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

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

TWENTY-fourth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth Sunday of Luke

The Holy Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Antioch; Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him; Martyr Agapios of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Heliodoros of Magidum in Pamphylia; Venerable Abbot Barlaam of the Kiev Caves

TONE 7 **EOTHINON 2**

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Dr. Maha Salloum

Ushers: Salma Isaac, Deana Nasser, Antoinette Shaheen, Dr. Maha Salloum

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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:

Milad and Laurice Farah for our health and the health of Laura, Imad, Sheri, Cody and Jehad Farah. In celebration of Laura and Imad birthdays.

Deanna Nasser for the health of Sudie Nasser and celebrating her 82nd birthday on Nov. 22 and in loving memory of Dale Nasser, Sr. 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, and all our relatives and loved ones.

Anonymous

THE EPISTLE

For the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

For the Ninth Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

DONATIONS

Bryan & Annette Haddad for the Health of Sub deacon Michael and all his family.

Salma Isaac in loving memory of Charlotte Rotche whose recipe for baking the turkeys has been used over the years; and in loving memory of Betty White who was always at my side cutting pies for the Luncheon. Memory Eternal. In memory of Dale Nasser Sr. & Pete Rizk.

Thought for the Day

"Christians, above all men, are forbidden to correct the stumblings of sinners by force...it is necessary to make a man better not by force but by persuasion. God gives the crown to those who are kept from evil, not by force, but by choice." -- St. John Chrysostom

Parish Council Meeting

The meeting will be Sunday Nov. 19 after Divine Liturgy

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There is no coffee hour on Nov. 19, 2017 since the hall is booked for an event

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MANY THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON DONATIONS

Dora Vasilakis, Blanca Anaipakos, Jeanett Halow, Layla Salloum, Roweda Haddad and *all* who donated (previously mentioned)

Special Thanks to

Salma Isaac and Jean-Marc Salloum for many days of Turkey & food preparation. It was delicious!

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Thanks to all those who helped with the THANKSGIVING Luncheon: Prepare, Serve, Attend, and Donate. Thanks to your efforts, it was very successful. May GOD BLESS YOU all and your family & friends. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Salma Isaac

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Memory Eternal

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of El Paso would like to extend our deepest and sincerest condolences to the Isaac family on the loss of the Newly-Departed of God †Edward Isaac, who fell asleep in the Lord earlier today, Sunday November 12th. Condolences are extended to his children James Isaac, Joseph and his wife Melissa Isaac, and Tiffany (Isaac) and husband Chris Joudi, and their families. Condolences are also extended to his brothers James Isaac Jr. and Sammy Isaac.

The Funeral Proceedings will take place in the following manner:

- **Visitation & Trisagion Service**: The **Visitation** will take place this **Thursday**, November 16th, from **5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m**., with the Trisagion Service at **7:00 p.m.** at **Sunset Funeral Home West** (480 N. Resler Dr.).
- **Funeral Service & Burial**: The Funeral Service will take place on **Friday**, November 17th, at **9:00 a.m.** at **St George**, immediately followed by the burial at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery (5200 Fred Wilson) at **10:30 a.m.** A Mercy meal will be hosted by the family at St. George after the burial.

May our Lord be with the families and grant rest to the Soul of His Servant †Edward Isaac!

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.

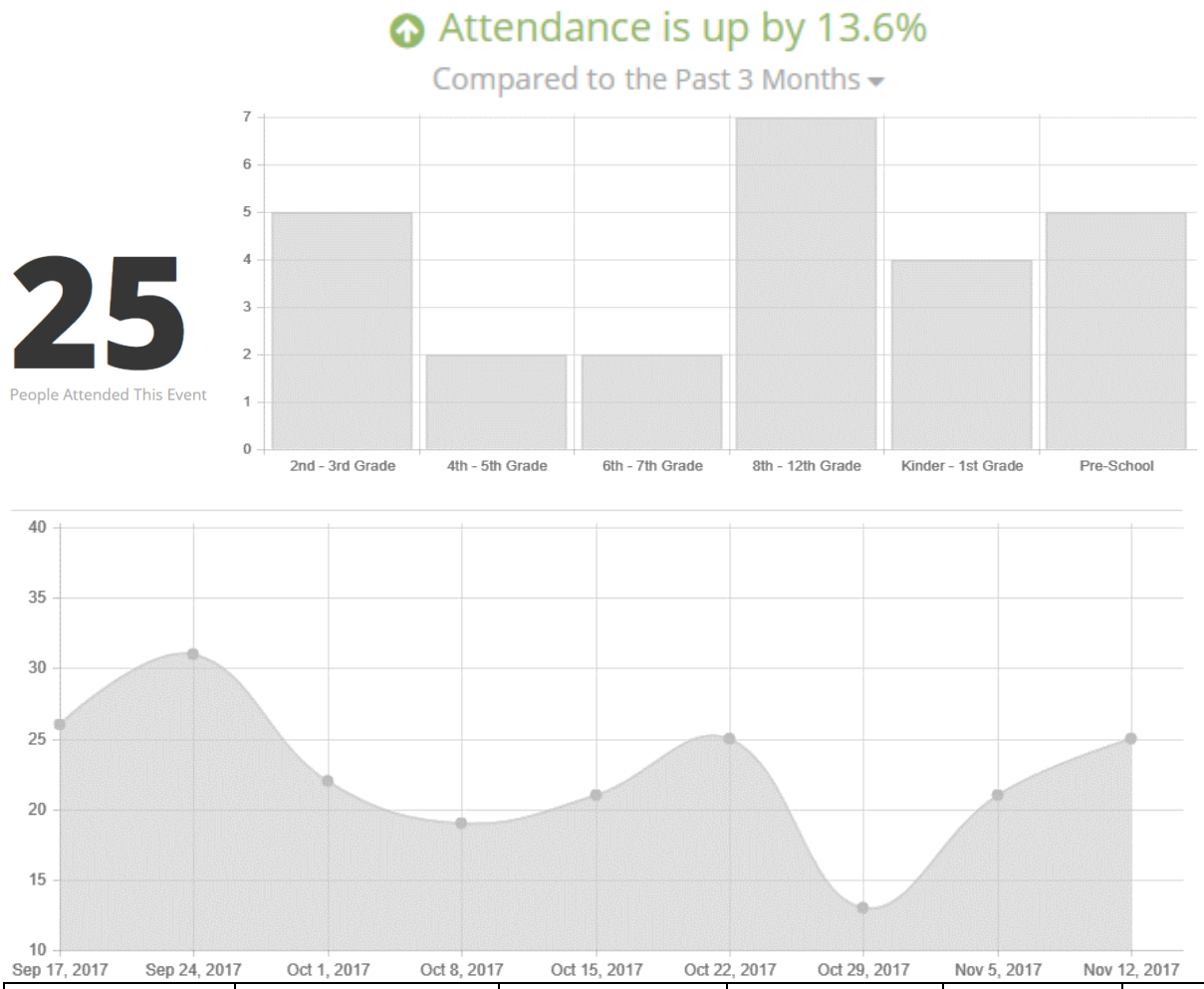
The following have donated for this event:

Virginia Aziz, Surella Nasser, Dora Vasilakis, Dede Rogers, Jerry and Stanlee Rubin, Gilbert Malooly and family, Mimco, Rick & Cerena Suarez, David & Cindy Osborn/WestStar Bank, Ana Aleman, Celia Berton, Ceci Miles Mulvihill

Sandi Smith, Jeannine Kennedy, Jule Zimet, Kitty Schild, Suzie Azar, Martini & Steve DeGroat, Terri Wyatt

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



Pre- School	Kinder – 1st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas Jace Gerena Nicolas Mijares Joshua Soliman	Nia Isaac Abram Isaac Majd Al Dayoub Giselle Gerena	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Elias Al Dayoub Callahan Cass Karma Soliman	Valentine Cass Kendall Olivas	Sami Odeh Emma Isaac	Jonathan El Ojeil James Shaheen Johnny Odeh Joseph Odeh Boris Salinas Luke Tsoukalas Zoe Tsoukalas

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

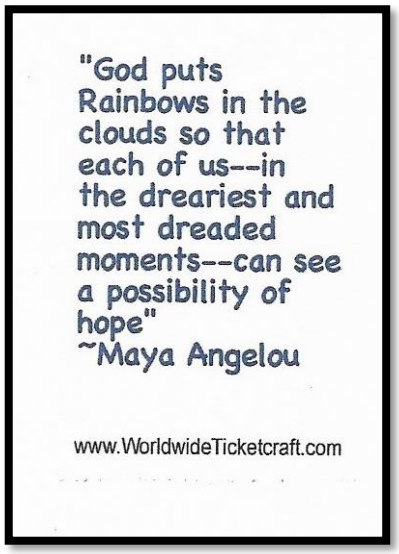
The St. George Sunday School will be having their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17, 2917. Pageant rehearsals will take place during a portion of Sunday School time, every Sunday. Parents, please make sure your children are in Sunday school every Sunday so they will be present to rehears.

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

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 a 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.

Advent Fast Reminder

The Nativity Fast (Advent) begins this Wednesday, November 15th and will end December 24th (AFTER the Christmas Liturgy). We are to fast from meat and dairy. Fish and other types of seafood are allowed (except on Wednesdays & Fridays – Strict Fast) until the Feast of St. Spyridon – December 12. In order for fasting to be effective, it must be accompanied with prayer and acts of mercy and love. St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "What good is it to fast from meat and dairy, if we devour and eat one another." Please remember to love and forgive in this special time in which we prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!

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).