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

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ESPERS SUNDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT

MARCH 24 | ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, PHOENIX, 6 PM MARCH 31 | ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, GLENDALE, 6 PM APRIL 7 | ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, PHOENIX, 6 PM APRIL 14 | ST. KATHERINE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, CHANDLER, 6 PM APRIL 21 | STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA, PHOENIX, AZ, 6 PM

59 People of St. George have subscribed to Evangelist Basic Training (EBT) Subscribers now in eleven states! Why not you?

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Welcome!

Fr. Christoper & Kh. Allyson Salamy and The St. George Parish Family welcomes our father in Christ, His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA!

Congratulations!

Our parish family shouts:

AXIOS to Adam Haddad as he is tonsured a Reader! May God grant you many years.

AXIOS to Noah Sweilem as he is tonsured a Reader! May God grant you many years.

AXIOS to Justin Olmsted of St. Ignatius for being tonsured Subdeacon! May God grant you many years.

Lenten Psalter Group All Women of St. George!

Starting on Clean Monday, March 18th, if you're 18 to 100 years old, we warmly welcome you to join us in reading the Psalter during Lent. You will need a Bible or a Psalter book to participate in the readings. Last year, many of you purchased the Songs of Praise: A Psalter Devotional for Orthodox Women, which you can use again. There is no in-person commitment. To sign up and to receive more information on what book to get or what Psalms to read, email Krystle Sanchez at pkksanchez@gmail.com BY MARCH 1.

Tone 6 EOTHINON 6

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. 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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON (TONE 3)

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now: I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

PROKEIMENON

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

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Divine Liturgy - Theophylact Friday, March 8, 2024, 9:00am

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

Tone 6 EOTHINON 6

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

How to Live E3

St. George is joining other local Phoenix Orthodox Churches in supporting FOCUS North America in establishing an Orthodox homeless shelter in Phoenix. Currently, there are 7 centers across the U.S. and 5 new centers in development stages this year. St. George will be working under the direction of FOCUS and participating in committees locating a property, creating programing on how the center will serve homeless populations, and identifying partners and donors. Right now, there are 3 ways to get involved if you would like to live out your faith and volunteer; identifying a location, developing programming, and reaching out to partners and donors. If you would like to donate to the FOCUS project please use PushPay and select the giving category: FOCUS Homeless Shelter. Please contact Matthew or Laura Peters with questions

or to sign up for a committee: Mdp9572@hotmail.com, 602.228.5941

Those to Remember in Prayer

LIVING:

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

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

Kiki Magras offers an Holy Oblation for her health and salvation, and for the health of her sister Fotoula, grandson Gage, and all her family and friends. In loving memory of Christopher (6 month Trisagion) and George Magras, Nikos Haralambous, Jimmy, Steve, and Christopher Checuras, and all departed family and friends not listed. May their memory be eternal.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers an Holy Oblation for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation for Ned, Walter, Maurice, Daniel, Daniel, Richy, Romy, Chase, Ludmila, Philip, Fotoula, John, and Markus (during his deployment); for Gage, Cathy, Susan, Jose, Cara, Fritz, Kim, Buzz, Rick, Devin, Lauren, Angie, and Tom (for the occasion of their birthdays). For all at St. George. In loving memory of John and Mary Karamouzis, Christopher Magras (6 month Trisagion), George Magras, Nikos Haralambous, Jimmy, Steve, and Christopher Checuras, for all departed family and friends not listed. May their memory be eternal.

Gary Saba offers Holy Oblation in loving memory of his beloved sister Mary Lynn on the 16th anniversary of her passing (March 7). May her memory be eternal. In loving memory of Mary, Morris, Najeeby, Thomas, Bahria, Solomon, Habib and Nicholas. May their memory be eternal.

Taysir and Mary Kay Haddad offer an Holy Oblation for their good health and for the good health and salvation of Adam as he is tonsured a Reader. May God grant him many years.

Theresa, Issa, Jennie, Andrew and Chloe Sweilem offer an Holy Oblation for their good health and for the good health and salvation of Noah as he is tonsured a Reader. May God grant him many years.

Rami & Rawan offer an Holy Oblation on the occasion of Rami and Zaid's birthdays. For the health of Rami, Rawan, Maya, Raya, Zaid, and for the Sweis and Hattar families. May God grant them many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Christina and Daniel Dib on the churching of their son Patrick Elias. God grant you many years.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Alie and Luvenia Jreisat on the churching of their daughter Aiyla. God grant you many years.

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