



# SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
EL PASO - TEXAS

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,  
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Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

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

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December 2nd, 2018

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY PROPHET HABAKKUK; MARTYR HABIB THE NEW; MARTYR MYROPE OF CHIOS; VENERABLE JOHN, HERACLEMON, THEOPHILOS AND ANDREW OF EGYPT; MARTYR STEPHEN UROSH, THE SERBIAN KING; VENERABLE IOANNIKIOS OF DEVITCH

**TONE 2**

**EOTHINON 5**

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

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

**Epistle:** Tiffany Isaac

**Sermon:** Jamie Isaac

### 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 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.

### PREPARATIONAL KONTAKION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

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

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to \* God the Word ineffably, \* Who was before all the ages. \* Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing \* the gladsome tidings; \* with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him \* Who is willing to be gazed on \* as a young Child Who \* before the ages is God.

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## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)**

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On December 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Prophet Habakkuk. Habakkuk was the son of Asaphat from the tribe of Simeon. He prophesied the coming of Christ 600 years His Nativity, during the time of King Manasseh, and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem, Habakkuk sought refuge in the land of the Ishmaelites. From there he returned to Judea, where he lived as a farmer. One day he was carrying lunch to the workers in the fields, when suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Go carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lion's den. But Habakkuk responded: Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. Then the angel took him by the hair and instantly brought him to Babylon, to the lion's den, where Daniel had been cast by King Cyrus as a punishment for not worshiping the idols. Daniel took and the dinner which God

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had sent him (Daniel 14:34-37). Then the angel of God again took Habakkuk back to his field in Judea. He died at an old age. His relics were discovered in Palestine during the reign of Theodosius the Great.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Habib the New; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable John, Heraclemon, Theophilos and Andrew of Egypt; Martyr Stephen Urosh, the Serbian king; and Venerable Ioannikios of Devitch. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### Thought of the Day

Repentance means to change our attitude, our behavior, our way of thinking, and to focus on that moment which will bring salvation and a new page in our life. -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

### Holy Bread is offered by:



**Deacon Michael Sifuentes** for the health of Bertha and Suzanne Sifuentes, and Michael Albert Pacheco who all celebrate their birthdays in December. Also, for the health of my relatives Ramiro and Belen Robles.

**Paul and Laila Ferris and family** for the forty-day memorial of Skee Rizk as well as for the memory of Peter Rizk and the health of the Rizk, Ferris, Samore, Al-Hanna, and Nasser families.

***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.***

### GENERAL DONATIONS

**Tony Dayoub** in memory of Michelle Sabbagh.

**Jamie Isaac** for the health of my Godchildren, Blanca Anaipakos, Rose Beard, Michelle Elias, Melissa Isaac, Kristy Reyes, Vanessa Salloum, Marie Anne Thomas and their families. Happy Birthday to JJ Isaac IV (Nov.30<sup>th</sup>).

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## IN MEMORY OF EDWARD ELIAS

Gilbert Malooly Sr. & Family	George & Angie AlHanna	Tony Dayoub
Ramsey & Waffa Esper	Nizar & Linda AlHanna	Norman & Joanne Bryan
Ibrahim & Layla Salloum	Georgas Hanna	Norman & Hope Ekery
Sada Vaughan	Joe & Lorri Halow	Ward & Nancy Esper
Sami & Antoinette Esper	Ken & Marilyn Drayhan	Marsha Chanoux
Denis Acuna	Jamie Isaac	

### HUMANITARIAN FUNDS

Rodolfo & Daria Salinas-Baklenova

Svetlana Dylevskaya

### Annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Event

The Annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Event will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, in the Summit Hall. Those of you who have helped in the past know what a great event this is as well as much fun to help with. My dear Father Dale Nasser, Sr. and Godfather Peter Rizk started this event many years ago and we honor their loving memory by continuing to help those in need, especially during the season of giving each year.

Our partnership with the Paso del Norte Foundation this year has been very beneficial! We participated for the first time in National Giving Day yesterday and out of over 200 charitable organizations participating who raised over \$337,000 (a record for El Paso!), our Senior Citizens Holiday Event fund ranked 44th in donations made (\$2,175) and 51st in number of donors (22 donors). **Donations from 9 of our parishioners were \$445 of the \$2,175 total donated online.** Organizations that won the various power hour prizes were both large and small. The Executive Director of the Foundation said some groups have become very targeted in their annual donor requests. For example, one donor gave \$10,000 to United Way at 6am yesterday and they won an additional \$1,500 for having the highest donations for that power hour. While perhaps we aren't going to compete with large entities like United Way or donors like that, we can build on this year and hopefully do more next year. **This was a great effort for our first-time taking part in National Giving Day - thank you to all!!!**

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The majority of all donations for this annual event come from friends, and business contacts of the Nasser family. St. George parishioners are also generous with the use of the Summit Ballroom and their donations.

**If you haven't made your donation yet, PLEASE do so by next Sunday, Nov.**

**25.** You can give your checks to either Jamie Isaac or Deanna Nasser. Thank you very much!

We will need help **Monday, Dec. 3 from 11am - 1pm** unloading boxes of food to be set up for packing the food bags.

We will also need help **Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 5pm on** packing the food bags and carving turkeys.

Last, we will need help **Wednesday, Dec. 5 starting at 4:30pm** preparing and serving the dinner to the Senior Citizens.

If you have any questions, please call Deanna Nasser at 204-4245. **Thank you much for your support and God bless you all**

The following have donated for this event:

Dede Rogers	Hunt Family Foundation	Gerald and Stanlee Rubin
WestStar Bank	Suzanne Azar	Salma Isaac
Camilo, Louie and Anna Aleman	Bonnie Escobar	Martha Ordaz
Dede Humbert	Briana Gomez	Emma Acosta
Sami and Antoinette Esper	Dora Vasilakis	Blanca Gottfried
Blanca Anaipakos	Olga Balbocean	Geoffrey Borschow
Rick and Cerena Suarez	Allen & Patricia Borshow	Sada Vaughan
George & Mary Esther Salom		

Gilbert Malooly Sr. and family - in loving memory of Haifa Malooly.

Amy Parker-Morris and Rusty Morris - in loving memory of Carolyn Parker.

Salah, Nada and Angela Al-Hanna - for members of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Virginia Aziz - for the health of the Aziz, Nasser and Ferris families.

Lauren Ferris - A wonderful legacy that my grandpa and uncle started and now Aunt Deanna continues to carry on. God bless you many years! It is always a joy to see the smiles on peoples faces at this event.

DeAnn Isaac - in loving memory of Bill Isaac.

Deanna and Surella Nasser - in loving memory of Dale Nasser, Sr. and Peter Rizk. May God rest their souls in peace.

Noel Shaheen - I love you all and wish I could be there to help!

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## ST IGNATIUS MONTH

Refreshments will be offered by Mary Esther Salom & Anonymous.

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



### 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 and everyone bring a dish.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant and dinner will take place on Sunday, December 16, 2018. The Christmas Pageant will be held at 5:30 p.m., in the church, followed by the annual dinner, hosted by the Sunday School staff, during which the auction fundraiser will take place. This is the Sunday School's only fundraiser throughout the year, from which funds all instructional items and recognition/awards are purchased.

Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School time, on Sundays, with dress rehearsal being held on Saturday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m., at the church. All students participating in the pageant must be in attendance every Sunday, as well as during dress rehearsal, in order to be well prepared.

Once again, the Sunday School invites all St. George parish family and friends to join us for this annual and festive event.

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People Attended This Event

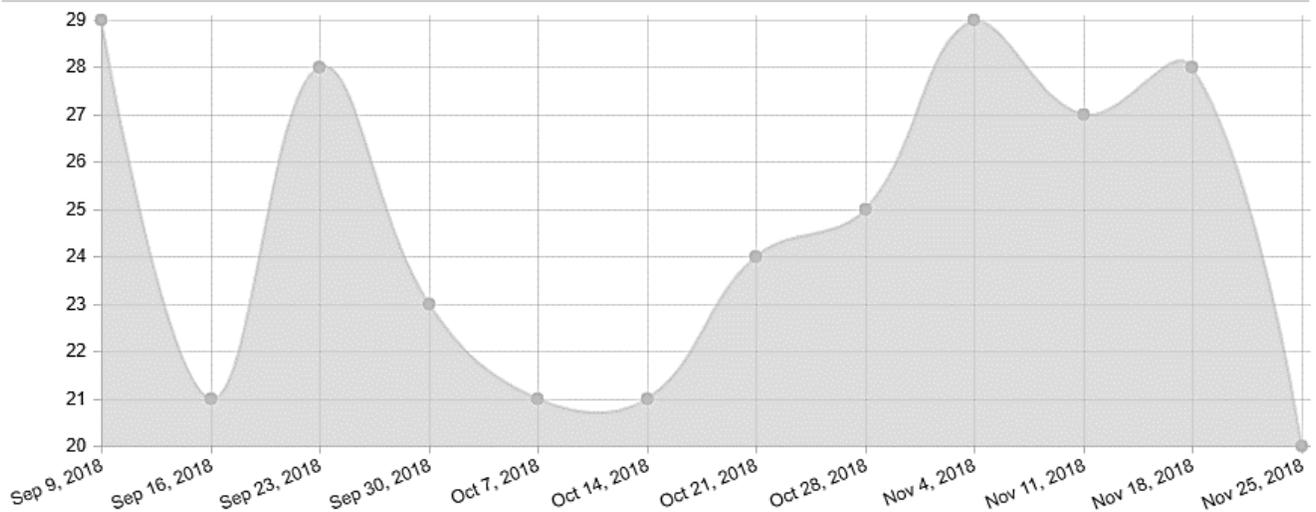
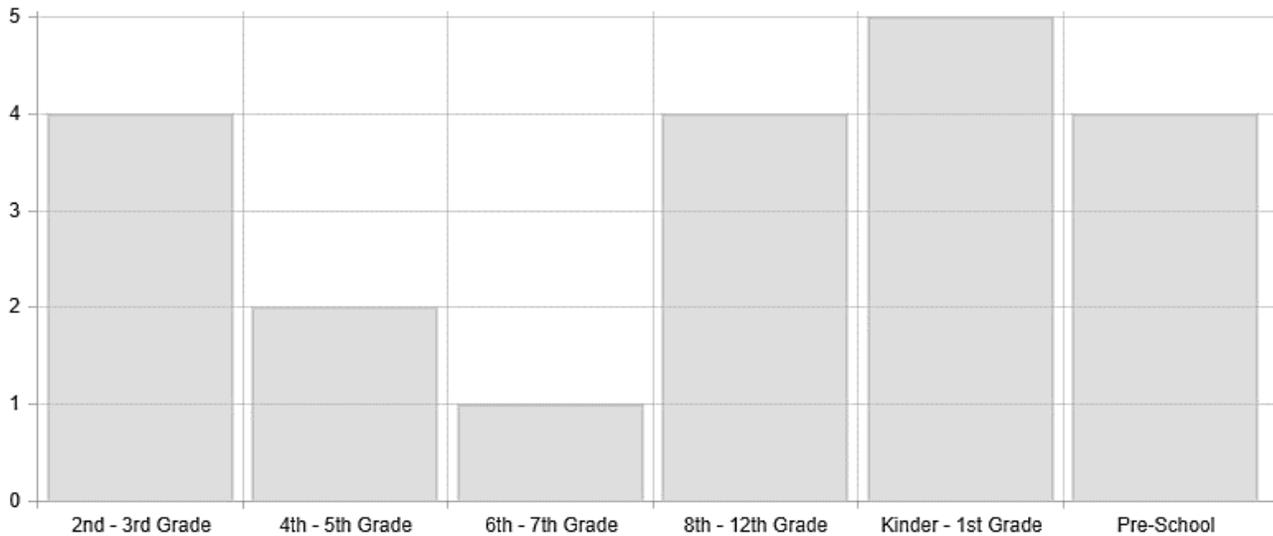
## Sunday School News

Attendance is down by 20%

Compared to the Past 6 Months

Sunday school is in session. Students need to be present at 9:20 a.m., in order to be with Fr. Joseph at opening prayer, which occurs at 9:25 a.m. We look forward to seeing our students every Sunday so that we can continue to learn and grow in our faith.

Pre- School	Kinder – 1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Barnette Ezra John Edgren Jace Gerena Kingston Joudi	Majd Al Dayoub Larissa Alyoussef Phoebe Del Corral Giselle Gerena Anastasia Salinas	Elias Al Dayoub Barnett Elias Abram Isaac Nia Isaac	Kendall Olivas Brooke Wik	Natalia Barnett	Joseph Odeh Sami Odeh Boris Salinas James Shaheen



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## FESTIVAL REPORT 2018

Advertisement	7461.64
Bake Table	2841.21
Band	7200
Cleaning	5806.16
Dance	733.90
Food	10262.86
Liquor	3389.64
Miscellaneous	490
Security	3615
Supplies	601.50
Credit Card	27050.04
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>69451.95</b>
Food	7008
Tickets	53440
Donations/Sponsors	5970
Booth	2150
Day 1	16931
Day 2	22410
Credit Card	10435.20
Square	7894.41
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>127168.60</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>57716.66</b>

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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):

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### *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.

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\*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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November 10, 2018

**Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. George:**

Christ is in our midst! This year, St. George Teen SOYO of El Paso will sponsor for the first time a Community Christmas Card. This card is mailed to all of the church members during the season of Christ's Nativity, in the name of the church and all who have chosen to sponsor the card.

Our SOYO wishes to sponsor this card to raise funds and help our teens defray some of the expenses incurred at the DOWAMA Parish Life Conference (PLC), which will take place in Fort Worth, TX this coming year. Likewise, it will give all of us the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at our beloved St. George Community. To include your family in this Community Christmas Card, please send your donation of at least \$25.00 per family -cash or check- with the form at the bottom of this letter filled out. You can return them either by mail at the Church Office, or in person to our Teen SOYO president **Joseph Odeh**, the Teen Advisor **Alexie Baine**, or our Co-Advisor **P.J. Ferris**. You can also drop it off at the St. George Drop-box located next to the office doors. Please make checks payable to 'St. George Teen SOYO.' earmarked **Community Christmas Card**. **The deadline for sending in your donation and the form below is November 25<sup>th</sup>.** Forms received after this date will not be included in the card, however, they will be included in our Weekly Bulletin during the month of December.

Thank you very much for your support of St. George Church and Teen SOYO. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hector Abouid, Pastor

Joseph Odeh, President

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I have enclosed a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (checks payable to "St. George Teen SOYO") and wish to be included in the Community Christmas Card. Please include the following name(s) in the Community Christmas Card **exactly as shown below**. Please print clearly.

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday December 1st	<b>3:00 PM to 4:30PM</b>	“A Taste of Orthodoxy Study Group” Discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are led by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Abouid.
Tuesday Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Carving Turkey and prepare for Senior Citizen dinner
Wednesday Dec.5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>4:30PM</b>	Annual Senior Citizens’ Holiday Event
Wednesday Dec.12th	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Annual Ladies Society Christmas Party
Sunday Dec.16th	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Christmas Pageant & Auction Dinner
Monday Dec.24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	Paramon of the Nativity (Royal Hours/ Typika/Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil.
Tuesday Dec.25th	<b>9:30 AM 10:30 AM</b>	Matins Liturgy for Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.
Monday Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	New Year’s Eve Party, church Hall

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Or**

Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

**Cell Phone:** (915)309-1511 **Email:** [monkeyelp56@hotmail.com](mailto:monkeyelp56@hotmail.com)

**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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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

December 9, 2018

**Choir and Chanter Appreciation Sunday**

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-loving Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray you and your families are well as we prepare to receive the incarnate Lord in our midst and in our hearts.

As we make our way through this beautiful season of fasting and preparation for the Nativity of our Lord in the flesh, we cannot but feel inspired by the beautiful hymns of our Church that are an integral part of this season. The Christmas Canon, "Christ is Born, glorify Him!" and the beautiful Kontakion of this holy period, "Today the Virgin comes unto the cave" are but two of many such hymns that we love to sing and hear. For us as Orthodox Christians, these hymns give depth and meaning to the season and to what we believe about the God-man.

As we listen to these hymns and others throughout the Church year, we are so grateful to our choirs and chanters, and especially to those who lead them. The work and effort they put into preparing for the services is a labor of love. On the archdiocesan level, we have promoted the continued education of these leaders through our Sacred Music Institute so that they can become more and more educated in the music and traditions of our Church. Through such institutes and workshops, they are also able to share their experiences with others so that, together, we can build strong choirs and chanters throughout the archdiocese. To this end, we are grateful to our department chairman, Mr. Paul Jabara, and all who help him in the Department of Sacred Music.

With that in mind, we set aside one Sunday in December each year to honor our choirs and chanters. This year, that day is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Let us use this day to honor them and say thank you for their effort to enrich our worship through the proper singing of our sacred music throughout the year. May God grant them many years!

Wishing you all a blessed remainder of the Fast and, in advance, a blessed feast, I remain,

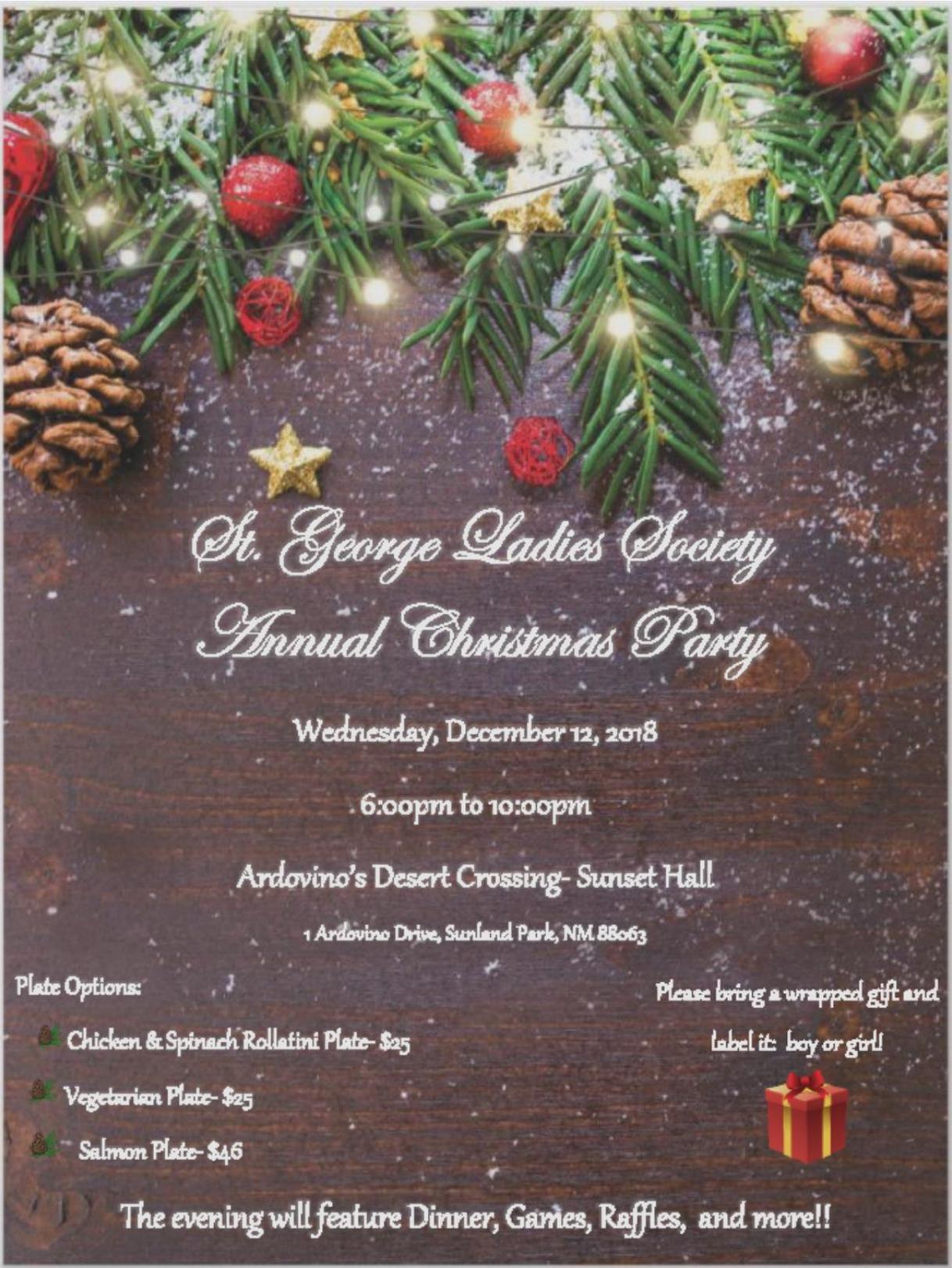
Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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*St. George Ladies Society  
Annual Christmas Party*

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

6:00pm to 10:00pm

*Ardivino's Desert Crossing- Sunset Hall.*

1 Ardivino Drive, Sunland Park, NM 88063

Plate Options:

-  Chicken & Spinach Rollatini Plate- \$25
-  Vegetarian Plate- \$25
-  Salmon Plate- \$46

Please bring a wrapped gift and  
label it: boy or girl!



The evening will feature Dinner, Games, Raffles, and more!!

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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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**El Paso Contact:  
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