and the good health of their family members Kimberley, Alfred, Richard Jr., Brian, Alyssa, Matthew, Anthony, AnnaRose, Will, Nicholas, Lou, Liz and my dear friends at St. George. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of our beloved son Scott, David, Adele, Emil, Freeda, Richard, Ramzy, Peggy, Macrina, George, Mary. May their memories be eternal.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Robert & Karen Choueiri on the occasion of their uncrowning. God grant you many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Ruben and Andrea Espinosa on the baptism of their son Emilian Khalil. As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Divine Liturgy - St. Herman
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 9:00am