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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

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council & Fourth Sunday of Luke

Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch; Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos;
Savvinos, bishop of Catania

Tone 2

Eothinon 8

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Angela Al-Hanna

Sermon: James Shaheen

Ushers: Johnny Odeh, James Shaheen, Angela Al-Hanna, Zoe Tsoukalas

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 THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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 FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.



Holy Bread will be offered by:

- **Jeremy & Caroline Adkins:** in celebrations of Finlay (Finian) Adkins, turning 9 years old. Light refreshments will be offered in his honor immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Anonymous Donation**
- **Khaled Sarah & Maya Kaei** will also offer pizza at coffee hour for the health and wellbeing of the Sarah & Kaei families. All are welcome.

THE EPISTLE

For the Holy Fathers

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Fourth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Nabil, Doris, Noel & Michelle Shaheen

Thought for the Day

"God Himself lives in that man who has a peaceful heart. Above all: consider yourself worse than everyone, seek neither love nor honor from anyone, but have them yourself for everyone - thus you will obtain peace. But as soon as you want others to notice the goodness and virtue in you, then say good-bye to spiritual peace." -- St. Anatoly of Optina

BISHOP BASIL'S VISIT SCHEDULE

Friday October 20th: Arrival

- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner with the Parish Council with Members and Spouses

Saturday October 21st

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Matins
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ladies' Society Breakfast [open to all organizations]
Followed by a talk with Sayyedna
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. "Ask Sayyedna" Session w/SOYO @ "Ahla wu Sahla" Room
(Coffee/Tea/Refreshments will be provided)
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet Dinner @ Summit Ballroom

Sunday October 22nd

- 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Matins
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
[St. Ignatius Members Please Wear your Red Cross!]

Bishop Basil's Visit Banquet

Banquet in Honor of His Grace Bishop Basil

October 21, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Summit Ballroom 120 N. Festival Dr.

Buy your tickets (\$25 per person, \$12 children 10 and under) now!

Plated Dinner: Deadline for reservations is October 17, 2017 to have a correct headcount for the meals. Please contact any of the parish council members for tickets. **Everyone is welcomed.**

Commit now and be Inducted when Bishop Basil comes Oct.



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LADIES SOCIETY TEA PARTY

Blessings & thanks to all who donated delicious food, to those who donated raffle prizes—Blanca Anaipakos, Rose Beard, Deana Nasser, Drs. Salloum, and Mary Esther Salom, to Dr. Maha for the presentation, and to all who attended the very successful membership tea party.

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

ST GEORGE LADIES SOCIETY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON:

SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 12, 2017** AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

MENU: TURKEY, RICE, PEAS, CRANBERRY, SALAD, ROLLS, PIES, COFFEE

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

Many thanks & Blessings to the following donors to the thanksgiving Luncheon:

Joseph and Melissa Isaac--turkeys; Sudie and Deanna Nasser--monetary; Laila Ferris, Jackie Ferris, Lauren Ferris, Skee Rizk- monetary; Laila Salloum and family --rice; Patricia Borschow--pies; Jeanette Zacour--pies, h'ourduerves

If you would like to **donate, please** see Rose Beard or Blanca Anaipakos

Salma Isaac

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS' DINNER

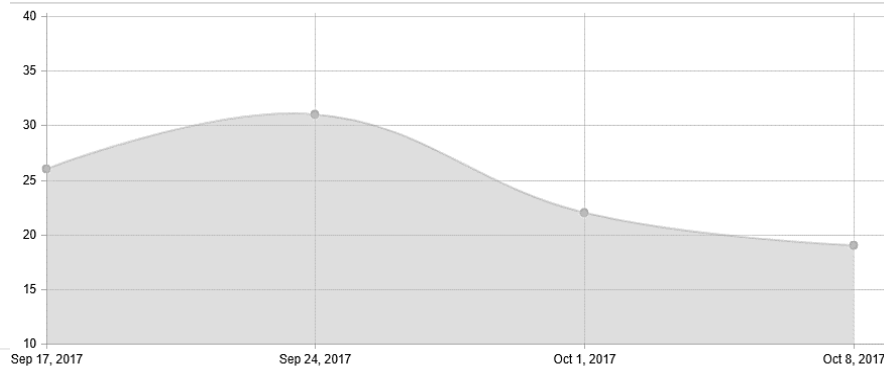
The Annual Senior Citizens' Dinner will be Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at 5 pm in the Summit Hall. This is the 50th year for this great community event! Those of you who have helped in the past know what a great event this is as well as much fun to help with. Seeing the joy on the Seniors' faces and knowing 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 to St. George Church earmarked "Senior Citizens Dinner" by Sunday, Nov. 25.** If you have any questions, please call Deanna Nasser at 204-4245. Thank you very much for your support and God bless you all.

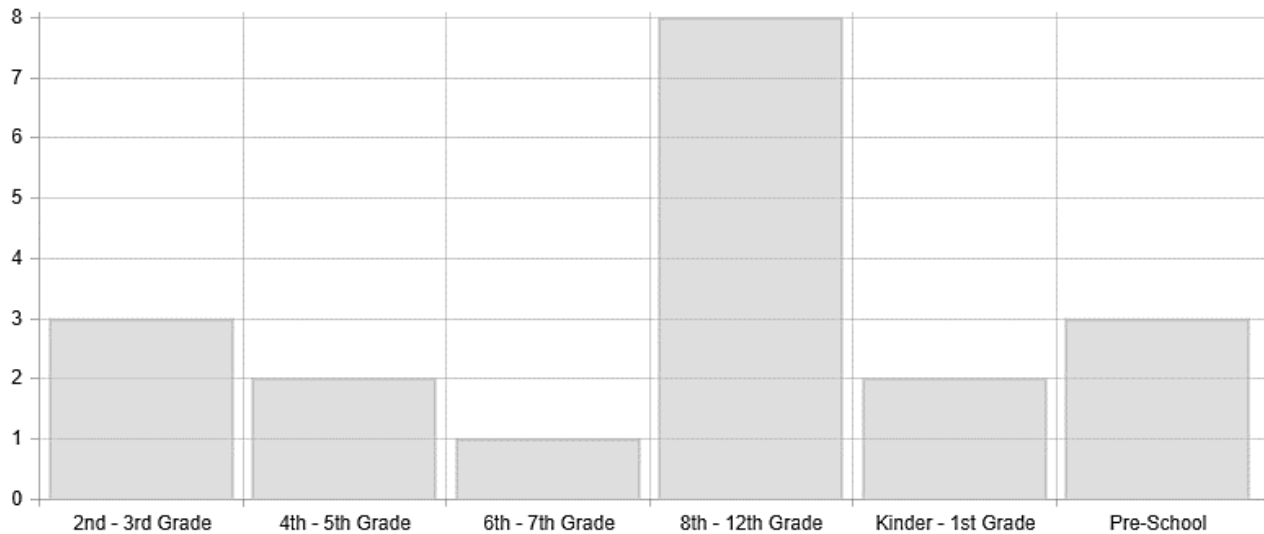
ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

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People Attended This Event



Attendance is down by 26.9%
Compared to the Past 6 Months



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

Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Kingston Joudi Nicolas Mijares Anastasia Salinas	Nia Isaac Joseph Salloum	Wik Brooke Atticus Denny Nigel Rangel	Judah Denny Kendall Olivas	Sami Odeh	Jonathan El Ojeil Anthony Jarjour Johnny Odeh Joseph Odeh Boris Salinas Teresa Salloum James Shaheen Luke 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!

TEEN SOYO BUSINESS:

We would like to congratulate our newly elected Teen SOYO Board for their election as Officers for the 2017-2018 period:

SOYO Advisor: Alexie Baine

- President: Johnny Odeh
- Vice-president: Joseph Odeh
- Treasurer: Boris Salinas
- Secretary: Teresa Salloum
- Historian: Angela Al-Hanna

They will be sworn to office this coming Sunday immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Teen SOYO Upcoming Events (October):

- Sunday 15th: Bowling Outing with Fr. Joseph
- Saturday 21st: "Ask Sayyedna" in the "Ahla wu Sahla" room @ 4:00 p.m.
- Monday 23rd: SOYO Bible Study in Church Conference Room @6:30 p.m.

For more information about Teen SOYO activities, please contact Alexie Baine at alexie.baine@gmail.com!



Today, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in the summer of 2018. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$74,000 to run this worthwhile program. As an expression of our teen's gratitude for your support of this important ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint Thekla the Protomartyr.

Thank you for your financial support. Please make checks payable to St. George Church earmarked "Special Olympics".

Welcome to this world Baby Aidan Emmanuel Abouid

Fr. Joseph, Kh. Carol, and baby Aidan BEGAN WELCOMING all of our beloved parishioners to share the joy of Baby Aidan's coming into this world at their home this past Monday, October 9th. THEY ARE STILL WELCOMING ALL! IT IS AN OPEN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DROP BY DURING WEEKDAYS (from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) at 5801 Silver Springs Dr, Apt. #402, El Paso, TX.

For parking, please use the two slots designated for apt. #402. Extra parking at the end of the parking lot.

Please keep baby Aidan, Kh. Carol, and Fr. Joseph in your prayers!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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In case Fr. Joseph is not available, please call 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).

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