

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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The Very Reverend Father Jehad T. Michael, Pastor Emeritus

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

December 3, 2017

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

The Holy Prophet Zephaniah; Martyrs Agapios, Seleukos and Mamas; Venerable Theodoulos, Eparch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Gabriel, bishop of Ganos and Prusa; New-martyr Angelis of Chios; Venerable Cosmas of St. Anne Skete on Athos

TONE 1

EOTHINON 4

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Alexis Gerena

Ushers: Alexis Gerena, Salma Isaac, Bryan Haddad, Dr. Maha Salloum

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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:



The Baine Family for the health of Sharon Baine, Carolyn Dye, Daniel & Kathleen May, Lola Tucker, and for Heidi Baine who will celebrate her birthday in December. Many years!

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

THE SYNAXARION

On December 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Zephaniah. A native of Mount Sarabatha, from the tribe of Simeon, Zephaniah lived and prophesied in the seventh century before Christ, at the time of Josiah the pious king of Judah. Zephaniah was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah. Having great humility and a pure mind raised to God, he was found worthy of discerning the future. He prophesied the day of the wrath of God and the punishment of Gaza, Ashkalon, Ashdod, Ekron, Nineveh, Jerusalem and Egypt. He saw Jerusalem as a “filthy and polluted... oppressing city. Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary; they have done violence to the Law (Zeph. 3:1-4). Foreseeing the advent of the Messiah, he enthusiastically exclaimed: Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem (Zeph. 3:14). This seer of mysteries entered into rest at his birthplace to await the General Resurrection and his reward from God.

DONATIONS

In Memory of Alice Malooly

Lisa & Ray Malooly

Charles & Sandra Collins (Aunt Alice)

Nabil & Doris Shaheen: In Memory of Edward Isaac

Archdiocese Dues: Sharon, Alex & Kristen Madsen

Thought for the Day

"The successful man or woman is not the richest or the most powerful, but the one who is content. We first must be content with ourselves, otherwise our children will despair that there is no happiness in this life." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER

The Annual Senior Citizens' Dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at 5 pm in the Summit Hall. This is the 50th year for this great community event! Those of you who have helped in the past know what a great event this is as well as much fun to help with. My dear Father Dale Nasser, Sr. and Godfather Peter Rizk started this event many years ago and we honor their loving memory by continuing to help those in need, especially during the season of giving each year.

We will need help packing over 400 food bags, carving turkeys, and setting up the hall on Tuesday, Dec. 5 starting at 5pm and the night of the event on Wednesday, Dec. 6 starting at 4pm. We need lots of help so all volunteers are appreciated!

If you have any questions, please call Deanna Nasser at 204-4245. Thank you much for your support and God bless you all.

The following have donated for this 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

We are asking all parishioners to participate any way they can in this very worthwhile community event. While each year we lose some sponsors, we also work to gain new sponsors. However, the support of our parishioners is ALWAYS needed and much appreciated. Please donate whatever you can and know all donations will be put to good use for this great event. **We would appreciate donations earmarked Senior Citizens Dinner by Sunday, Nov. 25. If you have any questions, please call Deanna Nasser at 204-4245. Thank you so much for your support and God bless you all.**

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour for December 3rd is sponsored by Kh. Elizabeth and the Gerena Family in honor of the beginning of St. Ignatius month, an organization very close to our hearts. It is also offered in memory of Father Bob and for the health of Fr. Joseph, Kh. Carol, Aidan, Fr. Michael and Kh. Salwa and all the St. George family.



Teen Soyo Clothes Drive All Clothes due On December 17th

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

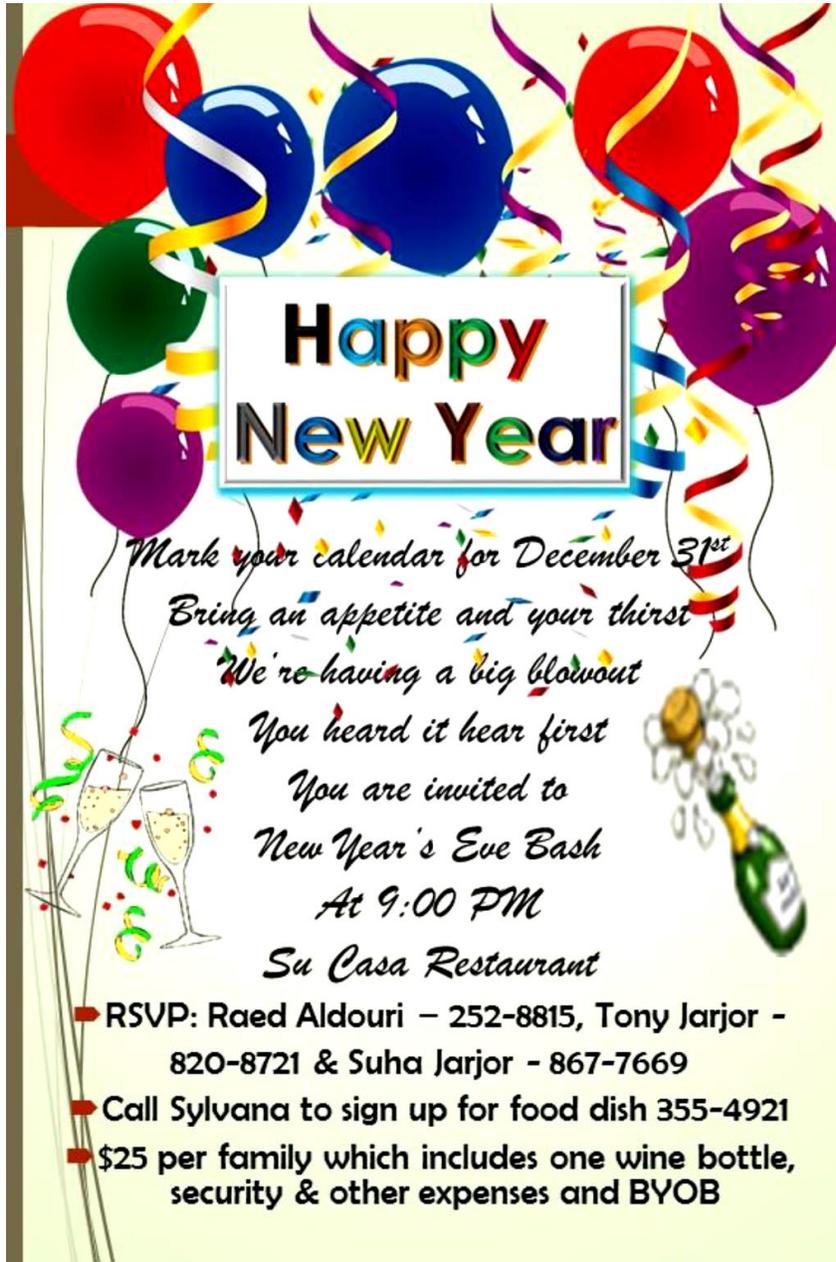
Dear Parishioners of St. George,



You are all cordially invited to the Celebrate the Baptism of Aidan Emmanuel Abouid! Come, witness, and join Fr. Joseph and Kh. Carol and their family in the celebration of this happy event in their life!

When: Saturday 6th of January, immediately after the Blessing of the Waters for Theophany that will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy for the Feast.

Fr. Joseph and Kh. Carol will have refreshments after the Baptism in the mini hall.



**Happy
New Year**

*Mark your calendar for December 31st
Bring an appetite and your thirst
We're having a big blowout
You heard it hear first
You are invited to
New Year's Eve Bash
At 9:00 PM
Su Casa Restaurant*

- ▶ **RSVP: Raed Aldouri – 252-8815, Tony Jarjor – 820-8721 & Suha Jarjor – 867-7669**
- ▶ **Call Sylvana to sign up for food dish 355-4921**
- ▶ **\$25 per family which includes one wine bottle, security & other expenses and BYOB**



St. George Ladies Society

Annual Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
From 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
At the
Coronado Country Club
1044 Broadmoor Dr.
El Paso, TX 79912
Please bring a toy donation!

Ticket 0031 \$30.00 Admits One

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

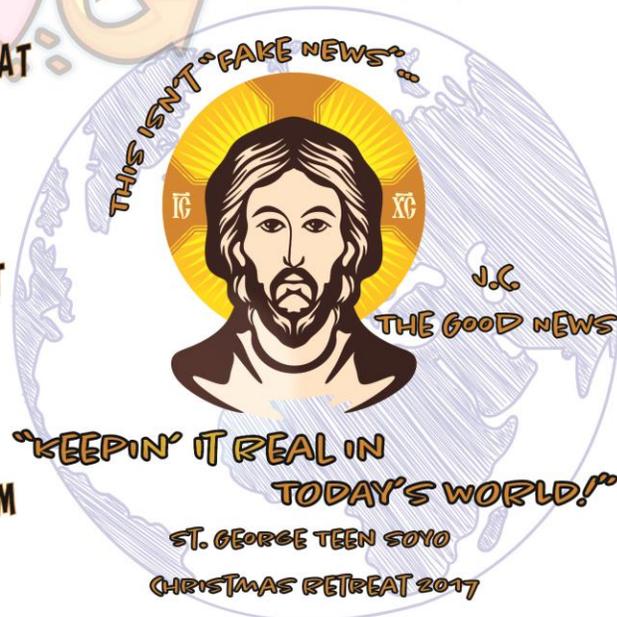
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
OUR TEEN SOYO ADVISOR

ALEXIE BAINE AT

EMAIL: ALEXIE.BAINE@GMAIL.COM

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SPEAKER:
FR. ALEXANDER MACKOUL



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

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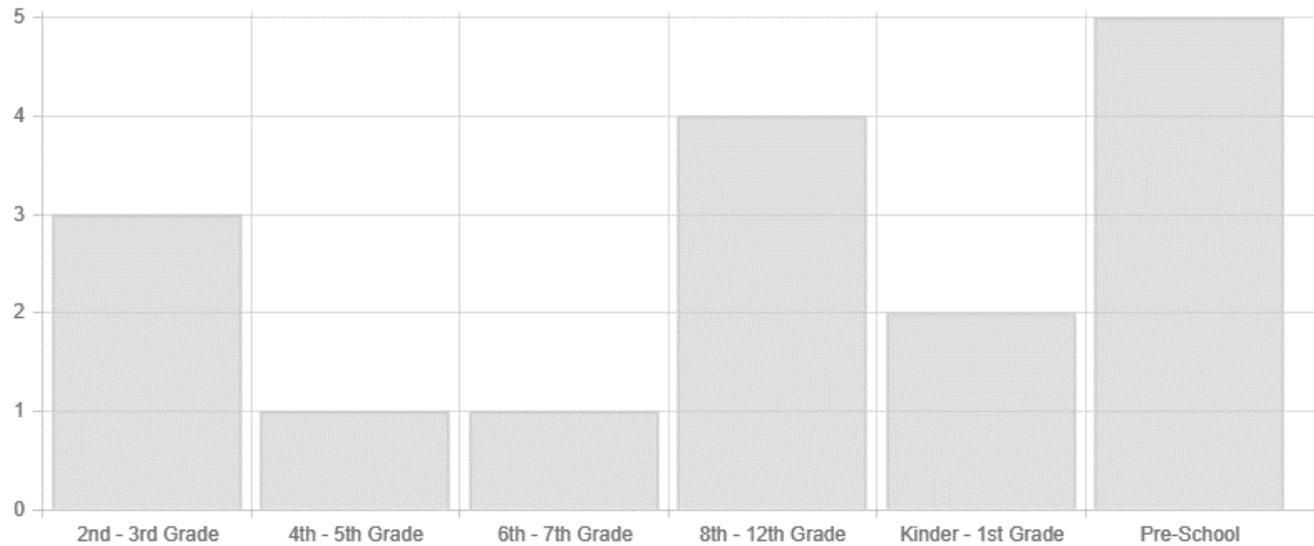
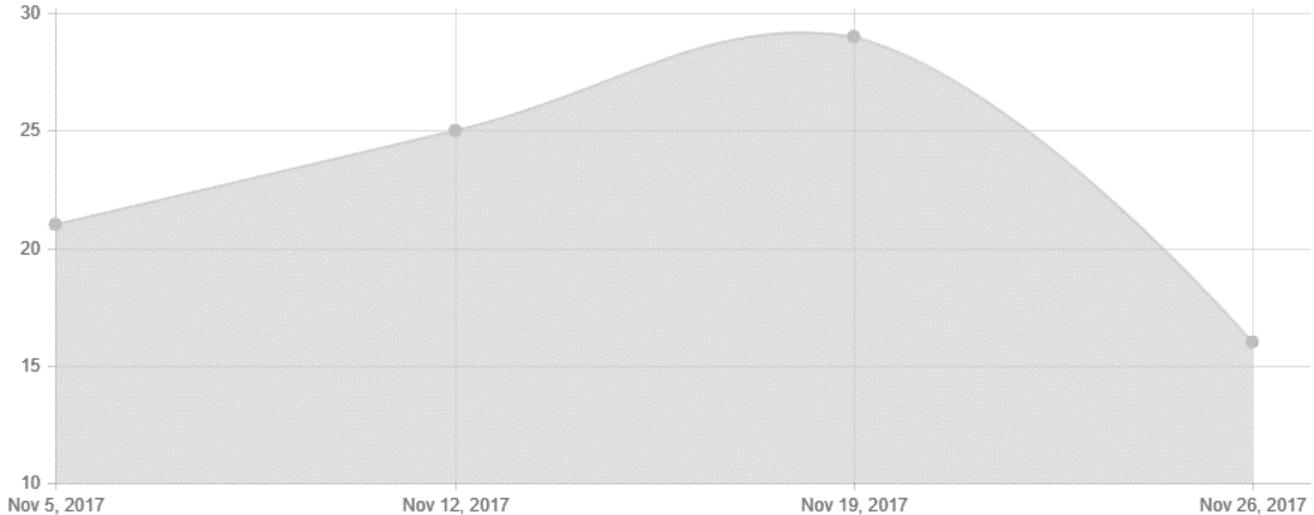
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ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

Attendance is down by 44.8%

Compared to the Last Event

People Attended This Event



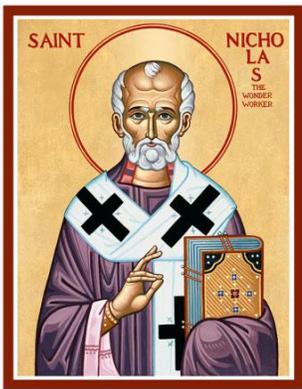
Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Kingston Joudi Joshua Soliman Jace Gerena Anastasia Salinas Nicolas Mijares	Nia Isaac Giselle Gerena	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Abel Eyasu Karma Soliman	Kendall Olivas	Sami Odeh	Jonathan El Ojeil James Shaheen Johnny Odeh Joseph Odeh

We thank all the parents that made an effort to bring their children to Sunday School this past Sunday! 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*.



St. Nicholas' Feast Day and Celebration:

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of El Paso, TX, will be celebrating a Divine Liturgy for the Feast of their patron saint, St. Nicholas, on Wednesday December 6th, at 10:30 a.m. You are cordially invited to partake of the celebration of this magnanimous saint of our Church at the church dedicated to him (St. Nicholas, El Paso).

Likewise, our brothers at St. Nicholas will 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!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office: 915-584-9100 *Cell phone:* 708-415-7050 *Email:* pastor@stgeorge-elpaso.org

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.