

Welcome to

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*Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost &
Tenth Sunday of Luke*

*Martyrs Menas, Eugraphos & Hermogenes of Alexandria
Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia*



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.



Christmas Flowers

The Ladies Auxiliary are decorating our church for Christmas and welcome your donation and commemoration.

If you would like to donate, please complete this form and mail to the office at 4530 E. Gold Dust Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85028.

Kindly make checks out to St. George Ladies Auxiliary. The DEADLINE date for this submission is Monday, December 11, 2023.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

You may also complete the online form at:

<https://www.stgeorgeaz.org/christmas-flowers/>

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**The Nativity of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ
St. George Sunday School Program
December 17th**

Dear Parents,

Join us for a special Nativity Celebration hosted by Sunday School on December 17 in the Legacy Ballroom, immediately following Liturgy. The event will feature an interactive storytelling session by St. Nicholas recounting the Nativity story, with your students actively engaged in preparations guided by their Sunday School teacher. Your support is crucial; kindly ensure your Sunday School students bring home copies of the carols for practice.

Parents of Pre-K to 6th-grade students, please bring a wrapped gift for your child, not exceeding \$15, with their full name on it. St. Nicholas will distribute these gifts to the children after the program. For parents of children aged 1-3, you are also invited to bring a wrapped gift, similarly not exceeding \$15, with their full name for their participation in the festivities.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Savior. We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with our church family.

Dear attendees,

As we eagerly anticipate the Sunday School Nativity Program on December 17, we kindly request your cooperation in maintaining a quiet and respectful atmosphere during the event. Your attention and consideration will ensure that everyone can fully enjoy the program, and it will contribute to a more meaningful experience for all.

Let's come together in a spirit of reverence and appreciation for this special occasion. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

In Christ,
Wendy Yacoub

Tone 2 **EOTHINON 5**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee:
O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. MENAS, EUGRAPHOS & HERMOGENES (TONE 8)

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle: that these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God.

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**

*Esther Khalil and family offer Coffee Hour
in memory of Abraham Freigh Sayegh.
May his memory be eternal.*

PROKEIMENON:

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Messages from **THE OFFICE**

The submission deadline for Sundays, December 24th and December 31st is Monday, December 18th.

LIVING:

Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan Theresa, Kristine.

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Esther Khalil and family offer a 40 day Trisagion in memory of Abraham Freigh Sayegh. In memory of Charles Muneer Khalil, Fadwa, Yacoub, Freigh and Henna.

May their memory be eternal. For the health and salvation of Esther, Maggie, Richard, Christine, Priscilla and families. Samira Sayegh and Family. May God grant them many years.

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

Divine Liturgy - St. Eleutherius
Friday, December 15, 2023, 9:00am

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th
Orthros: 9am
Divine Liturgy: 10am

Festal Orthros of Christmas: 7pm
Festal Divine Liturgy of Christmas: 8pm