



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

The Very Reverend Father Jehad T. Michael, Pastor Emeritus

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

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January 21, 2018

Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost & Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

Venerable Maximos the Confessor Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea; Venerable Zosimas, Bishop
of Syracuse in Sicily; Venerable Maximos the Greek of Russia

TONE 8

EOTHINON 11

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Patricia Borschow

Ushers: Any available faithful

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR IN TONE EIGHT

Thou hast shown thyself, O God-inspired Maximos, as a guide to the Orthodox Faith, a teacher of true worship and purity; O star of the universe and companion of the bishops, O wise one. Through thy light thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the spirit. Therefore, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 the Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:9-15)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties; devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke—"Zacchaeus Sunday")

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

THE SYNAXARION

On January 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Maximos the Confessor. Maximos was born in Constantinople. First, he was a high-ranking courtier for Emperor Heraclius and, after that, a monk and abbot of a monastery not too far from the capitol. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. He claimed that there is only one nature in Christ (Monophysitism), so the Monothelites claimed that there is only one will in Christ (Monothelitism). Maximos opposed that claim and found himself as an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximos did not frighten easily but endured to the end in proving that there were two wills as well as two natures in Christ. Because of his efforts, a council was held in Carthage and another in Rome. Both councils anathematized the teachings of the Monothelites. Maximos suffered greatly for Orthodoxy: he was tortured by princes, deceived by prelates, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled, imprisoned, until finally, with a severed tongue and hand, he was condemned to exile for life in the land of Skhemaris (near Batum on the Black Sea) where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God in the mid-seventh century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea; Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily; and Venerable Maximos the Greek of Russia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

"Keep this piety of my faith undefiled, I beseech you, and let this be the utterance of my convictions even to the last breath of my spirit: that I may always hold fast to that which I profess in the creed of my regeneration when I was baptized in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, namely, that I may adore you, our Father, and your Son together with you, and that I may gain the favor of your Holy Spirit who is from you through the only-begotten. He is a suitable witness for my faith who says: 'Father, all things that are mine are thine, and thine are mine,' my Lord Jesus Christ, who always abides as God in you, from you and with you who is blessed forever and ever. Amen." -- St. Hilary of Poitiers

Holy Bread will be offered by:



Allen & Patricia Borschow in celebration of Geoffrey and Allen's Birthdays.

Sudie and Deanna Nasser in loving memory of their husband and father Dale Nasser, Sr. and for the health of Sudie Nasser, Dale Nasser Jr. & family, Daniel Nasser & family, Deanna Nasser, Skee Rizk & family, Paul & Laila Ferris & family, PJ & Jackie Ferris, Virginia Aziz, all our relatives & loved ones.

DONATIONS

Tony Dayoub for the health of Layla Salloum.

Chris & Tiffany Joudi for the health of Emma & Abram Isaac.

Joseph & Melissa Isaac in thankfulness for the health of Emma Isaac.

James & Martha O Shaheen for the health of Fr. Joseph & Khr. Carol, Aidan and Archdeacon Saed Rihani.

Jamie Isaac for the health of the grandchildren.

Dr. Raed & Sylvana Aldouri for the good health of the Odeh family

In Memory of Eli Ferris

Allen & Patricia Borschow Chris & Tiffany Joudi James & Martha O Shaheen
Bryan & Annette Haddad David & Dalal Young

In Memory of William Gottfried

Blanca Anaipakos Allen & Patricia Borschow Bryan & Annette Haddad
Jamie Isaac David & Dalal Young James & Martha Shaheen
Anonymous

Archdiocese Dues:

Sami & Anntoinette Esper

Svetlana Ulrich



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VOTING MEMBERS

Beloved St. George Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This letter is to notify you of the upcoming Annual General Parish Meeting, which is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, January 21, 2018** immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the Church's Summit Hall. A meal will be provided.

It is very important that all Church Members attend in order to review and discuss all the important issues concerning our beloved Holy Church, including financial statements, proposed budget for 2018, organizational reports, and election of New Parish Council Members to serve for 2018-2019. All parishioners are reminded to make sure that their 2017 Membership Pledges are up-to-date to be eligible to vote. The minimum financial contribution to have been met is of at least **\$250.00 per person age 18 and older**, along with a payment of **thirty-five (\$35.00) per Baptized soul** to the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America as a yearly commitment.

According to the St. George Constitution and By-laws, the criteria for you to be eligible to vote are:

- (a) Be Eighteen (18) years of age and over
- (b) In a good canonical standing
- (c) Have Been Baptized and accepted in the membership of the Holy Orthodox Church.... Practice its faith and discipline ... Attend worship services on a regular basis ... Partake of the Holy Sacraments of the Church
- (d) Have met the minimum requirement of pledged contribution as prescribed by the Parish Council by having "paid his/her fair share of pledges".

In order to be nominated and/or elected for the St. George Parish Council, per Constitution and By-Laws:

" ... A candidate must be Twenty-One (21) years of age or over, have been a voting Member of St. George Church for a period of one (1) year, and have fulfilled the Canonical Requirements of the Orthodox Faith. A candidate to St. George Parish Council must be in good standing spiritually, and have fulfilled his/her financial requirements as prescribed by the Parish Council."

We look forward to seeing all of you at our **St. George Church Annual General Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018**. May God Bless you and your families always, and grant you strength to serve His Holy Church faithfully and diligently, for His glory always!

Yours in Christ,

Tiffany Joudi,

Parish Council Secretary

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Member Pledge Form for the Coming Year January 2018 – December 2018

*“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/me, 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, demonstrating 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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Time and Talents

In addition to my financial offering, I offer my service to the community to assist in the following areas – check all that may apply (Married couples, please list individual names for each selected responsibility):

- Adult Education _____
- Almsgiving/Helping the Needy _____
- Altar Servers _____
- Choir _____
- Church School _____
- Greeters/Ushers _____
- Grounds _____
- Holy Bread _____
- Hospitality _____
- Facility _____
- Church Decoration _____
- Outreach/Evangelism _____
- Website/I.T. _____
- Youth Activities _____

Other areas not listed:

Your Name	Role
_____	: _____
_____	: _____
_____	: _____

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ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

Attendance is down by 23.8%

People Attended This Even

Compared to the Last Event ▼

Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Kingston Joudi Anastasia Salinas	Amaya Salloum Larissa Alyoussef	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel	Kendall Olivias Ryan Salloum Danica Salloum	Sami Odeh	Boris Salinas Jonathan El Ojeil Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Johnny Odeh James Shaheen

We thank all the parents for bringing their children to Sunday School! We encourage the rest to keep bringing their children this coming Sunday!



Our Sunday School staff had an edifying workshop with Rev. Archdeacon Saed Rihani! Archdn. Saed focused on the importance of teachers as one of the ministries set by Christ our God (Ephesians 4:11). He also showed them techniques of how to fulfill this ministry in the best manner possible!

A Blessed Weekend with Archdeacon Saed Rihani in Pictures!



Sunday School Workshop!

Talk at ELOISE with the Orthodox Young Professionals

**THANK YOU
ARCHDEACON
SAED!**

Talk with the Teen SOYO!



Breakfast with the Ladies' Society



January 1, 2018

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, 2018

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.