



# SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
EL PASO - TEXAS

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His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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

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December 30th, 2018

**AFTER-FEAST OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

COMMEMORATION OF JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE PROPHET AND KING, AND  
JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

**tone 6**

**EOTHINON 9**

**Saturday Service:** Vespers 5:00 P.M

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

**Epistle:** Salma Isaac

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**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO**

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

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## **APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR 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 soul.

## **KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE**

*(\*\*The original melody\*\*)*

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; \* to the Unapproachable, \* the earth doth offer a small cave; \* Angels join in choir with shepherds \* in giving glory; \* with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; \* for our sakes is born a young Child, \* He Who existed \* before the ages as God.

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Sunday after the Nativity)

### **ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Sunday after the Nativity: "The Genealogy")

### **MATTHEW 2:13-23**

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the

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wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene.

### **THE SYNAXARION**

On December 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Virgin-martyr Anysia of Thessalonica; Martyr Philetairos of Nicomedia; Venerable Leon the Archimandrite; Venerable-martyr Gideon of Karakallou monastery on Athos; and Makarios, Metropolitan of Moscow.

On the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, we commemorate the holy and just Ancestors of God: Joseph the Betrothed of the Holy Virgin, our Lady the Theotokos; James the Brother of the Lord and the First Bishop of Jerusalem; and David the Prophet and King.

#### ***Verses***

I honor Joseph, the Betrothed of the Virgin, who to be her protector was alone chosen.

Thou art a carpenter's son, but also the brother of the Lord that built all with a word,

O blest James.

What shall I say, seeing that the Lord testifieth,  
as a man after Mine own heart, I have found David.

David committed adultery and murder, yet God forgave him and glorified him above all the kings of Israel. He gave him the great grace to compose the most beautiful penitential prayers (the Psalms) and to prophesy the coming of Christ. Thus, God was not ashamed to take upon Himself flesh from David's seed. God designated Joseph to protect the Most-holy Virgin, and imparted to him great honor in the plan of the salvation of mankind. Although Joseph was of the royal lineage of David, he was a humble carpenter in Nazareth. At the age of 80, Joseph took the Most-holy Virgin from the Temple in Jerusalem and into his home. He entered into rest at the age of 110. The Apostle James is called the "Brother of the Lord" because he was the son of the righteous Joseph the Betrothed. James greatly loved Jesus and, according to tradition, he traveled to Egypt with the Most-holy Virgin and Joseph, when Herod sought to slay the newborn King.

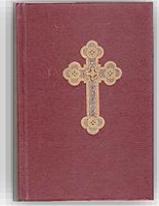
By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

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After the Gospel Reading, please turn to page 104 in the Red Service Book to follow along with the rest of the Divine Liturgy.



## Holy Bread is offered by:

Dalal Young for the health of David Young, Adan, & Grace.

*Deadline for Holy Bread offering and any bulletin announcement should be in the church office or emailed to [office@stgeorge-el Paso.org](mailto:office@stgeorge-el Paso.org) by Friday of every week in order to have it placed in the following week bulletin.*

## Donations

**Sharon & Martin Madsen:** In honor of our daughter Kristen on receiving her Master of Business Administration. We are very proud of you.

## Nativity of Our Lord

Allen & Patricia Borschow

Bryan and Annette Haddad

## Archdiocese Dues

Michel, Antwanette and William Shaghoury  
Art, Martha & Adrian Hernandez, Lauren Reyes

Habib and Mahassen Salloum  
Sharon Madsen



## New Year Eve Party

Come and join us for a family gathering and celebration of the New Year's Eve in the Church Mini Hall. The cost is \$25 per family which includes One wine bottle and everyone bring a dish. Please RSVP to Raed Aldouri

## ST IGNATIUS MONTH

**All members please remember to wear your crosses.**

## Sunday School News

There will be no Sunday School on December 23 and 30, 2018. We will resume classes, as usual, on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

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## Member Pledge Form for the Coming Year January 2019 – December 2019

(This form **MUST** be returned to the Church Office by December 30.)

*“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce: then your barns will be filled with plenty and your vats will be bursting with wine.” Proverbs 3: 9-10*

*“Freely you have received, freely give.” Matthew 10: 8*

Name(s) of person or couple (household) completing this form (one form per married couple or single individual age 18 and over):

### *Financial Offerings*

After prayerful consideration of God’s teachings and the blessings He has bestowed upon our household, our/my pledge to St. George Church for the coming year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

I/We prefer to pay our pledge (check one):

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- One annual payment

I/We would prefer to have envelopes in order to pay this offering in cash and/or checks.

\*A minimum contribution amount of **\$250.00 per person** has been established from previous years by the General Assembly of Voting Membership (Pledge Members) for budgeting purposes to help cover the expenditures of the parish for each new fiscal year. These figures would translate to a contribution of **\$5 a Sunday** per person each week. By meeting (or exceeding) your minimum amount of contribution, you automatically become eligible to be nominated for the Parish Council, and to vote at the General Assembly of Voting Membership. **The pledge is a spiritual contract. There is no maximum, thus allowing you to demonstrate your commitment to the Church and Her life.**

**Please Note:** This amount will be handled with **EXTREME CONFIDENTIALITY!** No one, except the **priest** and the **treasurer** will have access to this sensitive piece of information. Also, they are **not allowed** to disclose the amount of your pledge to anyone, only the status of the pledge (fulfilled/unfulfilled) to the **Nominations Committee**. Failure to fulfill your pledge by the end of the year will automatically render your pledge to an **“unfulfilled”** status and thus, you cannot vote during the General Meeting nor are you eligible to be nominated for Parish Council duties.

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**“ A Taste of Orthodoxy Study Group”**

Please note classes will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. Happy Holidays!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
Monday Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>5:15 PM</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	Matins Liturgy for the Circumcision of Our Lord
Monday Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9:00 PM</b>	New Year's Eve Party, church Hall
January 4, 2019	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Royal Hours/Typika ( <u>NO LITURGY</u> )
January 5, 2019	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Daily Orthros Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom ( <u>Paramon</u> ) Great Vespers
January 6, 2019		Epiphany

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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**Or**

Deacon Michael Sifuentes 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).

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*January 1, 2019*

*Honor Bishop Basil  
Support Diocesan  
Missions*



Every year, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of St. Basil the Great and honor our own Bishop BASIL by donating to the Bishop BASIL Missions Endowment Fund of our Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America. The Missions Endowment campaign started in 1975 and in 1992 when Bishop BASIL was consecrated the fund was established in his honor to augment financial support for our missionary efforts. Our missionary efforts have changed as our needs have changed. There is a committee now working on a proposal for a traveling priest to pastor some small geographically isolated parishes in our diocese. The income from the endowment could help subsidize this program, enabling this priest to provide spiritual leadership and care to those with no other Orthodox options nearby.



*Contribute by January 31, 2019*

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