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REV. FATHER JOSEPH ABOUID, PASTOR

“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26 The Very Reverend Father Jehad T. Michael,
Pastor Emeritus

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

After-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora of Bithynia; Empress Pulcheroia; Peter, bishop of Nicaea

Tone 5

Eothinon 3

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:20 AM, **Followed by the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Geoffrey Borschow

Ushers: Upon Availability.

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN 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.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR (TONE TWO)

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.



Holy Bread will be offered by:

Deanna Nasser: For the health of Sudie Nasser and in loving memory of Dale Nasser, Sr. and for the health of Dale and Michelle Nasser and family, Dan and Kathy Nasser and family, Skee Rizk and family, Paul and Laila Ferris and family, PJ and Jackie Ferris, Virginia Aziz and family, all our relatives and loved ones, and all the people affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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

For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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."

Thought for the Day

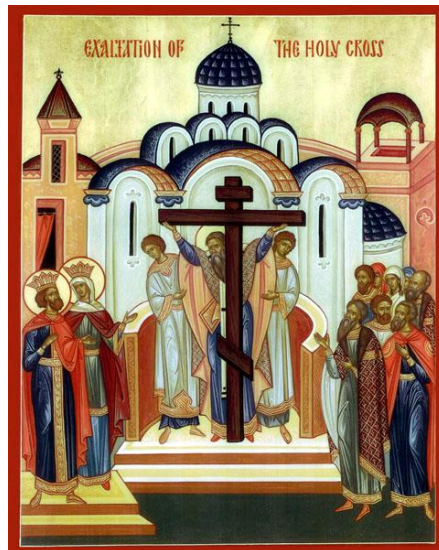
"The icons of the holy men and women reestablish and recover souls that are weighed down by affliction and anguish. The saints are like a cloud protecting those who are burned by the hot rays of earthly afflictions." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

Evening Divine Liturgy
Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos



There will be an evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, marking the first Feast of our Ecclesiastical Calendar. The service will begin at 6:30 P.M. sharp, September 7th. We look forward to seeing you all!

Evening Divine Liturgy
Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross



There will be an evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross! The service will begin at 6:30 P.M. sharp, September 13th. We look forward to seeing you all!

Beloved St. George Parishioners,

We are currently working on a project to create a proper Church Directory through a new church management software called **Breeze Church** touch with you. Please fill out the following form with the information required, which is very important in order to organize our directory.

Name _____

Spouse Name _____

Children _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Phone # (H) _____ (C) _____

Email Address _____/Spouse(optional) _____

BIRTHDATES (optional) _____/Spouse _____

PLEASE CHECK THE CORRECT BOXES:

____ Pledging Member ____ General Attender (Non-Pledged)

____ Visitor ____ 1ST TIME Visitor

PLEASE CHECK THE ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO OR WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF:

____ TEEN SOYO (13-18)

____ YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (19-35)

____ LADIES' SOCIETY

____ CHURCH SCHOOL

____ PARISH COUNCIL

____ ST IGNATIUS

____ HOLY FAMILY MINISTRY (Married couples 25-45)

____ CHOIR

BIRTHDATE (optional) _____

DONATIONS

Bryan & Annette Haddad: **Thanksgiving for the safety of our family in Houston.**
Ned & Wilda Abraham: **For the health of Phillip Youngblood & Lon Silagi.**

ARCHDIOCES DUES

Eva Mowad

Tamar & Kara Mowad

HOUSTON HURRICANE RELIEF

Cash Collection \$157 Checks: \$600 Ladies' Society \$300 **Total TO DATE \$ 1057**

Choir Corner

Choir practice is now scheduled on Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to around 8:00 p.m. or so. Chanting practice is scheduled on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All practices are held in the church.

Sub-Deacon Michael

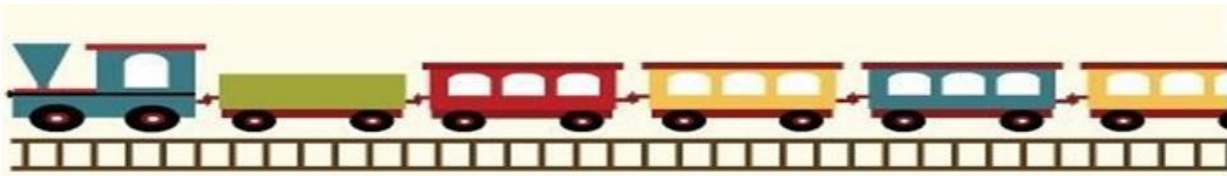
ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

Fr. Joseph and the St. George Sunday School Staff wish to invite all parents to a St. George Sunday School Parent Welcome Meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2017, immediately after Liturgy, in the Education building meeting room. We are looking forward to meeting with you to speak about the upcoming year, introduce the teaching staff, and working together with you to ensure the successful teaching and learning of our faith, with our students.

The St. George Sunday School will open this year's session on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Please make sure that you have registered your children/teens for this year's session, either through the St. George information form which has been in the bulletin or through the Sunday School registration form which will be in the Narthex of the Church. Please ensure that your children/teens are present by 9:25 a.m., every Sunday, for opening prayer with Fr. Joseph. We look forward to another blessed and successful year with our students and parents.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please attend a short parent meeting with Fr. Joseph, immediately after DIVINE LITURGY, on Sunday September 10, regarding Church School, which begins on Sept. 17th.



All Aboard

Please join us for a baby shower honoring
Kh. Carol and baby Aidan Emmanuel Abouid

Sunday September 10, 2017 after Divine Liturgy
At
The Church mini Hall

Funds for large items for baby Aidan

Hosted by St. George Ladies Society

Confirm your seat now!

RSVP to Sylvana Aldouri by text or call 915-355-4921



REMINDER: PLEASE send your checks for the Festival Tickets to close your outstanding balance. Thanks to all who have cleared their accounts. Approximately 50 tickets, \$1000 remains to be paid. Thank you, Jamie Isaac

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement should be in the Church office NO LATER THAN NOON on Thursday of every week in order to have it placed in the following week's bulletin. PLEASE SEND ANY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT TO: cedarfam4@aol.com, or call or text my cell phone, 915 276 3436. Thank you, Jamie Isaac

CONTACT INFORMATION

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In case Fr. Joseph is not available please notify V. Rev. Fr. Michael at
915-544-4001 or his cell phone at 915-203-2831

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hospital & Pastoral Visits (During the morning or evenings – Please
contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any
time).

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by
appointment).

CALLING ALL ATTORNEYS! Please let all of the attorneys in your congregation
know that they are invited to a gathering of Orthodox Christian attorneys from
across the country for a time of fellowship, networking, and learning from an excellent
lineup of speakers. This inaugural event of
the **ORTHODOX ATTORNEY NETWORK** will be a one-day gathering held in
conjunction with the national Christian Legal Society's annual conference in
Newport Beach, CA, October 26th – 29th, 2017. Participants are welcome to come just
for the Orthodox gathering on Saturday, October 28th, the CLS banquet on Saturday
evening, and/or the entire CLS conference. A special discount is provided for the main
conference to all attendees of the Orthodox gathering. A special hotel group rate is
available at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel.

For details, go to <https://clsnet.org/2017conference/orthodox>

**Attention: There is no coffee hours this coming Sunday due to the
Kh. Carol Baby Shower event.**