



SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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Second Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Matthew

Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina at Constantinople; Venerable Theophanes the monk and Pansemne the former harlot of Antioch; John the wonderworker, metropolitan of Tobolsk and all Siberia

TONE 1

EOTHINON 2

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M.

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

Epistle: Johnny Odeh

Greeters: Rose Beard & Rowayda Haddad

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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

THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

THE SYNAXARION

On June 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina, whose relics were taken to Constantinople.

Antonina was an honorable virgin and Alexander an imperial soldier. They were both Christians. Antonina was first brought to trial and tortured. When they cast her into prison, Alexander, by the command of an angel of God, went to the prison—even though he did not know Antonina—covered her with his military mantel and told her to lower her head and to pass through the guards before the gates. Antonina escaped and Alexander remained in prison. Then the guards brought Alexander before the judge, Festus, and began to torture Alexander for the Name of Christ. Hearing about this, Antonina returned to the evil judge who then subjected both of them to various tortures. Finally, Festus threw them into a fire which was started in a pit and covered them with dirt. They suffered honorably for the sake of the love of Christ. Festus, at the moment of the deaths of the martyrs, was seized by an evil spirit seized that tormented him for seven days and killed him.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Theophanes the monk and Pansemne the former harlot of Antioch; and John the wonderworker, metropolitan of Tobolsk and all Siberia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

“Who will give us back this present time if we waste it? We are not yet perfect, but at least we desire to be so; and this is the beginning of our salvation.” -- St. Dorotheos of Gaza

Holy Bread is offered by:



Dr. Raed & Sylvana Aldouri for our health and the health of Mityas, Meena and Sarah. In celebration of Mityas, Sarah and Joseph Odeh birthday's and for Johnny Odeh graduation. For the health of all St. George Parishioners.

Greg & Heidi Baine for the health of their children, Gary II and Alexie, the health of the Baine and May families, and in loving memory of Dr. Gary C. Baine.

P.J. & Jacky Ferris on occasion of Jacky's Birthday and for the health of the family.

Lunch

The Odeh family will offer lunch this Sunday in honor of Johnny's graduation. May the Lord brighten his way and guide him to success.

DONATIONS

Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum donated the Medals for the dedicated Dance Troop.

Rose & Rheda Barakat would like to Congratulate Drs. Maha & Hassan Salloum for a "Great Job Well Done." We appreciate your generosity sponsoring "The St. George Dance Group" all these years! Thank you for the most memorable medals!

Rose & Rheda would also like to thank Jeanette Zacour for starting "The St. George Dance Group" 14 years ago practicing at George & Jeanette's home.

George Al-Hanna in Memory of Anwar Elias Essey.

In Memory of Selma (Sally) Abraham Malooly

Sammy, Kimberly & Sofia Michael

Rose & Rheda Barakat

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH!

Nichole Mowad graduated with top honors from Westfield State College, Westfield Massachusetts, with a degree in Criminal Law and the second degree in Political Science.

Johnny Odeh graduated from Franklin high school top ten percent and is accepted at Texas A&M Engineering College.

St. George Family wishes you all God's Blessings in your future endeavors.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the St. George Community,

Having witnessed and taken part of my first Festival as pastor of this joyous parish, I want to first and foremost thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the hard work and dedication demonstrated in the past couple of months and during the event itself. It has filled me with so much happiness to see all the young people work together with the older generations of this parish. We stayed up late at night at times finishing a portion of the meals, preparing, and planning. No greater satisfaction can one bear than the one you have brought to me as a community. Although we faced the tempest of mother nature, and all odds were against us, I can proudly say that we indeed put on a great show and gave it our best! Whatever results from this experience, nothing will take away the good taste this festival left in or mouth. For this, I am thankful and pray to the Lord our God that he strengthen you all and keep this beautiful vineyard of His spotless and without blemish, always radiant shining bright in this world filled with darkness.

May God bless you all!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joseph

Thanks

Many thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped in every aspect of the festival preparations, sponsorship, donations and standing up long hours at the booth, behind the counters and in the kitchen. You made this festival a success because you pour your heart and soul for your church. May the Lord Blessing and grace be unto you always and grant your health and prosperity.

Dr. Raed Aldouri

P.L.C. Santa Fe, NM 2018

We would like to wish all of our teens the best of luck at the Bible Bowl in the upcoming D.O.W.A.M.A. Parish Life Conference held next week at Santa Fe, NM. May they have safe travels and a safe return home!

General Festival Donation

Dr. Eddie & Chanel Assi

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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.