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Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke
Our Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian
Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Venerable Theodosios of Totma



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

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January 7, 2024

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 4th, 2024** 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 2023 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,

Dan Stokich
Parish Council President



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 for your wedding is \$1,000. Please remember that you will not be turned away if you cannot legitimately afford this fee.
- ** 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. This special service takes place during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday and is a special blessing bestowed by God. The date for the removal of crowns is approved by the Pastor by calling or emailing the Church Office.

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 ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN (TONE 3)

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, flooding all the earth with joy unending,
cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: Ephraim, the wine bowl
of gladness inspired of God, from all eternity chosen to light the Church
with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, whereby he filleth
faithful souls with godliness.

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 Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless
Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us,
O Christ God. Bur grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth
and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

PROKEIMENON:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

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

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Fr. Christopher, Sophia and Amelia Salamy offer prayers for the health of Khouriyee Allyson on the occasion of her birthday. May God grant her many years. For the health of the Salamy, Ajalat, Moujaes, Raya, Jabour, Armelli, Jabour, Karadsheh, Ovando & Matthews families and all of our wonderful parishioners at St. George. In memory of Raymond, Robert, Lutfy, Eileen, Mitry, Elizabeth, Fritz, Jean, Mary, Elias, Adeeb, Joseph, Emily, Salim, Sophie, Edmon, Shafik, Jubran, Olga, Leon, Lucille, Sonia, Philip, David, Chet, Alfred, Sol. May their memory be eternal.

Noha Simon offers an Holy Oblation for her family, Paula, Joe, Malia, Christina, Walter, Sophia, Michael, Nadia, Savannah, Amelia. May God grant them many years. In loving memory of Donald (3 year memorial), Elia, Marie, Nadia, Richard, Heather, Ernie, Linda, Lillian, Louis, Sandy. May their memory be eternal.

Fatha Saigh offers an Holy Oblation in remembrance of Kassab Rafeal on his 9 year memorial. May his memory be eternal. For the health of Alice, Emily, Rafeal, Rita, Dino, Freddy, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In loving memory of Kassab, Sulieman, Najla, Faisal, Rafeal, Fuda, FrieH, Hanna, Najla, Michael, & Nicole.

Divine Liturgy - Presentation of Christ
Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:30pm

Divine Liturgy - Pamphilus the Martyr
Friday, February 16, 2024, 9:00am

To include an oblation or announcement in the bulletin, email details to office@stgeorgeaz.org before noon on Mondays. 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.