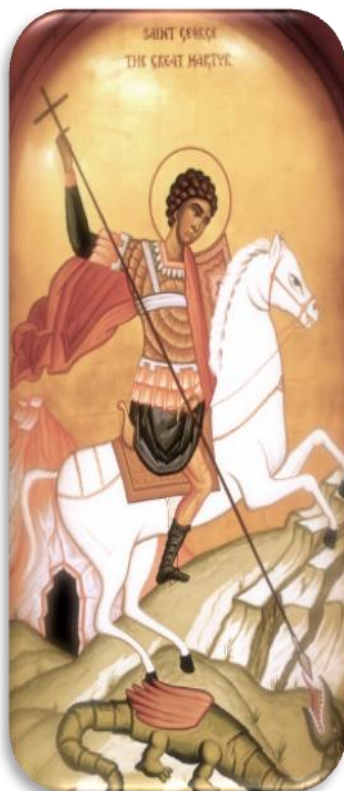




St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Sunday, August 02, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of
Matthew

His Eminence, Metropolitan SABA
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
His Grace, Bishop ANTHONY – Diocese of LA & the West
V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Christopher Salamy, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Raphael Hanna, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Fr. Peter Samore, Attached
Rev. Dn. Raphael Abrahams • Rev. Dn. Serafim Grove • Rev. Dn. Basil Ritchie
Rev. Dn. Michael Haddad • Rev. Dn. Elias Mousa
Christian Farradj, Youth Pastor • Harpreet Kaur, Executive Assistant to the Pastor
Jane Romley, Campus Administrator • Matthew Peters, Ministry Lead
Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development
Erin Thobias, Director of Communications

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE EIGHT)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE ARCHDEACON (TONE FOUR)

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would 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 Martyr George intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN (TONE SEVEN)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let

each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

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

Helena Yacoub and family offer a 40 day Trisagion in loving memory of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Shaker Yacoub. May his memory be eternal.

The Jreisat Family prayerfully offer a one-year Trisagion in loving memory of their beloved father, Riad Karam Jreisat (Abu Alam) and their beloved daughter, Alya Jeries Jreisat. May the Lord grant rest to their souls in the dwelling place of the righteous, where there is no pain, sorrow, or sighing, but life everlasting. May their memory be eternal.

Enaam Hweimel offers Holy Bread for the health and salvation of Sammer on his birthday (8/9/26), Edward, Susie, Samoan and Linda. In memory of Adel, Emad, Lorice, Abdallah, Jamal, Jamil, Musa, Rafqa & Sami.

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Visiting St. George for the first time? We'd love to meet you. Please stop by after Divine Liturgy to speak Fr. Chris or a member of the pastoral team at the front right side of the Church.

Upcoming Weekday Services

Paraklesis: Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30pm in The Legacy Ballroom.

Divine Liturgy - Transfiguration of Christ: Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30pm in The Legacy Ballroom.

Paraklesis Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30pm in The Legacy Ballroom.

Paraklesis Thursday, August 13 at 6:30pm in The Legacy Ballroom.

Divine Liturgy - Dormition of the Theotokos: Friday, August 14 at 6:30pm in The Legacy Ballroom.