



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, January 11, 2026  
Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA  
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**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE SIX)**

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 THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. THEODOSIOS (TONE EIGHT)**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theodosios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great George intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

**KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST (TONE FOUR)**

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

## THE EPISTLE

(For St. Theodosios the Cenobiarch)

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.*

*What shall we render to the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)**

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany)

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### ***THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...***

**Living:** Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Laila, Michael, Ray, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Theopisti, David, and Donald.

Denise Nahat offers Holy Bread in memory of her mom and dad, Linda and Fred Nahat, her brother, Leon, sister, Sandra Hasbany, and brother-in-law, Louis Hasbany. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Dennis Nahat, Denise, Ray, and their family. May God grant them many years.

Jeanette Clair offers a one-year Trisagion in loving memory of Ralph Clair. May his memory be eternal. For the health of Jeanette, Dennis, Mary, Kelly, Colleen, Rachael, Jessica, Andree, Alexis, Charlotte, Lincoln and Keeley. May God grant them many years.

Ralph Saigh offers a one Trisagion in loving memory of Dr. Nayel Sayegh. May his memory be eternal. In memory of Nayel, Michael, Jelliah, Nabil, Nazar Ghassan, Kassab, Diane, Nicole, and Michael. May their memory be eternal. For the health of Ralph, Camilia, Alexa, Faith, Matthew, Sana, Nejwa, Brigitte, Mark, Danielle, Futha, May, and the Saigh and Sayegh families. May God grant them many years.

Maysoun Sayegh offers a one Trisagion in loving memory of Musa Sayegh. May his memory be eternal. For the health of Maysoun, Issa, Merlene, Jhonny, Sandy, Jordan, and Lisa-Ane. May God grant them many years. In memory of Yucbe, Laila, Ibrahim, Fada. Sailba, Khould, and Jalal. May their memory be eternal.

Thank you to Maysoun Sayegh for sponsoring coffee hour!

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA

The Very Reverend  
Father Joseph Samaan



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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE**  
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Protocol No.: 627 - P/2025  
December 19, 2025  
Subdeacon Elias Mousa  
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Beloved in Christ, Subdeacon Elias and Lama,

I pray that the Advent Lent Season is uplifting and edifying for you, Lama, and your whole family!

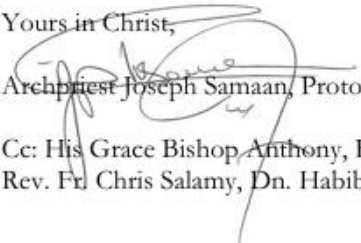
His Eminence Metropolitan SABA has approved your ordination to the holy diaconate. He has delegated the performance of this important holy sacrament to His Grace Bishop Anthony. The ordination will take place during the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St. George Church in Phoenix, AZ at the end of the SMI, on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

As you approach this Sacred Mystery of the Laying on of Hands, please prepare yourself spiritually, through the Sacrament of Confession immediately prior to your ordination. Also, please plan to spend the days leading up to it quietly in prayers, readings, and fasting, and by learning the deacon's parts of the service according to our archdiocese rubrics.

Finally, remember that, as a member of our archdiocesan clergy, you must always be exemplary in your manners and conduct, obedient and faithful to the Holy Canons, archdiocesan directives, and the church hierarchy.

Congratulations on achieving this dream from your youth years that you have lived your entire life preparing for and working hard to educate yourself for it. Be assured of my love and prayers,

Yours in Christ,

  
Archpriest Joseph Samaan, Protosyngellos

Cc: His Grace Bishop Anthony, Fr. Thomas Zain, Rt. Rev. Fr. Paul Matar, V. Rev. Fr. Joe Abud, V. Rev. Fr. Chris Salamy, Dn. Habib, Mrs. Marly Abou Hamad; Admin, Mrs. Marlene Ayoub, Registrar.

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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