

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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REV. FATHER JOSEPH ABOUID, PASTOR

The Very Reverend Father Jehad T. Michael, Pastor Emeritus

“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26

December 10, 2017

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Menas, Eugephos & Hermogenes of Alexandria

Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia; Blessed Angelina Brancovich and her son Blessed John, king of Serbia; Joasaph, bishop of Belgorod

TONE 2

EOTHINON 5

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, Followed by the Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Geoffrey Borschow **Sermon:** Jamie Isaac

Ushers: Annette Haddad, Eva Mowad, Tiffany Joudi, Rose Beard

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 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 SS. MENAS, EUGRAPHOS & HERMOGENES IN TONE EIGHT

*(**When the bodiless one**)*

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles * the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, * the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces * to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick * and work wonders both while living and after death. * Strange indeed is the miracle: * that these bare bones should pour forth * such overflowing streams of cures. * Glory be to our only God.

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

Holy Bread will be offered by:



Rodolfo Salinas and Daria Baklenova for their health & in memory of Marina Baklenova (Daria's mother) who passed away on Dec. 8, 2002. For the health of Luka, Daria, Boris, Anastasia, Aleksey and

Elizaveta.

Subdeacon Michael Sifuentes: On occasion of Annual Choir Appreciation Day!
May God grant our Choir Members and Chanters many, many years!

THE EPISTLE

((For the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

DONATIONS

James, Odette & James A Shaheen for the Health of:

Khr. Elizabeth Bethoney, Alexis Gerena & Family, V. Rev. Fr. Michael & Family,
Fr. Joseph & Family

Jamie Isaac for the Health & Success of:

James, Joseph, Tiffany & their Families

In Memory of Edward Isaac

Lisa & Ray Malooly Salah & Nada Al-Hanna Dalal & David Young

In Memory of Rev. Bob Bethoney

James, Odette & James A Shaheen

Archdiocese Dues:

Raed, Sylvana & Sarah Aldouri

THE SYNAXARION

On December 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyrs of Christ: Menas the Most Eloquent, Eugephos and Hermogenes, who suffered martyrdom in Alexandria. Menas was known for his great learning and eloquence of speech. When a dispute flared up between the Christians and the pagans in Alexandria, Emperor Maximian dispatched Menas to root out the Christians from the city. Menas went and restored peace, but he declared himself a Christian and converted many pagans to the true Faith by his many miracles. Hearing of this, the emperor sent Eparch Hermogenes of Byzantium to punish Menas and to smother Christianity. Hermogenes brought Menas to trial, cut off his feet and tongue, gouged out his eyes, and then cast him into prison. There, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared and healed Menas. Seeing this, Hermogenes was baptized. He began to preach the Christian Faith and was consecrated as Bishop of Alexandria. Then the enraged Maximian went to Alexandria himself and subjected Menas and Hermogenes to cruel tortures. Beholding the bravery of these soldiers of Christ and the miracles of God upon them, Eugephos, secretary and friend of Menas, cried out to the emperor's face: "I too am a Christian!" All three men were beheaded. Their holy relics, thrown into the sea, miraculously floated to Constantinople, where the bishop, to whom this was revealed in a dream, solemnly met them and honorably buried them in the early fourth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Thomas Dephourkinos of Bithynia; Blessed Angelina Brancovich and her son Blessed John, king of Serbia; and Joasaph, bishop of Belgorod. By their intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

December 10, 2017

Choir and Chanter Appreciation Sunday

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-loving Faithful of Our God-protected Archdiocese:

Blessings and greetings to all of you in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

One of the hallmarks of our Orthodox Christian faith is the beauty of our worship. Our ecclesiastical music, when done with prayer and skill, can elucidate the rich theology of our hymnography in such a way that worshippers can exclaim – as did the emissaries sent by Saint Vladimir – "we know not whether we are in heaven or on earth!"

Because we owe such a tremendous amount of gratitude to our choirs and our chanters, we set aside the second Sunday of December to honor them for the key role they play in our liturgical life. I offer thanks especially for the work of the Department of Sacred Music in working so diligently to expand the repertoire of music and to make it accessible to all. In addition, the department offers the Sacred Music Institute to help our choir members and chanters learn more about this sacred art and fine tune their God-given talents.

To support this work, which is so vital our Orthodox Christian liturgical lives, I ask each parish of this Archdiocese to offer a second collection on December 10, 2017 and to offer special recognition to those who are fulfilling this sacred ministry.

Wishing you all a holy and grace-filled continuation of the fast and joyous feast of the Nativity, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

Thought for the Day

"A healthy parish requires a healthy choir and chanter's stand. Those who sing must prepare themselves for the task of serving the parish by constantly pursuing a life of spirituality." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH



Teen Soyo Clothes Drive

All Clothes due
On December 17th

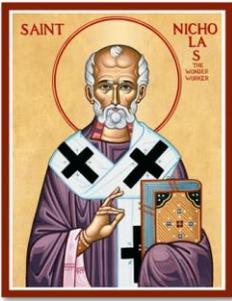
We are collecting clothes in good condition throughout November 26th until December 17th. All types of clothes are acceptable, including shirts, shorts, pants, jackets, etc.

Senior Citizen's Dinner

We would like to thank all of those who helped making this event a success! Thanks to Deanna Nasser, organizer of this event, and to all those who helped in one way or another.

Special Thanks go to the following people who donated for this year's event:

- Virginia Aziz
 - Surella Nasser
 - Dora Vasilakis
 - Dede Rogers
 - Jerry and Stanlee Rubin
 - Gilbert Malooly & Family
 - Mimco
 - Rick and Cerena Suarez
 - David and Cindy Osborn/WestStar Bank
 - Ana Aleman
 - Celia Berton
 - Ceci Miles Mulvihill
 - Sandi Smith
 - Jeannine Kennedy
 - Jule Zimet
 - Kitty Schild
 - Suzie Azar
 - Martini and Steve DeGroat
 - Terri Wyatt
 - Louie Salazar
 - Sada Vaughan
 - Susan Hass
 - Blanca Anaipakos
 - Bryan and Annette Haddad
 - Ray and Lisa Malooly
 - Rose Beard
 - Eva Mowad
 - Salma Isaac
 - Geoffrey Borschow
 - Mary Esther Salom
 - Gloria Matthews
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St. Nicholas' Feast Day and Celebration:

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of El Paso be having a St. Nicholas Luncheon in honor of their patron Saint that following **Sunday, December 10th** immediately after Divine Liturgy in order to raise funds for their Church. Let us all come together and help our brothers in Christ the Parish of St. Nicholas by purchasing a plate of delicious Greek Food!

Cost: Adults \$15 / Children (ages 6-12) \$10 / Children under 6 for free!



Sylvana will have a sign-up sheet for food (finger food, salad, tabouli, quinoa salad, fattoush, hummus, baba ganoush, fruits, vegetables, etc.) and tickets.

Nativity, New Year's & Theophany Liturgical Services Schedule

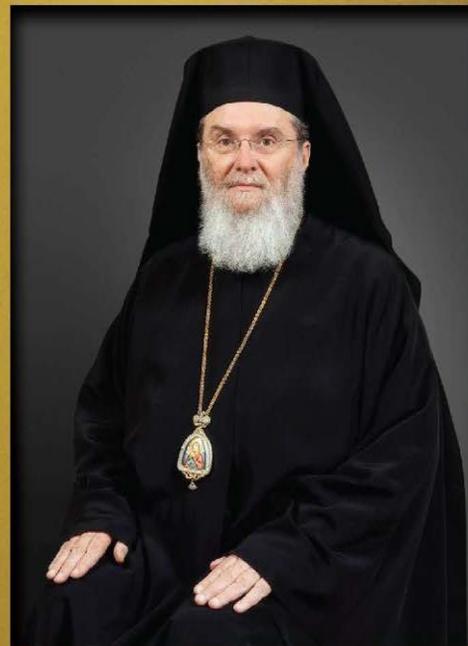
Day	Time	Service
Sunday of the Genealogy of Christ, a.k.a. Sunday before the Nativity		
Friday 12/22/2017	9:30 a.m.	Nativity Royal Hours (<u>NO LITURGY</u>)
Saturday 12/23/2017	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday 12/24/2017	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Matins Divine Liturgy
Nativity of Christ - Christmas Services		
Sunday 12/24/2017	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers (for the Nativity)
Monday 12/25/2017	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Nativity Matins Divine Liturgy
Leave-Taking of the Nativity of Christ		
Saturday 12/30/2017	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday 12/31/2017	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Matins Divine Liturgy
Feast of the Circumcision of Christ & Commemoration of St. Basil the Great		
Monday 01/01/2017	10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Matins Divine Liturgy
Theophany of Christ – Paramon of the Feast & Blessing of the Waters		
Friday 01/05/2017	9:30 a.m.	Royal Hours with Vespereal Liturgy
Saturday 01/06/2017	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Matins Divine Liturgy (Followed by Blessing of the Waters)

January 1, 2018

Honor Bishop Basil Support Diocesan Missions



Every year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of St. Basil the Great and honor our own Bishop BASIL by donating to the Bishop BASIL Missions Endowment Fund of our Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America. The Missions Endowment campaign started in 1975 and in 1992 when Bishop BASIL was consecrated the fund was established in his honor to augment financial support for our missionary efforts. Our missionary efforts have changed as our needs have changed. There is a committee now working on a proposal for a traveling priest to pastor some small geographically isolated parishes in our diocese. The income from the endowment could help subsidize this program, enabling this priest to provide spiritual leadership and care to those with no other Orthodox options nearby.



Contribute by January 31, 2018

ST. GEORGE TEEN SOYO CHRISTMAS RETREAT "KEEPIN' IT REAL IN TODAY'S WORLD!"

DATE: DECEMBER 28TH-30TH

LOCATION: HOLY CROSS RETREAT
CENTER (LAS CRUCES, NM)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$120

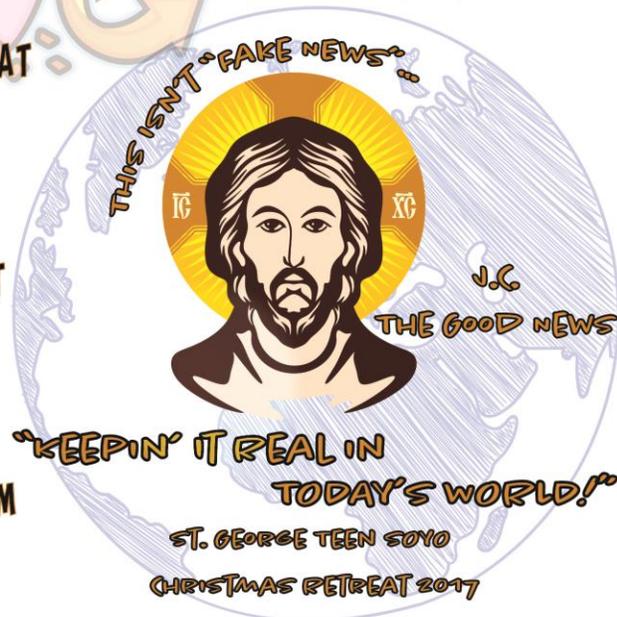
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
OUR TEEN SOYO ADVISOR

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SPEAKER:
FR. ALEXANDER MACKOUL



*SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE (PLEASE SEE FR. JOSEPH FOR MORE INFORMATION)

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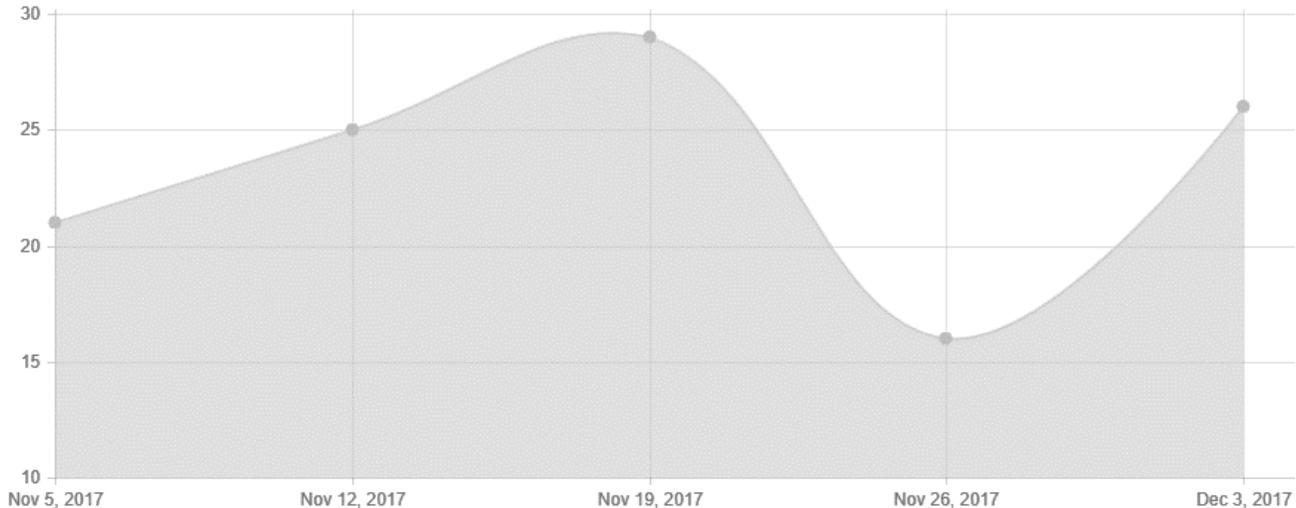


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ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

Attendance is up by 62.5%
Compared to the Last Event

People Attended This Event



Date	Attendance
September 17, 2017	26 Attenders
September 24, 2017	31 Attenders
October 1, 2017	22 Attenders
October 8, 2017	19 Attenders
October 15, 2017	21 Attenders
October 22, 2017	25 Attenders
October 29, 2017	13 Attenders
November 5, 2017	21 Attenders
November 12, 2017	25 Attenders
November 19, 2017	29 Attenders
November 26, 2017	16 Attenders
December 3, 2017	26 Attenders
Average	23 Attenders
Total	274 Attenders

Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas	Nia Isaac Giselle Gerena Larissa Alyoussef Majd Al Dayoub Joseph Salloum	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Abel Eyasu Binyam Eyasu Ophelia Adkins Elias Al Dayoub Atticus Denny	Kendall Olivas Finlay Adkins Judah Denny Nahum Eyasu	Sami Odeh Rediet Eyasu	Angela Al-Hanna Jonathan El Ojeil Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Boris Salinas James Shaheen

We thank all the parents for bringing their children to Sunday School! Attendance is great! We encourage the rest to keep bringing their children this coming Sunday!

St. George Christmas Pageant

The St. George Sunday School will present its annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M. in the Church. It will be immediately followed by the Sunday School's annual Christmas dinner & fundraising Christmas auction in the Summit Church hall. Please join us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. All family & friends of St. George Church are welcome to attend.

Pageant rehearsals will take place during a portion of Sunday School time, every Sunday. Parents, please make sure your children are in Sunday school every Sunday so they will be present to rehearse. Dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 16, @ 9:45 A.M. in the Sunday School. Parents, please make sure that all the students, who are participating, are ready to put on their costumes & go into rehearsal @ 10:00 A.M. *sharp*.



CONTACT INFORMATION

For Pastoral needs and/or Emergencies contact Fr. Joseph Abouid at:

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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).

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday.