



SAINT GEORGE

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

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New Sunday or Anti-Pascha

Sunday of Thomas the Apostle, Called “The Twin”

Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia; Hieromartyr Leonidas, bishop of Athens

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Paul J. Ferris

Greeters: Edwina Youngblood & Salma Isaac

*Since there will be no collection tray passed out during the service, *Greeters* will be at the entrance until the Divine Liturgy is under way, then *usher* the Communion line.*

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. (**Refrain**)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

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

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THE THIRD ANTIPHON

+ Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!**

+ As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (*Refrain*)

+ So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)

+ This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (*Refrain*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.

APOLYTIKION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

THE EPISTLE

Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

THE SYNAXARION

On April 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate of Martyr Crescents of Myra in Lycia; and Hiero-martyr Leonidas, bishop of Athens.

On this day, the second Sunday of Pascha, we inaugurate the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, and the occasion whereon the Holy Apostle Thomas touched the Savior's side. This day is called New Sunday, Thomas Sunday or Anti-Pascha. The last term means "in place of Pascha" because Thomas did not immediately hear of Christ's Resurrection and disbelieved it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicates Sunday to the Resurrection.

As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday of the Resurrection, Jesus entered and greeted them in His usual way, saying, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed them His hands, feet and side. Jesus ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior's scars—the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side—before he would believe that Jesus was risen. Eight days later Christ appeared again to the Disciples, this time with Thomas present. The Master told Thomas to see and feel. Then Thomas immediately cried out, "My Lord and my God!" But Jesus tells His Disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This event also clearly illustrates the human and divine Natures of Christ.

By the intercessions of Thine Apostle Thomas, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Donations are now being collected for Patriarch John X

Thought of the Day

"Just as it is easy for us to be immersed and to lift up our heads again, so it is easy for God to bury the old man and show forth the new. This takes place three times, that you may know that the power of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit brings all these things to fulfillment." -- St. John Chrysostom



Holy Bread is offered by:

Gilbert Elias Malooly Sr. & Family are offering a three-year Memorial Service in memory of his beloved wife Geraldine "Haifa" Abraham Malooly.

Skee Rizk in memory of Peter Rizk and Tom and Regina Jacobs as well as for the health of the Rizk, Ferris, Samore, Al-Hanna, and Nasser families.

Coffee Hour

The Ethiopian Families are hosting the Coffee hour immediately after Divine Liturgy with their authentic Ethiopian Refreshments.

DONATIONS

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Happy Easter to our St. George Parishioners

Vanessa Salloum Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum James & Odette Shaheen

Joe & Lorri Hallow for the health of Lisa Bond & Family, Valerie Daw & Family, Bobby Gillett, Victor Gillett, & Pamela Gillett & Families

George & Ma Esther Salom for the Health of our Beloved Virginia Aziz

George & Mary Esther Salom in memory of Bill Gottfried and Herb Barakat

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna in memory of Angelique & Angela Al-Hanna

Yani & Susan Payides Donations for Easter Flowers

Joe & Lorri Hallow: Archdiocese Dues

In Memory Suleiman Elias

George & Mary Esther Salom Virginia Mansour

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

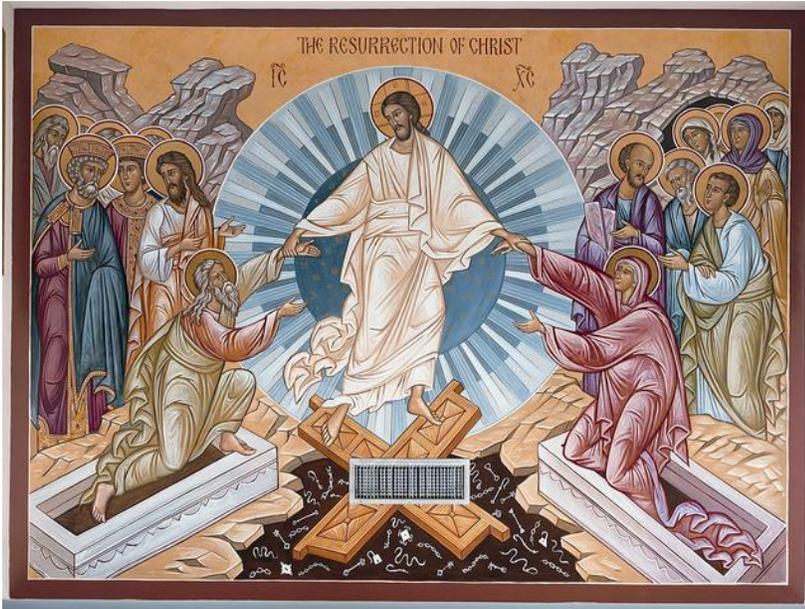
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Patriarch John X

Chris & Tiffany Joudi

PALM SUNDAY-MOTHER CHURCH GIFT

Collection to date \$352.00



Christ is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

**Христос воскрес! Воистину
воскресе!**

¡Cristo Resucitó!

¡En Verdad Resucitó!

**Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς
ἀνέστη!**

**Christ est Ressucité! En Verité il
est Ressucité!**

**We would like to wish all of you a blessed and joyous Pascha! May the Light of Christ
illumine all your hearts!**

Fr. Joseph, Kh. Carol, and Aidan Abouid

Food for the Hungry

Do not forget to RETURN your filled Alms box to the church, following Pascha, where all donations collected will be sent to the Archdiocese.

If you have not participated in this program during Great Lent, you may do so by making out a check to St. George Church, earmarked "FFHP".

Let us continue to follow the call with the courage to offer ourselves to those in need as Christ offered Himself to us.



Teen SOYO Talent Show

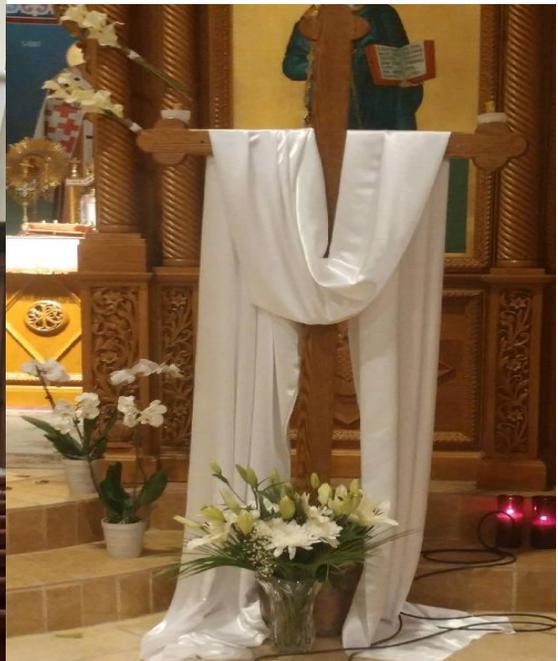
May 20, 2018

We encourage all Sunday School students to participate and perform at least one of the multiple talents they all have. The teens will be signing participants up during Sunday School. We will also be hosting a potluck lunch during the show. Donations to Teen SOYO will be accepted and greatly appreciated in the form of cash or checks to raise money for future expenses including the festival and PLC. We look forward to working with your wonderful kids!

If you have any questions, please contact Alexie Baine: (703)944-4683

Thank you!

Thanks to the following ladies for the Easter Bier Flower Decorations: Sylvana Aldouri, Hend Odeh, Kimberly & Christiana Crawford, Patricia Borschow, Noel Shaheen, Zayna Heredia, Oula Sarah, Vanessa Salloum, Angenette Al-Hanna, and Jamie Isaac. Thanks also to Sylvana Aldouri for decorating the church for Easter. We would also like to thank Nada Aziz for donating food for those who were decorating all morning long. Your help is very well-appreciated!



The Festival Committee News

The committee is now accepting sponsorships. The letter/form can be picked up from Jamie Isaac. Please make an effort to take copies of the Sponsorship letters to your neighbors, businesses and friends. Many thanks to the following sponsor:

George Salom sponsoring the Bake Table

Festival Baking

Festival Sweet Baking will be this Thursday April 12, 2018 starting at 4PM until done. All ladies and men help is needed for this worthy cause and to support your church.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church 2018 Annual Festival Sponsor Request Form

I would like to contribute to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church Annual Festival for 2018 as a sponsor of the event.

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Tabbouleh/Hummus Booth Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Beverages Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Baklawa Sundae Booth Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Children's Activities Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Festival General Sponsor	_____	\$300 (minimum)

Donation

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Total Amount Contributed

Thank you for your support and contribution. This is a tax deductible donation and we will be providing letters to the sponsors. Please make checks payable to: **St. George Church earmarked "2018 Annual Festival"**

Message from Ward Esper to the St. George Family:

To all my brothers & sisters at the church who asked about my health during my last stay at the hospital and who called, or visited me or who donated to the church for my health, or who visited me at my home:

Many thanks and honest appreciation for your concerns and expression of love. Hoping and praying that God will not put you in a similar situation and will keep you healthy with your families. Happy Easter to all of you and wish you good health and good fortune for the upcoming big day.

With Love and greetings, and hope to be able to see you soon,

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please Note: Fr. Joseph will be out of town from April 24th to May 8th. For any emergency, please contact V. Rev. Archpriest Jehad Michael, who will be covering for Fr. Joseph during his absence. Fr. Jehad's Cell phone: (915)203-2831

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.