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

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

JOHN THE ALMSGIVER, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Apostles Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Patrobas and Philologos of the Seventy, Jonah the wonderworker, archbishop of Novgorod

TONE 6

EOTHINON 1

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Nassim Salloum

Ushers: Any available parishioner

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 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 ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER IN TONE EIGHT

In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Holy Bread will be offered by:



Deanna Nasser for the health of Sudie Nasser and in loving memory of Dale Nasser, Sr. for his 89th birthday on Nov. 14 and for the health of Dale Nasser Jr. and family, Dan Nasser and family, Skee Rizk and family, Paul and Laila Ferris and family, PJ and Jackie Ferris, Virginia Aziz and family, and all our relatives and loved ones.

THE EPISTLE

For St. John the Almsgiver

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

For the Eighth Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

DONATIONS

Blanca Anaipakos for the Health of Demetrius Anaipakos

Thought for the Day

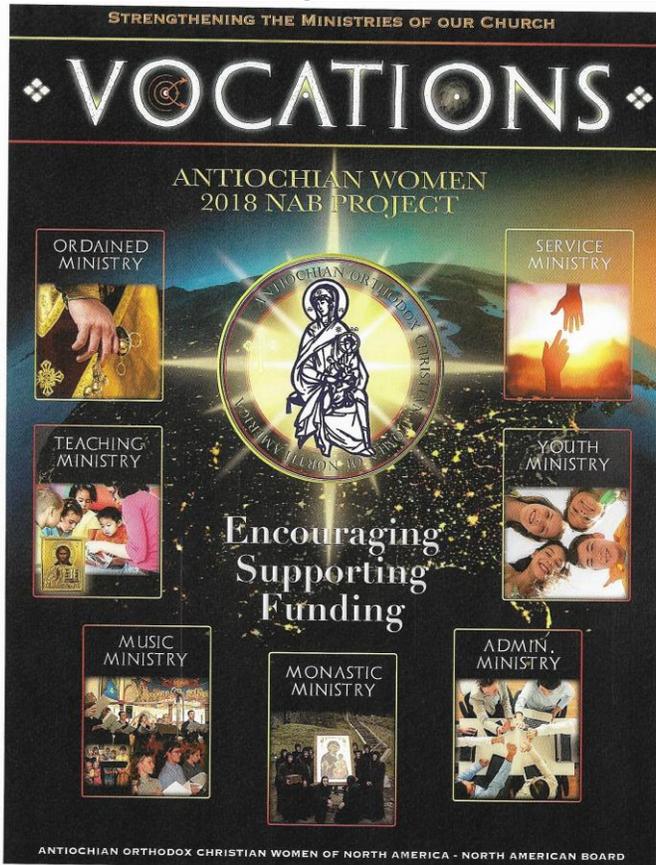
"Let our enemy too understand that we have taken much pains, in order to do what is well-pleasing unto God." "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1). And here He pronounces blessed not the disciples only, but those also who after them should believe." -- St. John Chrysostom

New Year Eve

The New Year Eve party will be hosted by Su Casa Restaurant

Each family will bring one dish to share and pay \$25 which includes One bottle of wine and cover security and other expenses. Contact Raed Aldouri or Tony Jarjor

St. George Ladies' Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon



Menu: Turkey, Rice, Peas, Cranberry, Salad, Rolls, Pies, Coffee

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON DONATIONS

Blanca Anaipakos Martin & Sharon Madsen

If you would like to *DONATE*, please see Rose Beard, Blanca Anaipakos, or Salma Isaac.

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER

The Annual Senior Citizens' Dinner will be 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. Seeing the joy on the Seniors' faces and knowing we are helping them with their basic needs through the gift bag of food that we give them make this event special for me and I hope for you. My dear Father Dale Nasser, Sr. and Godfather Peter Rizk started this event many years ago & we honor their loving memory by continuing to help those in need, especially during the season of giving each year.

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 much for your support and God bless you all.

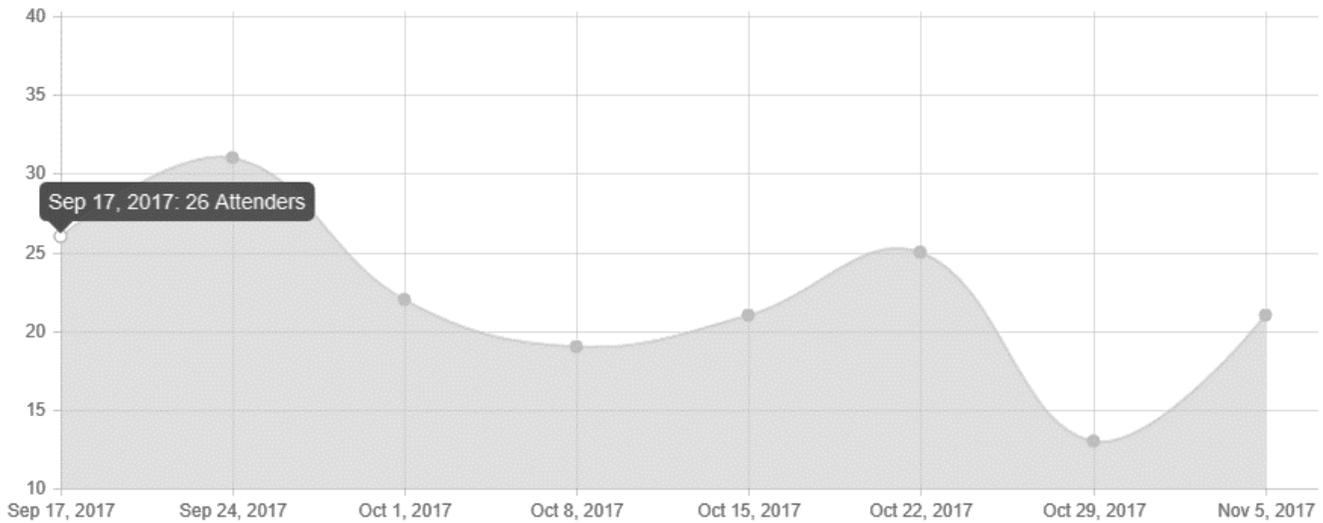
ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

21

People Attended This Event

Attendance is down by 4.5%
Compared to the Past 3 Months

We Gotta get these numbers up!!!



Label	People
2nd - 3rd Grade	5
4th - 5th Grade	2
6th - 7th Grade	1
8th - 12th Grade	5
Kinder - 1st Grade	3
Pre-School	5

Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas Jace Gerena Ella Gorham Joshua Soliman	Nia Isaac Majd Al Dayoub Giselle Gerena	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Elias Al Dayoub Atticus Denny Karma Soliman	Judah Denny Kendall Olivas	Sami Odeh	Jonathan El Ojeil Anthony Jarjour Johnny Odeh Joseph Odeh Boris Salinas

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 be having their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17, 2017. 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.



Kemarah's Chasing Rainbows is a non-profit organization created in honor of a very special little girl, Kemarah Cager. Kemarah was diagnosed with an incurable heart disease at the age of 2. She was treated at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where she spent months at a time in the hospital. In May of 2013, Kemarah received a heart transplant and began a brand-new lease on life. Unfortunately, her suffering was not over and in December of 2014, Kemarah died due to complications of her transplant. **Kemarah's Chasing Rainbows** was created to honor and inspire children (both big and small) who are facing or have faced "stormy" times in their lives. There is always hope, and the key is to look for the rainbow at the end of the storm. Kemarah faced many storms, but she was always Chasing after her Rainbow, thus our name, **Kemarah's Chasing Rainbows**.

December 1, 2017 KRC is holding its second annual Fundraiser Banquet at **The Summit Ballroom in El Paso, TX**.

KCR's goals and purpose of the fundraiser are:

1. To provide gift items to hospitalized children and/or their caretakers at Texas Children's Hospital, El Paso Children's Hospital and Providence Children's on a monthly basis.
2. Establish a team to participate in the annual Walk for Wishes for the Make-a-Wish Foundation that raises funds in El Paso to grant wishes for local children.
3. Partner with Make-A-Wish to become a Wish Grantor for local (El Paso) children.
4. Establish a team and participate in the annual Superhero Heart Run to provide funds for research of congenital heart disease in children.

Please contact Tiffany Joudi for tickets which are \$50 per person.

"God puts Rainbows in the clouds so that each of us--in the dreariest and most dreaded moments--can see a possibility of hope"
~Maya Angelou

www.WorldwideTicketcraft.com





SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

EL PASO - TEXAS

October 25, 2017

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. George:

Christ is in our midst! This year, St. George Teen SOYO of El Paso will sponsor for the first time a Community Christmas Card. This card is mailed to all of the church members during the season of Christ's Nativity, in the name of the church and all who have chosen to sponsor the card.

Our SOYO wishes to sponsor this card to raise funds and help our teens defray some of the costs of the Christmas Retreat they are planning for this December, as well as costs for PLC expenses. Also, it will give all of us the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at our beloved St. George Community. To include your family in this Community Christmas Card, please send your donation of at least \$25.00 per family -cash or check- with the form at the bottom of this letter filled out. You can return them either by mail or in person to our Teen SOYO president **Johnny Odeh** and/or our Teen Advisor **Alexie Baine**. You can also drop it off at the St. George Drop-box located next to the office doors. Please make checks payable to '**St. George Teen SOYO.**' earmarked **Community Christmas Card**. **The deadline for sending in your donation and the form below is November 21st.** Forms received after this date will not be included in the card, however, will be included in the Weekly Bulletin during the month of December.

Thank you very much for your support of St. George Church and Teen SOYO. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Joseph-Hector Abouid Pastor

Johnny Odeh, President

I have enclosed a donation of \$_____ (checks payable to "St. George Teen SOYO") and wish to be included in the Community Christmas Card. Please include the following name(s) in the Community Christmas Card **exactly as shown below**. Please print clearly.

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office: 915-584-9100 *Cell phone:* 708-415-7050 *Email:* habouid@gmail.com

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).