



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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December 16th, 2018

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

PROPHET HAGGAI; THEOPHANIA THE EMPRESS; MODESTOS, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM

TONE 4

EOTHINON 7

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M

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

Epistle: Phillip Youngblood

Sermon: Dr. Maha Salloum

Ushers: Rose Beard & Salma Isaac

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

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.

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KONTAKION OF PREPARATION 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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Forefathers)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Holy Forefathers)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and

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maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

THE SYNAXARION

On December 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Haggai; Theophania the empress; and Modestos, archbishop of Jerusalem. On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus. We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity which bemoaned the weight of evil since Adam; to realize the promise made to Abraham; to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love; and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

You look into a mirror so that you may know what is in your face, whether there are any blemishes in it, and having seen blemishes, you cleanse them. Let the immaculate life of Christ be a mirror to your soul. Does it desire the same things that Christ desires? And does it do what Christ did when He lived on earth? And in it you will see what is contrary to the life of Christ, and you will cleanse it all like blemishes with repentance and contrition of heart. -- St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

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Holy Bread is offered by:



Paul and Laila Ferris in memory of Peter and Skee Rizk and Tom and Regina Jacobs as well as for the health of the Rizk, Ferris, Samore, Al-Hanna, and Nasser families.

Salma Isaac in memory of our beloved mother, grandmother, Katherine Bashur (Dec 14--15-year memorial) Memory Eternal. For the health of Jamie Isaac and family-- Happy Birthday Jamie (Dec 17). For the health of my daughters and grandchildren and their families; James George, Alyssa Katherine, Clayton Malik, and Amira Marie; Good health always. For the health of Vanessa Salloum; the Elias, Joudi and Isaac families.

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

GENERAL DONATIONS

Jamie Isaac for the health of Olga Faour, Sudie Nasser, Eva Mowad, & Lon Silagi

James & Odette Shaheen for the health of Abdo Esper on his birthday 12/9.

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD ELIAS

Terry & Tiffany Hosey

Nancy & Cecilia Duran

IN MEMORY OF MICHELLE SABBAGH

Ibrahim & Layla Salloum

IN MEMORY OF SKEE RISK

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IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO HAVE PASSED IN 2018

Joseph & Melissa Isaac

ARCHDIOCES DUES

Tony, Michael, & Liza Dayoub

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ST IGNATIUS MONTH

All members please remember to wear your crosses.

Refreshments will be offered by Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum & Blanca Gottfried.



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. Please RSVP to Raed Aldouri

Annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Event

The 51st Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Event was a great success! Thanks to all who helped in so many ways. It was a special tribute to the memories of Dale Nasser, Sr., Peter Rizk, and Skee Rizk and for the health of Surella Nasser. Special thanks to all parishioners, family and friends who donated and /or sponsored this event and the many volunteers who gave their time, energy and love to this event. May God continue to bless each of you and your loved ones and the parish of St. George for many years to come. I sincerely appreciate everyone's support and help this year and the many years we've been doing this event.

Much love, Deanna Nasser

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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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Compared to the Past 6 Months

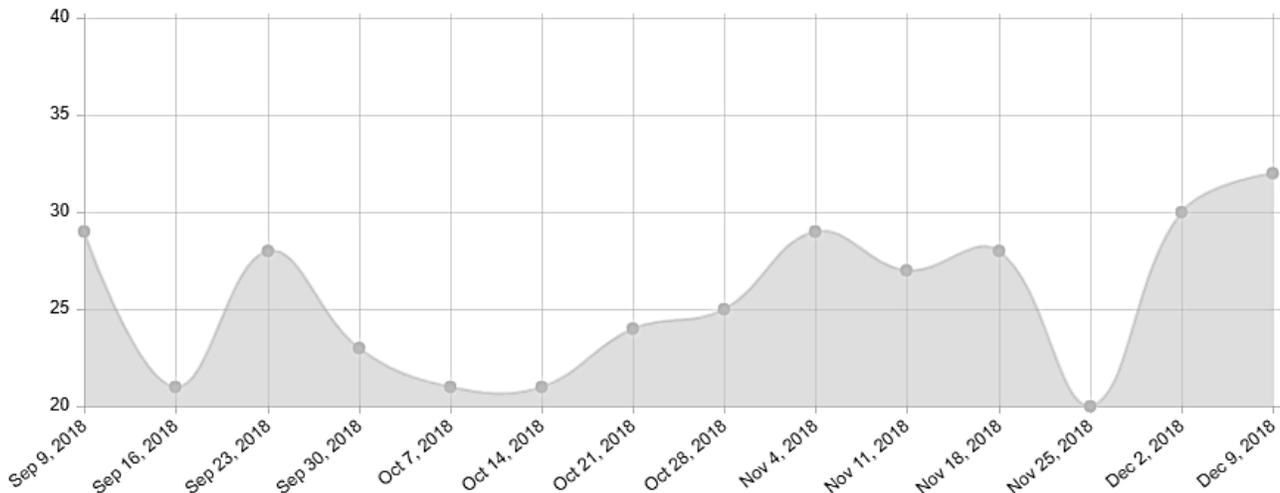
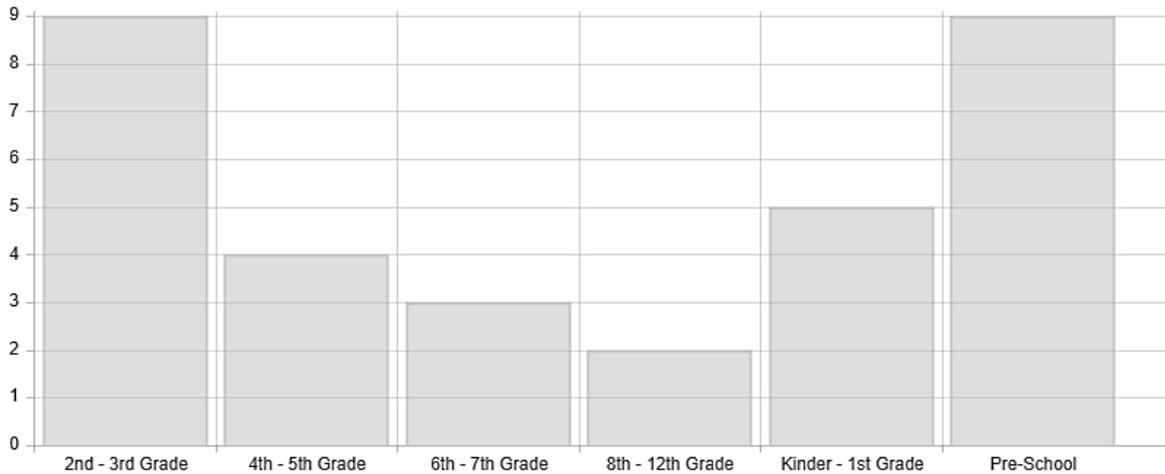
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People Attended This Event

Sunday School News

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 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Ezra Barnette Caleb Crawford J.B Del Corral John Edgren Jace Gerena Lucas Mijares Nicolas Mijares Ella Gorham Kingston Joudi	Majd Al Dayoub Larissa Alyoussef Phoebe Del Corral Giselle Gerena Anastasia Salinas	Elias Al Dayoub Elias Barnett Stephanie Del Corral Denny Atticus Abel Esayu Binyam Esayu Abram Isaac Nia Isaac Nigel Rangel	Christiana Crawford Judah Denny Kendall Olivas Brooke Wik	Natalia Barnett Nahum Esayu Emma Isaac	Sami Odeh Boris Salinas



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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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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 25th.** 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

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 15th	3:00 PM to 4:30PM	“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.
Sunday Dec.16th	5:30 PM	Christmas Pageant & Auction Dinner
Monday Dec.24 th	9:15 AM	Paramon of the Nativity (Royal Hours/ Typika/Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil.
Tuesday Dec.25th	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Matins Liturgy for Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
Monday Dec. 31 st	5:15 PM 6:30 PM	Matins Liturgy for the Circumcision of Our Lord
Monday Dec. 31 st	SAVE THE DATE	New Year’s Eve Party, church Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Or

Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

Cell Phone: (915)309-1511 **Email:** 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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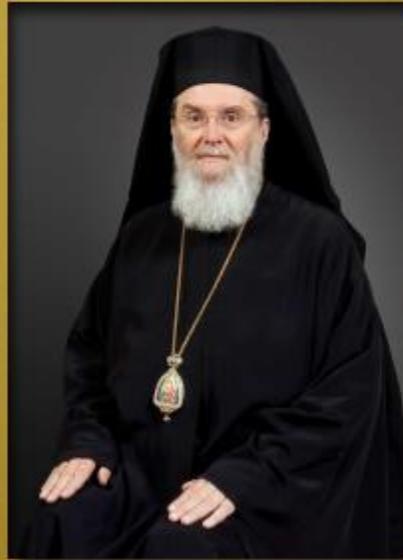
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January 1, 2019

*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.

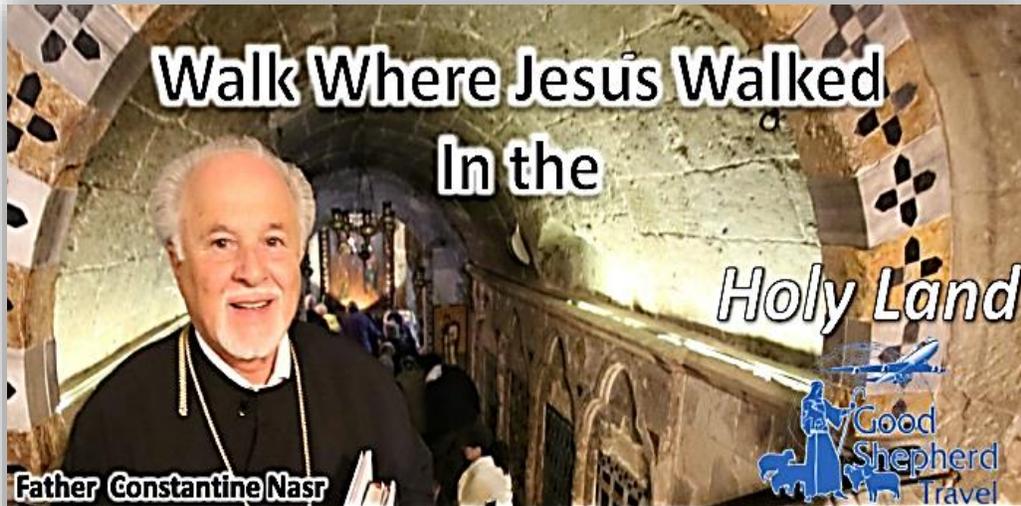


Contribute by January 31, 2019

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