



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, September 8, 2024  
Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross  
Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE TWO)**

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 THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE FOUR)**

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of righteousness Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting. granting us life everlasting.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)**

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE FOUR)**

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people redeemed from the guilt of offences celebrate by crying to thee. The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

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**THE EPISTLE**

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

*To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been

crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL

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### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

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### ***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, Michael, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Mary, Alexandros, Aikaterina, David, Donald, Susan, Teresa, Barbera.

Diana Matthews offers Holy Bread in memory Chester Matthews. In memory of Jubran, Olga, Peter, Lucille, Harry, Mary, Arthur, Farris, Rose, Mitry, Elizabeth, Sol, Raymond, Shafik, Steven, Leon, Dorothy, Al, Koli, Rita, Christo, Angelina, Thomaidha, Pastoli, Anesti, Alma, Anna, Robert, Steve and Kara. For the health of Diana, Nicholas, Molly, Joe, Anna, David, Angela, Payton, Steven, Emma, Johnathan, Dandre, Wesley, Christina, Cathy, Toni, and for the Ajalat, Salmay, Karadsheh, Matthews, Chorro, Danish, Minnilli, Kefi, Chambers and Abraham Families.

Wafaa & Sami Yacoub, Jennifer & Khalil Saigh, Nur & Chris Lacerra, and their families offer Holy Bread in loving memory of their beloved father, Farouk Elias Shehadeh, marking the 26th anniversary of his peaceful rest with the Lord. In memory of Amammeh Sayegh, Elias Sayegh, Naseem Sayegh, Sami Sayegh, Ferial Al Hindi, Yacoub Al Hindi, and Bassam Talal Sayegh. May their memories be eternal. For the health and salvation of Amal Shehadeh, Grace, Sammy, Luke, Adriana, Gianluca, Anthony, Tina, Georgette, Bill, Christian, Jacob, Yani, Leah and for all the Shehadeh and Sayegh families.

Sharon Daniolos, Jennifer Baker and Christine Eliot offer a Trisagion (40 day) in loving memory of our beloved sister and mother Rosie Bousard, may her memory be eternal.

Rasha Kuri offers Holy Bread for the health of Amjed & family, George & family, Chrissy & family, Salim & family, Linda, Magdoleen & family, Nasser & family, Manal & family, Victoria and Ensaff. For the departed, Ibrahim, Dina, Marwan, Majed, Adel, Karma, Sadeh, Amir, Basma, Inam, Katrina, Nassar, Hanna, Gabriel, Raya. May their memories be eternal.



**Pre-Sale GIFT CARDS are available now!**

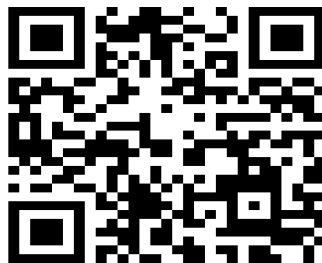
Discounted GIFT CARDS will be offered from  
**September 8th to September 29<sup>th</sup> only.**

*Limited quantity available in The*  
Legacy Ballroom following Divine Liturgy!

**Volunteers Needed:**

PLEASE go to the link below and sign up  
or use the QR Code

<https://tinyurl.com/FestVolunteers>



**Attention Grape Leave Rollers:**

We need volunteers on Thursday October 3rd to help roll grape leaves. Please sign up and bring a friend or two.

If you have any questions please contact;

Lillian Sayegh @ (480) 206-7493

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7xby7v>

## St. George 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

**Save the date:** Luncheon: Sunday,  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 2024. The Legacy  
Ballroom

**Limited tickets!** Only 300 available.  
Adults: \$50  
Children 12 and under: \$10 (pizza party)

Please contact Jim & Kathy Saliba 602-  
622-2070 to book your tickets.