



SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
EL PASO - TEXAS

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,
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"And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch". Acts 11:26

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SUNDAY OF GREAT AND ALL-HOLY PASCHA

Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

Pascha: Midnight Office & the Rush Service 9:30 PM

Followed by the Paschal Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Salah Al-Hanna

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.

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (ONCE)

HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, Who dwells in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

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

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.*

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

THE SYNAXARION

On the Holy and Great Sunday of Pascha we celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; for Christ alone did descend with condescension to fight hades; and he ascended, bringing the abundant spoils of victory which he had snatched.

Mary the Magdalene and the rest of the women who were present at the Savior's Burial on Friday evening, returned that very day from Golgotha to the city to prepare ointment and spices, that they might come later and anoint the body of Jesus. They rested the next day, Saturday, in fulfillment of the commandment. And on the following day, which was Sunday and which the Evangelists call the first day of the week, which fell on the twenty-fifth of March, or thirty-six hours after the Death of life-giving Jesus, the women came to the sepulcher with their prepared ointments. As they were pondering the difficulty of rolling the stone from the gate of the sepulcher, a great earthquake took place, and angel of the Lord came down, whose appearance was like lightning and his clothes like snow, and rolled away the stone and sat thereon. The guards trembled with fear, became like dead, and fled. But the women entered the sepulcher and found not Jesus. But they found two other angles in the form of men dressed in white raiment who proclaimed to them the Resurrection of the Savior, commanding them to hasten and give the good news to the Disciples. In Mary the Magdalene, hastened and entered the tomb and found there only the linen clothes. They returned with great joy to the city, and began to preach the supernatural Resurrection of Christ, having seen him alive in truth five times that very day.

For this joyful Resurrection, we therefore celebrate today, kissing one another in Christ with the brotherly kiss, illustrating thereby the dissolution of the enmity that was between us and God, and our reconciliation through Christ. This Feast was called Pascha

from the Jewish name; for Christ by his Passion and Resurrection translated us from the curse of Adam and the bondage of Satan to the ancient liberty and bliss. As for the day of the week, which is called in Hebrew, the first day, being dedicated to our Lord for his glorification and magnification, it is called in Greek, **Kyriake**, or the Lord's Day. The Disciples transferred to it the dignity of the sabbath after the Law of the Old Testament, and prescribed that it be a holiday and a day of rest.

To him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Donations are now being collected for Patriarch John X

Please make your check payable to St. George Church, earmarked Patriarch John X

Thought of the Day

Abba John the Dwarf asked his monks: "Who sold Joseph?" One monk replied: "His brother." To this the elder replied: "Not his brothers, but his humility. Joseph could have said that he was their brother and protested his being sold, but he remained silent. His humility, therefore, sold him. Afterward, this same humility made him master over Egypt."



Holy Bread is offered by:

George & Angie Al-Hanna, Salah, Nada, & Angela Al-Hanna in loving memory of our beloved Angelique & Angela Al-Hanna.

DONATIONS

Lori & Joe Halow: for the health of Jeanette and George Zacour and family; Eddie Elias and family; Joe Halow and family; Wadad Cashman; George and Kim Halow and family; Georgette, Terry, Monette and Bobby Smith; Joe, Lauda, Marianna and Justin Halow; Michael, Michael, Brandon and families; Renee Halow and son; Georgette Abraham.

Memory of Dalal Young's Father in Syria--Suleiman Elias

Blanca Anaipakos Allen & Patricia Borschow Tony Dayoub Jamie Isaac
David & Dalal Young Dora Vasilakis Raed & Sylvana Aldouri Joe & Lorri Halow

Memory of Bill Gottfried

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Memory of Herb Barakat

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ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Naida, Faika, & Jehan Dallo

Happy Palm Sunday to our St. George Parishioners

Vanessa Salloum

SEMINARY FUND

Carol El-Ojeil

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FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Blanca Anaipakos

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Salma Isaac

Patriarch John X

Blanca Anaipakos

Bryan & Annette Haddad

LIGHTING THE DOME

April 10, 2018

PALM SUNDAY-MOTHER CHURCH GIFT

Collection to date \$300.00

Red Carpet Donation

We would like to thank an anonymous person for donating a beautiful red round carpet for Holy Week, offered for the health of his family.

Easter Egg Donation

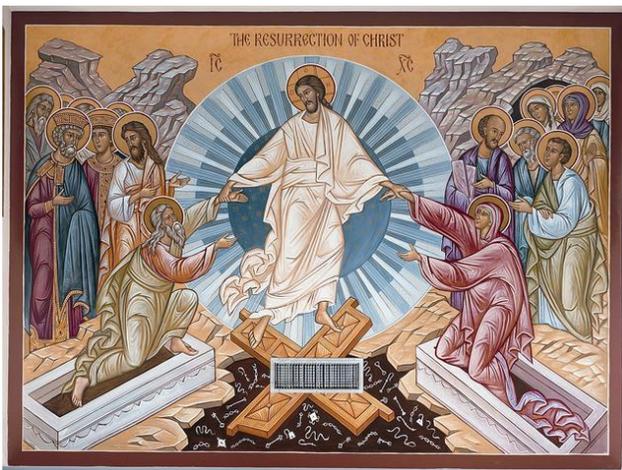
Raed & Sylvana Aldouri are donating Easter eggs for the health of their family

Donations for Palms and Easter Flowers

Donations accepted through the Lent season to cover the cost of Palms and flowers. Your donations given for the health of your family and/or in memory of your beloved departed family members.

Donations

Sada Vaughan—Good Friday Flowers



Christ is Risen! Indeed He 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

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend
Bishop BASIL



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

**HOLY PASCHA
2018**

Beloved and Christ-loving Clergy, Monastics and Laity of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America:

I embrace and greet you with a holy kiss in the Name of the Resurrected Theanthropos Jesus Christ, and, together with you and Orthodox Christians throughout the world, I joyfully proclaim that Christ is risen! Christós anésti! Al-masih qaam! Christós voskréssse! Hristós a inviát! Cristo ha resucitado!

As we delight in the brilliance of the Resurrection, the dawn of the New and Eighth Day, I offer for your consideration the following words of the late Metropolitan of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain, the Most Reverend ANTHONY Bloom (1914-2003):

For the Apostles, Great Friday was the last day of the week and the last day of life as they had known it; on the following day, the day which preceded the Resurrection, the darkness was as dense, as obscure, as impenetrable as it had been on Great Friday, and if the Resurrection had not happened, all days of the year and all the days of their life would have been days of total darkness, days when God was dead, when God had been conquered, when God had been definitely and radically exiled from the community of men. And if you bear in mind the unity which was gradually created between Christ and His disciples, so that the life they lived was His life, in Him and through Him they moved, saw, perceived and understood, you will grasp that His death was not only this total and irremediable darkness of Great Friday – for them the last day of history – but it was also their own death because Life had been taken away from them; they could no longer live but merely exist. Thus you will understand why, for the Apostles, the Resurrection was such a complete renewal, such a decisive event ... The joy of the Resurrection is something which we, too, must learn to experience, but we can experience it only if we first learn the tragedy of the Cross. To rise again, we must die. Die to our hampering selfishness, die to our fears, die to everything which makes the world so narrow, so cold, so poor, so cruel. Die so that our souls may live, may rejoice, may discover the Spring of Life ... Because Christ is risen, because we do not see in the Lord Who walks ahead of us the defeated prophet of Galilee as He was seen by His tormentors, His persecutors. We know Him now in the glory of the Resurrection. We know that every word of His is true. We know that the Kingdom of God is ours if we simply follow Him.

Wishing you and your families a glorious Paschal season, looking forward to being with you all at our Diocesan Family Reunion in Santa Fe (June 13th-16th), I remain

Your Father in the Risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bishop Basil".

+Bishop Basil
Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

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.

Proceeds from all churches in our Antiochian Archdiocese will be combined and sent to aid those needing food or the basic things in life to survive. Through your prayers and generosity, this effort has been able to help many countries meet the needs of their hungry and homeless, for well over 40 years.

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.

The Festival Committee

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.

"A Taste of Orthodoxy" with Dr. Sandra Edwards

Dear Parishioners of St. George: We will begin a series of Orthodox Doctrine, Theology, Liturgical, and History class for adults every Saturday before Great Vespers with Dr. Sandra Edwards. We begin the series on Saturday April 14th at 4:00 p.m. (before Great Vespers). All are invited to attend and partake of these informative and interesting classes. For more information, please contact Dr. Sandra Edwards at: (915)203-0099.

Teen SOYO Talent Show

May 13, 2018



We encourage all participate and multiple talents they signing participants up 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 forwarding to working with your wonderful kids!

Sunday School students to perform at least one of the all have. The teens will be during Sunday School. We

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

**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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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
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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"

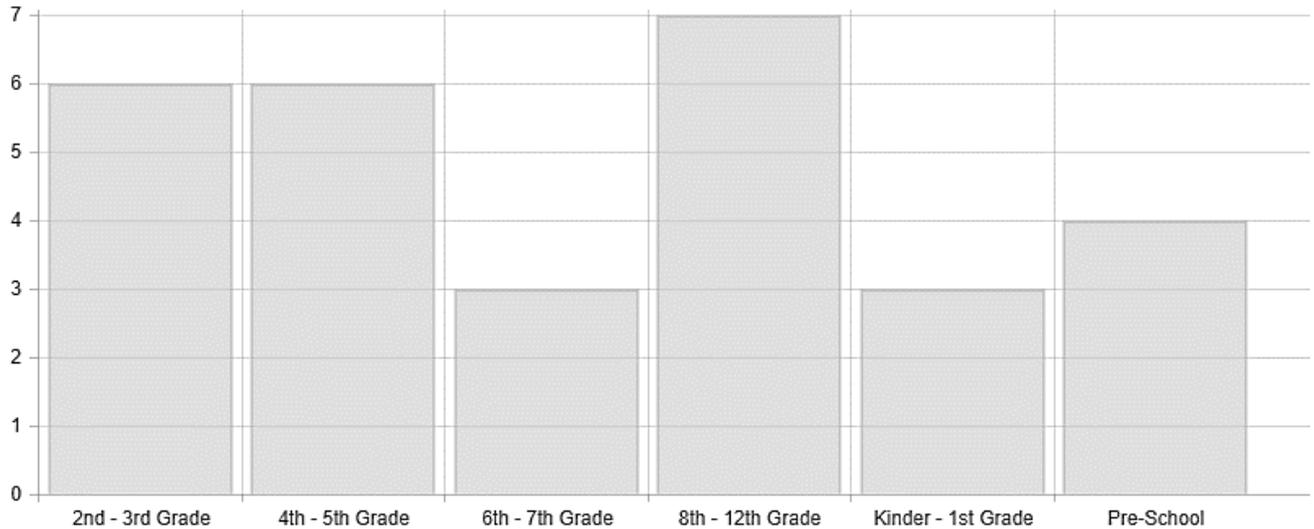
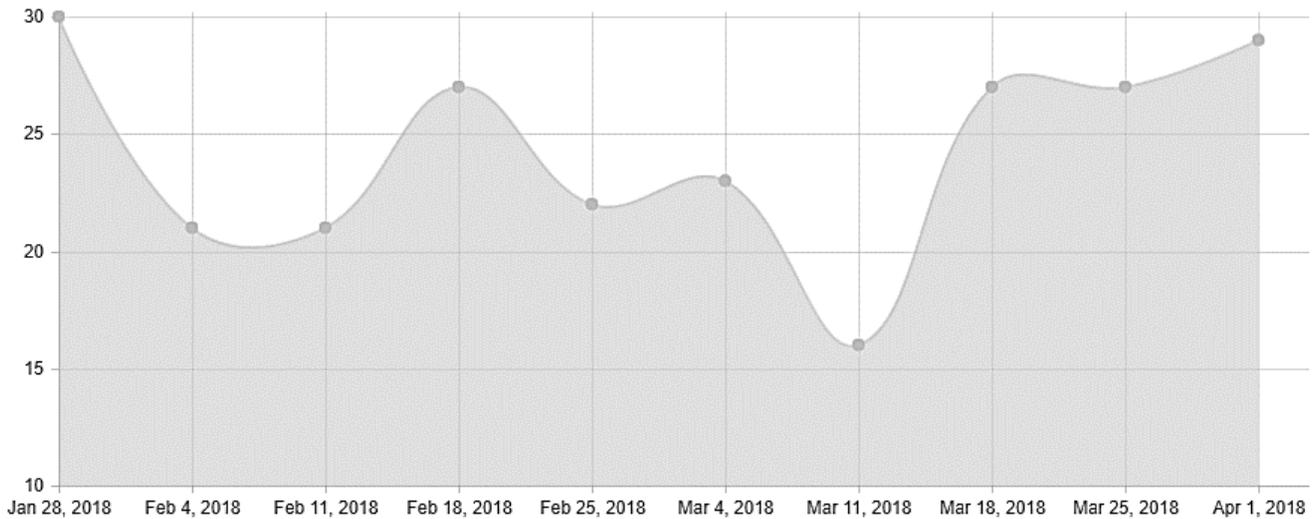
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Sunday School News

Attendance is up by 26.1%

People Attended This Event

Compared to the Past 3 Months



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Caleb Crawford Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas Joshua Soliman	Amaya Salloum Nia Isaac Joseph Salloum	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Ophelia Adkins Binyam Eyasu Abel Eyasu Karma Soliman	Finlay Adkins Nahum Eyasu Christiana Crawford Ryan Salloum Danica Salloum Kendall Olivas	Andrew Crawford Sami Odeh Rediet Eyasu	James Shaheen Boris Salinas Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Johnny Odeh Luke Tsoukalas Zoe Tsoukalas

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

Great Lent & Holy Week 2018 Schedule of Services

Great & Holy Week

Wednesday April 4	Service for the Sacrament of the Holy Unction Salat I Zeit	7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 5	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Mystical Supper)	9:30 a.m.
Thursday April 5	Service of the Twelve Passions Gospels	7:00 p.m.
Friday April 6	Royal Hours	9:30 a.m.
Friday April 6	Great Vespers (Taking Down from the Cross)	3:00 p.m.
Friday April 6	Service of the Lamentation followed by All-Night Vigil	7:00 p.m.
Saturday April 7	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Qum Ya Rab!)	9:30 a.m.
Saturday April 7	Paschal Divine Liturgy	9:30 p.m.
Sunday April 8	Agape Vespers (Gospel in Multiple Languages)	4:00 p.m.

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:

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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.