



SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
EL PASO - TEXAS

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu; John the New Almsgiver, metropolitan of Thebes; Martyr John of Romania; Basil of Ostrog, metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia

TONE 3

EOTHINON 5

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Phillip Youngblood

Greeters: Sylvana Aldouri and Hend Odeh

*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

Verse: 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.

Verse: 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

Verse: 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.

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

Verse: 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

- **Verse:** Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who 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!
- **Verse:** As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. (*Refrain*)
- **Verse:** So let sinners perish before the face of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)
- **Verse:** This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*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 THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, 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

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter

put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

THE SYNAXARION

On April 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; Martyr Kerkyra of Corfu; John the New Almsgiver, metropolitan of Thebes; Martyr John of Romania; Basil of Ostrog, Metropolitan of Zakhum in Serbia.

On this day, the fourth Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Paralytic and, as is right, we celebrate the miracle wrought for him.

Jesus healed the Paralytic at the Sheep’s Pool, located near the Sheep’s Gate of Jerusalem, where people sacrificed their beasts and washed their insides. The pool had five sides, with a porch and arch on each. A number of people, afflicted with various diseases, passed through them, waiting at the water for an angel to come down and stir it. Once it moved, whoever stepped into the water first was instantly healed. One poor man, whose story is recounted in today’s Gospel lection in the Divine Liturgy, waited 38 years for someone to lower him into the water, because he was unable to move into the water himself. However, the Savior merely commanded the man to get up and walk, and he was healed.

In Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.



Christ is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

**Христос воскрес! Воистину
воскресе!**

¡Cristo Resucitó!

¡En Verdad Resucitó!

Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!

**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

“Thou didst make the Myrrh-Bearing Women the bearers of the tidings of the Thy Resurrection and Thy glory! They did not anoint Thy dead body, but Thou didst anoint their living souls with the oil of gladness. The mourners of the dead became the swallows of a new spring. Those who wept at Thy tomb became saints in Thy heavenly kingdom.” -- St. Nikolai of Zica



Holy Bread is offered by:

**Michael Sifuentes and Michael Albert Pacheco, in memory of
their beloved godmother Gloria Farah Armistead. May her
memory be Eternal.**

DONATIONS

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna: Congratulations to Noel Shaheen for Med School Graduation.

Blanca Anaipakos for the health of Christos Maragoudaikis.

Eva Mowad for the health of Virginia Aziz and the Valilis Family.

Nassim Salloum for the health of Fr. Joseph & Family and Fr. Michael & Family.

Michel & Antwanette Shaghoury: Congratulations Noel Shaheen. May all the warm wishes & prayers that are yours today go with you through the bright and beautiful future you deserve. We Love and are proud of you.

Jamie Isaac for the health of Fr. Joseph, Kr. Carol & Family, Michelle Elias & Family, Joyce Haddad & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Pappas, the Valilis Family.

Raed & Sylvana Aldouri congratulating Noel Shaheen for her graduation.

IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS A VALILIS

Blanca Anaipakos Eva Mowad Jamie Isaac

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Yani & Susana Payides Jamie Isaac

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.

ST. IGNATIUS NEWS

If you would like to be inducted into the Order of St. Ignatius at the PLC this June in Santa Fe, NM, please see Salma Isaac, or any member of St. Ignatius, for an application.

The Order is the Humanitarian arm of the Archdiocese and does a tremendous good all over the world to help those less fortunate.

If you have left the Order for any reason and would consider coming back; you can easily do so; no questions asked--just pick up from now.

The homeless, the orphans, the hungry, and poor will be so grateful. Your life will be truly blessed beyond measure. May God bless you,

Salma M. Isaac

Chair of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Ladies Meeting April 29

The election of officers for the St. George Ladies Society will be April 29, 2018. Plan to attend the meeting 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.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and we will provide the food. We look forward 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

Festival Baking

Festival Sweet Baking schedule will be as follows starting at 5PM

Tuesday April 24, 2018; 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 have 12 Dozens pre-ordered; so order yours ASAP so we know how much material to buy.

One dozen Kibbe filled with meat: \$42

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

Festival Donations

Donations are welcome to offset the cost of many items for the festival. Your monetary donations will help increase our profit and counts towards your pledge.

We will have a gyro lunch on May 6th after Divine Liturgy to try the gyro machine. Tickets are \$10 per person

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.

Sponsor's Name _____

Purchaser's Name (if different from Sponsor's Name) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Entertainment Sponsor _____ **\$2,000 (minimum)**

Advertisement Sponsor _____ **\$1,000 (minimum)**

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Gyro Booth Sponsor _____ **\$500 (minimum)**

Falafel Booth Sponsor _____ **\$500 (minimum)**

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 _____ **Store credit
Gift cards or
monetary donation**

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"**

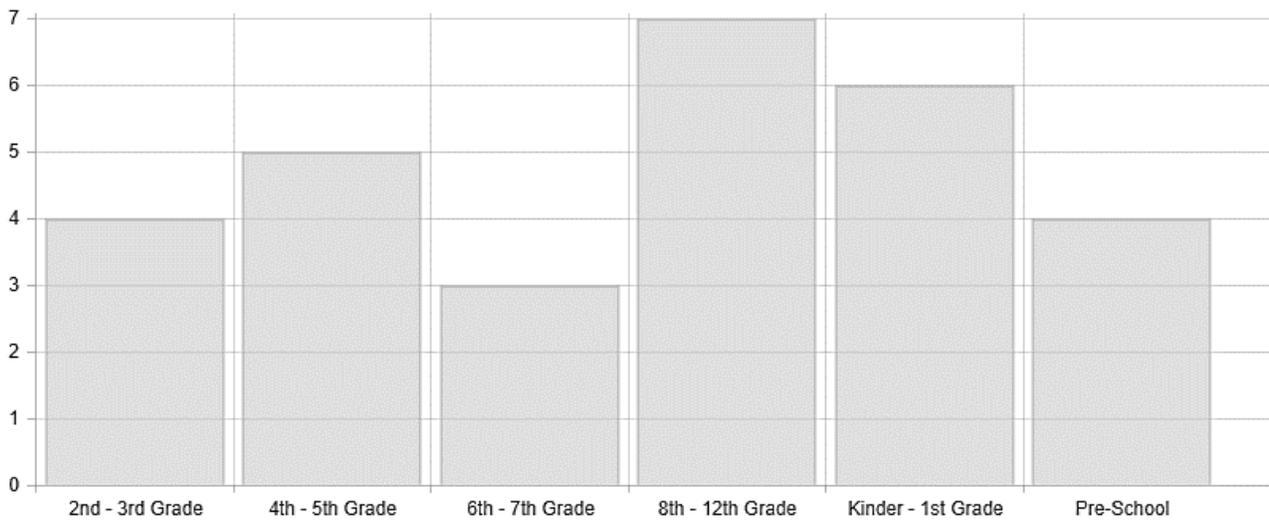
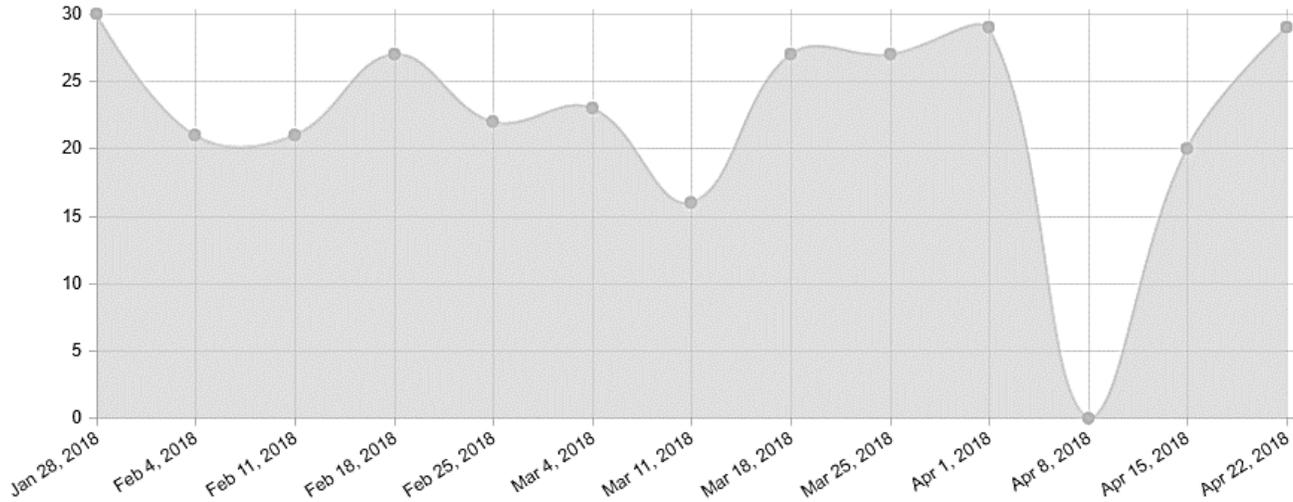
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Sunday School News

Attendance is up by 52.6%

People Attended This Event

Compared to the Past 6 Months



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Caleb Crawford Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas Nicolas Mijares	Amaya Salloum Nia Isaac Joseph Salloum Majd Al Dayoub Abram Isaac Larissa Alyoussef	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Ophelia Adkins Elias Al Dayoub	Finlay Adkins Nahum Eyasu Christiana Crawford Ryan Salloum Danica Salloum Kendall Olivas	Andrew Crawford Sami Odeh Emma Isaac	James Shaheen Boris Salinas Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Johnny Odeh Angela Al-Hanna

Outstanding! Great Job parents and Sunday School students for such great attendance!

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 Jihad Michael, who will be covering for Fr. Joseph during his absence.

Fr. Jihad'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.