



SAINT GEORGE

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EL PASO - TEXAS

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

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**THE HOLY MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN,
PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA & RIGHTEOUS NICODEMUS
& GREAT-MARTYR AND TROPHY-BEARER GEORGE**

TONE 2

EOTHINON 4

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Noel Shaheen

Greeters: Antwanette Shaghoury & Edwina Youngblood.

*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...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

+ Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them 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*)

• *After the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the following:*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless 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.

• *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

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 JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA IN TONE TWO

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women: the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

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 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 (For St. George)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hear my voice, O God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (12:1-11)

In those days, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

THE GOSPEL (For the Myrrh-bearing Women)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathaea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

THE SYNAXARION

On April 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Theodore of Sykeon, bishop of Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanael (Simon the Zealot); Martyr Nearchos; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons; and Vsevolod, prince of Pskov.

On this day, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer.

George was born in Cappadocia the son of wealthy and virtuous parents. His father suffered

for Christ and his mother then moved to Palestine. When George grew up, he entered the military, where in his twentieth year, attained the rank of a Tribune and was in the service of the Emperor Diocletian. The most famous George's miracles are depicted in iconography. Near Mount Lebanon was a large lake, inhabited by an enormous dragon-like serpent. Coming out of the lake, it devoured people, and the breath from its nostrils poisoned the air. George rode up on his horse with spear in hand, and signed himself with the Sign of the Cross. He rushed at the serpent saying, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." George pierced the throat of the serpent with his spear and trampled it with his horse. Twenty-five thousand men, not counting women and children, were then baptized. Diocletian eventually had George and his wife, Alexandra, beheaded in 303. Though he was a talented officer who amazed the world by his military exploits, George is known as the Victory-bearer, or Trophy-bearer, not only for his military achievements, but for successfully enduring martyrdom.

On this day, the third Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women. And we also commemorate Joseph of Arimathaea, the secret disciple, and Nicodemus, the disciple by night.

The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only eight of these women: Mary the Theotokos, the "mother" of James and Joses, who were the sons of Joseph the Betrothed from his previous marriage (Matt. 27:56 and Mark 15:40); Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. Joseph was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own new tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ.

By the intercessions of the holy Myrrh-bearers, Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.



Christ is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

¡Cristo Resucitó!

¡En Verdad Resucitó!

Χριστός ἀνέστη! 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

Thought of the Day

Christ has died to the old world, and His resurrection has inaugurated the New Creation by reconciling everything and everyone to His Father (II Cor. 5:14-21). The 'Passover' of Jesus is the ultimate Event of the New Creation. His Beatitude, Patriarch IGNATIUS IV



Holy Bread is offered by:

Nabil and Doris Shaheen for their health and in honor of Noel's graduation from Med School (May 18th) and going to residency.

Dr. & Mrs. Valilis for one-year memorial service of their beloved son Nick Valilis. May his memory be Eternal.

Coffee Hour

Nabil & Doris Shaheen are hosting the Coffee hour immediately after Divine Liturgy. A luncheon will be served. All are welcome.

Dr. & Mrs. Valilis will offer refreshments in memory of Nick Valilis

DONATIONS

Allen & Patricia Borschow for the health of Eva Mowad.

Salma Isaac for the health of Gilbert Malooly Sr. & all the Malooly families.

Yani & Susana Payides for the good health of Eva Mowad, Constanino Papas, Laila Salloum, and Christos Maragudakis.

Raed & Sylvana Aldouri for the good health of Khr. Carol, Fr. Joseph & Aidan Abouid

Jamie Isaac for the health of Fr. Joseph, Khr. Carol, & Aidan & Return home safely.

George & Mary Esther Salom for the health of our beloved Virginia Aziz

In Memory Suleiman Elias

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FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Eva Mowad

Dora Vasilakis

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE ALMS BOX to the church, where all donations collected will be sent to the Archdiocese *to help those in need.*

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.

Thank you!

Ethiopian Community for a very delicious and generous cuisine served after Divine Liturgy! In addition, for leaving the mini-hall spotless.

Ladies Meeting April 29

There is still time to turn in your nominations for the election of officers for the St. George Ladies to Rose Beard Sunday April 22nd. Then plan to attend the meeting on Sunday April 29th immediately after the Divine Liturgy.



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. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be sold outside of the church on Sundays leading up to the talent show. We look forwarding to working with your wonderful kids!

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

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 Jr., Wendy & Alexander Salom sponsoring the Bake Table.

Drs. Hassan and Maha Salloum sponsoring the Entertainment

Thank you

We bought four food processors machines @\$150 each. Thanks to Jean-Marc Salloum and Tiffany Joudi for their donations, (each donated \$150)

Festival Baking

*Festival Sweet Baking schedule will be as follows starting at 5PM
Tuesday April 24; Thursday April 26*

*All ladies and men help is needed for this worthy cause and to
support your church.*

May 3, 2018 will be Kibbee Day starting at 9:30 AM



Please pre-order round Kibbe (Akrass) as soon as possible. We will need a minimum of 12 Dozens pre-ordered; otherwise, we will not be doing the round Kibbe (Akrass)

One dozen Kibbe filled with meat: \$42

Email me or send email to office@stgeorge-elpaso.org

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:

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.

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
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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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Children's Activities Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Festival General Sponsor	_____	\$300 (minimum)
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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"