



SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
EL PASO - TEXAS

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

**His Grace Bishop Basil, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of
Wichita and Mid-America**

REV. FATHER JOSEPH ABOUID, PASTOR

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

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February 4, 2018

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON &
AFTER-FEAST OF PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST**

God-bearing Fathers Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians; Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Martyr Charita; Venerable Theodosios of Totma in Vologda

TONE 2

EOTHINON 2

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: James Shaheen

Ushers: Any available faithful

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

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 OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR TONE TWO

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.

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

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KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and

had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

THE SYNAXARION

On February 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Isidore of Pelusium; Venerable Nicholas the Confessor of Studion; New-martyr Joseph of Aleppo; and George, prince of Vladimir.

On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom). On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which occurs in the noble Gospel and which our deified Fathers reinstated in the Triodion. In the parable our Savior tells, Jesus illustrates three things: the condition of the sinner, the canon of repentance and the knowledge of God's compassion. For in the person of the prodigal son, we view the wretched condition that sin creates for us, distant from God and His Sacraments. However, we become aware of ourselves and awaken, hastening with hope to return to Him through repentance. Our Savior wants to call back to His mansions all those who have been overtaken by despair, lacking hope of forgiveness for their grave sins. The Father encourages all of his lost children to remove the desperation from their hearts, and revive their energies for virtuous deeds.

Through Thine ineffable love for mankind, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

"Be dead in life, and you will not live in death. Let your soul die strenuously, and not live in weakness. Not only those who suffer death for the sake of faith in Christ are martyrs; but also those who die because of their observance of His commandments." -- St. Isaac the Syrian

Holy Bread will be offered by:



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

Rodolfo Salinas and Daria Baklenova for their health and the health of their families

Anonymous

DONATIONS

Blanca Anaipakos for the good health of Layla Salloum, Dean Pappas and Eva Mowad.

Nabil Shaheen for the health of Layla Salloum.

Yani & Susana Payides for the health of Layla Salloum.

Bryan & Annette Haddad for the health of Layla Salloum.

Milad & Laurice Farah for the health of Layla Salloum.

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna for the health of Layla Salloum & Christopher Ferris.

In Memory of Eli Ferris

Nabil & Doris Shaheen

In Memory of William Gottfried

Yani & Susana Payides

Nabil & Doris Shaheen

In Memory of Moussa Al-Dehneh

(Father George's Father)

Bryan & Annette Haddad

Jamie Isaac

Yani & Susana Payides

Archdiocese Dues

Gregory, Heidi, Alexie Baine

Bryan & Annette Haddad

Memory Eternal

The Clergy and Parish Council of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church would like to extend their sincerest and heartfelt condolences to **Fr. George, Kh. Mageda**, and their entire family on the loss of his beloved father, **Moussa Al-Dehneh**, who passed away on Jan 14, 2018 in Oklahoma. May his memory be eternal. Condolences may be sent to Fr. George at St. George Church, 125 Kohanza St, Danbury Ct. 06811. The Church number is (203)-798-1771

If you did not attend the general meeting last Sunday, here is a recap of the Festival 2017 with total profit of \$61776.

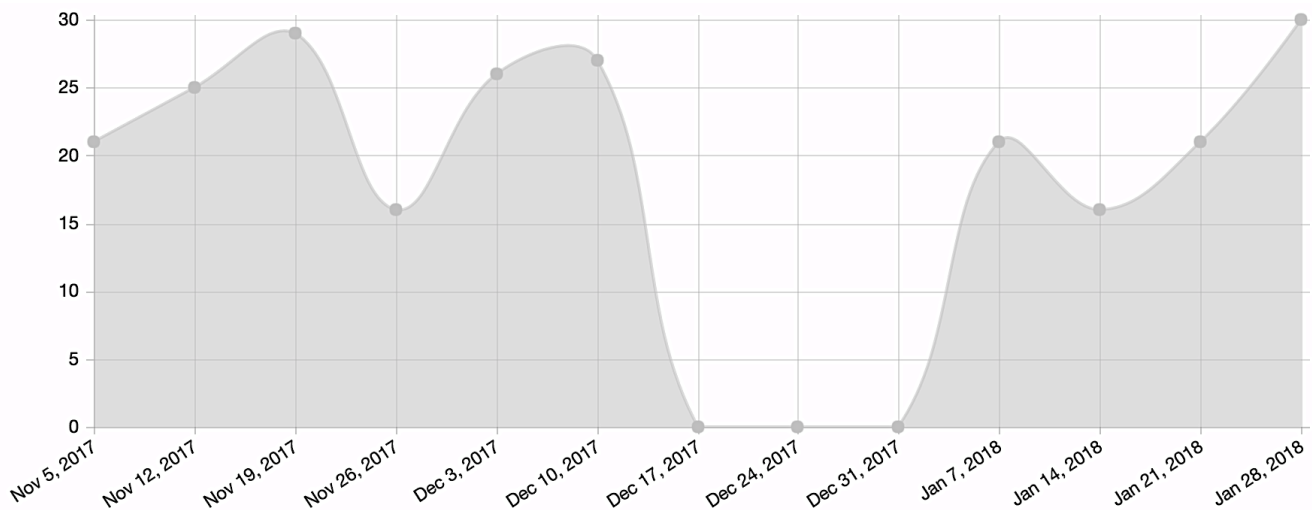
	Revenue			
Pre/Post-sale Food	5797.21			
Booths	2300			
Donations & Sponsors	4425			
Festival day1	25066			
Festival day 2	29550			
Credit Card	9617.41			
Credit Card	817.79			
Pre-Sale Tickets	57840			
17-Jul				
Aug				
Sept. Oct.				
Nov. Dec.		Minus		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	135413.41	expenses	73637	
Total PROFIT				61776.3
Outstanding tickets	Returned	Check	\$400	

St. George Sunday School News!

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Attendance is up by 100%
Compared to the Past Month

People Attended This Event



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2 nd – 3 rd	4 th – 5 th	6 th – 7 th	8 th – 12 th
Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas Jace Gerena Ella Gorham	Amaya Salloum Larissa Alyoussef Giselle Gerena Nia Isaac Joseph Salloum	Ophelia Adkins Wik Brooke Atticus Denny Abel Eyasu Binyam Eyasu Nigel Rangel	Finlay Adkins Judah Denny Nahum Eyasu Kendall Olivas Ryan Salloum Danica Salloum	Sami Odeh Rediet Eyasu	Angela Al-Hanna Jonathan El Ojeil Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Boris Salinas James Shaheen Teresa Salloum

We would like to thank all of the Sunday School Parents for bringing their Children to our Sunday School! It is an honor to serve them and we look forward to seeing these numbers remain high!

We would like to congratulate the Newly Elected Officers to the Board of the St. George Parish Council for this coming year:

Chairman: Dr. Raed Aldouri

Vice-chair: Dr. Hassan Salloum

Treasurer: Jamie Isaac

Secretary: Geoffrey Borschow

The rest of the Parish Council Members are (in no particular order):

- Tiffany Isaac
- Tony Dayoub
- Salah Al-Hanna
- Rose Beard
- Lon Silagi
- Laila Ferris (**Ex-officio Sunday School**)
- Subdeacon Michael Sifuenes (**Ex-officio Choir**)
- Alexie Baine (**Ex-officio Teen Advisor**)

All members of the Parish will be sworn in this Sunday, February 4th after Divine Liturgy. Please keep them in your prayers!

Save the Date: Sunday February 11th

Family Valentine's Luncheon (Brisket & Chicken) sponsored by St. George Ladies' Society (immediately after Divine Liturgy).

\$10 Adults \$5 Children (10 and under)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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.