



# SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
EL PASO - TEXAS

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**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 28, 2018**

**SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN**

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

**TONE 1**

**EOTHINON 1**

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

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

**Epistle:** Edwina Youngblood

**Ushers:** Any available faithful

**Altar Boys:** All are welcome to serve.

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**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 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.

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*“And they were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26)*

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

*Make vows to the Lord thy God, and perform them.*

*In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On January 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate of our Venerable and God-bearing Fathers Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians; Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Martyr Charita; and Venerable Theodosios of Totma in Vologda. On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist. In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue, who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving clergy and laity for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

## Thought of the Day

*When Domentian struck him in the face, spat upon him and broke his teeth, the holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra replied, "You are doing me great honor, O Domentian, and you are not torturing me, for the mouth of my Lord Jesus Christ was also beaten and struck in like manner – and behold: I, the unworthy one, have now been made worthy of this!"*

## Holy Bread will be offered by:



**Salma Isaac** for the health of her family and in honor of Malik Thomas' birthday Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, and in honor of Tiffany Joudi's birthday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. God Bless you Malik and Tiffany

## DONATIONS

**Blanca Anaipakos** for the health of Lon Silagi.

**Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum** for the health of Layla Salloum.

**Salma Isaac** for good health & Happy Birthday to Joseph Isaac, Tiffany Joudi, Allen & Geoffrey Borschow & Malik Thomas. God Bless!

**Raed & Sylvana Aldouri** for a good health & fast recovery of Layla Salloum.

**Jamie Isaac** for the health of Layla Salloum & those who asked for prayers.

**James & Odette Shaheen** for the health of our family & the Esper & Haddad families.

### **In Memory of Eli Ferris**

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna    Blanca Anaipakos    Salma Isaac

### **In Memory of William Gottfried**

Skee Rizk    Paul & Laila Ferris    Salma Isaac

### **Archdiocese Dues:**

Faye Assi

Dora Vasilakis

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our parishioners who participated in the Annual General Meeting; your input was invaluable! We would also like to congratulate the newly elected members to the Parish council and thank those who finished their term.

The elected Members are:

- Tony Dayoub
- Salah Al-Hanna
- Dr. Hassan Salloum (Re-elected)

The outgoing Parish Council Members are Nabil Shaheen & Bryan Haddad. Thank you for your commitment and an outstanding work!



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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):

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### *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.

**Please Fill out this Pledge Member Form and Return it to the Church Office as soon as possible! Thanks!**

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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, 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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## Ladies Meeting

The Ladies' Society will have a meeting this Sunday January 28 after Divine Liturgy!

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There will be a Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Entrance of the Lord to the Temple (also known as the “Beautiful Meeting of Our Lord”) on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Orthros: 5:15 p.m.

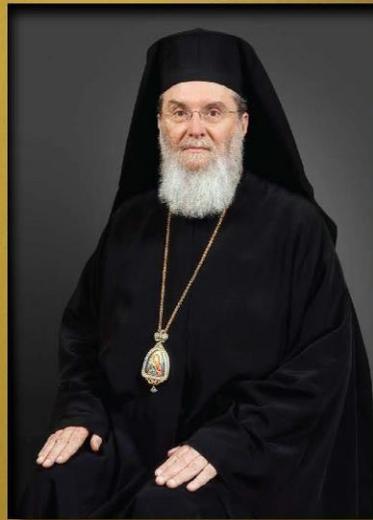
Divine Liturgy: 6:30 p.m.

*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*

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## **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.**