



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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March 4, 2018

Second Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica

Venerable Gerasimos of the Jordan; Gregory, bishop of Constantia in Cyprus;
Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Palestine; Daniel the wonderworker, prince of Moscow

Tone 6

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Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Dr. Maha Salloum

Ushers: Doris Shaheen, Antwanette Shagoury, Dr. Maha Salloum, Michelle Shaheen

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of 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 for our Souls.

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

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KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) TONE 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, Thou wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

“In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

THE SYNAXARION

On March 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Gerasimos of the Jordan; Gregory, bishop of Constantia in Cyprus; Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Palestine; and Daniel the wonderworker, prince of Moscow.

On this same day, the Second Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of our father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica.

This divine father was born in Asia and was brought up from infancy in the royal palace of Constantinople. When he was of age, Gregory left the palace and gave himself to asceticism on Mount Athos. He eventually moved to Thessalonica to seek cure for the diseases he contracted because of his asceticism and piety. In 1349, he was elevated to the episcopacy, tending to his people in an Apostolic fashion for 13 years. He is glorified as an ascetic, a theologian, a hierarch and a miracle-worker, who forsook a prominent, secular lifestyle to take up his cross and follow Christ. The Most-Holy Theotokos, St. John the Theologian, St. Demetrius, St. Anthony the Great, St. John Chrysostom and angels of God appeared to him at different times.

Through his intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

"When children make noise in the Church we must forgive. The more we focus our attention on the prayer, the more the noise becomes for us a blessing. The Church is not only for us, but for the children. They are 'The Tomorrow' of the Church." -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

Holy Bread will be offered by:



Ibrahim & Layla Salloum & Family, and Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum & Family for the 1 Year Memorial Service for their departed Sister ***Tamra Nasim Salloum***. Mercy Meal will follow immediately after Divine Liturgy. May her memory be eternal

DONATIONS

Faye Assi for the health of Layla Salloum.

Blanca Anaipakos for the health of Malik Thomas.

Eva Mowad for the health of Dean Papas, Layla Salloum, Rizk & Ferris family, Virginia Aziz, Malik & the Thomas family, Blanca Gottfried, Eva Mowad & family.

Tony Dayoub for the health & speedy recovery of Ward Esper.

Martha Odette & James A. Shaheen for good health & long life of James S. Shaheen on his 61st Birthday, Feb. 24, and for the health of our family.

Michel & Antwanette Shaghoury for the health of Lon Silagi.

Sada Vaughan for the comfort & good health of Virginia Aziz & Family

Bryan & Annette Haddad for the health of Ward Esper.

Jamie Isaac for the health of Vanessa Salloum and Happy Anniversary to Joseph & Melissa—Many years!

In Memory of Eli Ferris

Eva Mowad

In Memory of William Gottfried

Eva Mowad

In Memory of Eddie Aziz

Faye Assi Eva Mowad Sada Vaughan Jamie Isaac

In Memory of Yousif Naaman Khoury

Roger & Nouhad Schami

In Memory of Eddie Isaac

Sada Vaughan

In Memory of Herb Barakat

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna Bryan & Annette Haddad

ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Dean & Jeanne Papas; Georgette Malooly, Norman, Christopher, & Robert Todd; Maher Aldeghlawi & Jeanette Salloum; Jeremy & Caroline Adkins & Family

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUTH!

Basil Anaipakos, 9th grade at Jesuit High School, Houston, Texas made the Varsity Basketball Team! God Speed Basil!!!

THANK YOU!

To all of St. George from my family for their donations and prayers for my Malik, Omar & Anne Thomas

Sunday School Canned Food Drive Competition



Each Sunday School Class will be competing against each other throughout Great Lent to see which class can bring the most cans. At the end of Great Lent, the Sunday School Class that has brought the most canned foods will win a pizza party. All of the canned foods donated will be donated to a local food bank in order to help our community.

Starts: 2/19/2018 Ends: 4/8/2018

If you have any questions, contact: Alexie Baine: (783)944-4683
Johnny Odeh: (915)873-4613

St. George Festival Committee

Meeting will be immediately after Mercy Meal March 4th.

St. George Festival Committee is looking for volunteers! Anyone wishing to help and willing to put in the time and effort to "Make the Festival Great Again", contact Fr. Joseph or Dr. Raed Aldouri expressing your interest in wanting to help! Anyone and everyone is welcomed! Help will be needed to set up, to prepare food, to be at the booths, to sell food, at the bake table, etc.

Fr. Joseph will continue blessing the homes of those who have not have their house blessed! If you would like him to come and bless your home on a specific time/day of the week, please don't hesitate to call or email him!



Donations for Palms and Easter Flowers

Donations accepted through the Lent season to cover the cost of Palms and flowers. Your donations given for the health of your family and/or in memory of your beloved departed family members

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

**OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE SANCTITY
OF MARRIAGE, NOT JUST COUPLES!**

All couples are invited to this unique opportunity to revive the fire –of Christ– of their marital bond in this one-day retreat with the V. Rev. Fr. Malek Rihani on **Saturday 10th of March, 2018**. Fr. Malek is Archdeacon Saed Rihani's older brother. He is the **Founding Pastor** of St. Mary Palos Heights, IL, and is a certified **Marriage and Family Counselor**. It is the perfect opportunity time to **re-energize** your marriage!

When: Saturday March 10, 2018

Where: St. George Mini-Hall

Who: Everyone is welcome

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

(With Great Vespers in-Between)

(Coffee Break/Dinner will be provided. **BABYSITTING PROVIDED AS WELL**)

About Fr. Malek:

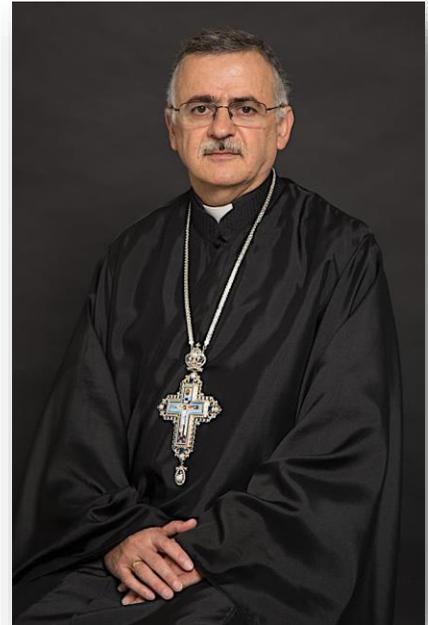
Fr. Malek Yousef Rihani was born in Amman, Jordan in 1955. He attended De La Salle Catholic High School on the south side of Chicago. In 1976, he married Dina Saad Ayoub, and he also completed his undergraduate studies from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing.

In 1981 he received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management.

In **2002** he completed his theological education and earned a **Master's Degree in Applied Theology from Lebanon's Balamand University and the Antiochian Archdiocese**. He was ordained in the Antiochian Orthodox Church as a Deacon in 1997 and a Priest in 2002; he is also a **Certified Marriage and Family Counselor**.

He currently serves as an Assistant Pastor at *St. Mary Orthodox Church* in Palos Heights, Illinois. He also serves on several local Orthodox Boards and Committees, including *Orthodox Christians for Life, International Orthodox Christian Charities*; and the *Martha and Mary Maternity Home*

Fr. Malek and Dina live in Elmhurst, IL. They are blessed with two children and five grandchildren.





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Great Lent & Holy Week 2018 Schedule of Services

2nd Week of Great Lent

Monday February 26	Great Compline Service (Ya rab Al Qouwwat)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday February 28	Presanctified Liturgy 2 nd Week of Great Lent	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 2	2 nd Akathist (Madeeh)	6:30 p.m.
Saturday March 3	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday March 4	2 nd Sunday of Great Lent (St. Gregory of Palamas)	10:30 a.m.

3rd Week of Great Lent

Monday March 5	Great Compline Service (Ya rab Al Qouwwat)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 7	Presanctified Liturgy 3 rd Week of Great Lent	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 9	3 rd Akathist (Madeeh)	6:30 p.m.
Saturday March 10	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday March 11	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of the Holy Cross)	10:30 a.m.

4th Week of Great Lent

Monday March 12	Great Compline Service (Ya rab Al Qouwwat)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 14	Presanctified Liturgy 4 th Week of Great Lent	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 16	4 th Akathist (Madeeh)	6:30 p.m.
Saturday March 17	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday March 18	4 th Sunday of Great Lent (St. John Climacus)	10:30 a.m.

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5th Week of Great Lent		
Monday March 19	Great Compline Service (Ya rab Al Qouwwat)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 21	Presanctified Liturgy 5 th Week of Great Lent	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 23	5 th Akathist (Madeeh)	6:30 p.m.
Saturday March 24	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday March 25	5 th Sunday of Great Lent (Annunciation of the Theotokos)	10:30 a.m.
6th Week of Great Lent		
Monday March 26	Great Compline Service (Ya rab Al Qouwwat)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 28	Presanctified Liturgy 5 th Week of Great Lent	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 30	Canon of St. Lazarus	6:30 p.m.
Saturday March 31(A.M.)	Divine Liturgy (St. Lazarus Saturday)	10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 31(P.M.)	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday April 1 (A.M.)	Palm Sunday (Glorious Entrance of the Lord to Jerusalem)	10:30 a.m.
Great & Holy Week		
Sunday April 1 (P.M.)	1 st Bridegroom Service (Hada Houwwa Al-Khatan)	7:00 p.m.
Monday April 2	2 nd Bridegroom Service (Hada Houwwa Al-Khatan)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 3	3 rd Bridegroom Service (Hada Houwwa Al-Khatan)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 4	Service for the Sacrament of the Holy Unction (Salat I Zeit)	7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 5 (A.M.)	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Mystical Supper)	9:30 a.m.
Thursday April 5 (P.M.)	Service of the Twelve Passions Gospels	7:00 p.m.
Friday April 6 (A.M.)	Royal Hours	9:30 a.m.
Friday April 6 (P.M.)	Great Vespers (Taking Down from the Cross)	3:00 p.m.
Friday April 6 (P.M.)	Service of the Lamentation followed by All-Night Vigil	7:00 p.m.
Saturday April 7 (A.M.)	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Qum Ya Rab!)	9:30 a.m.
Saturday April 7 (P.M.)	Paschal Divine Liturgy	9:30 p.m.
Sunday April 8 (P.M.)	Agape Vespers (Gospel Readings in Multiple Languages)	5:00 p.m.

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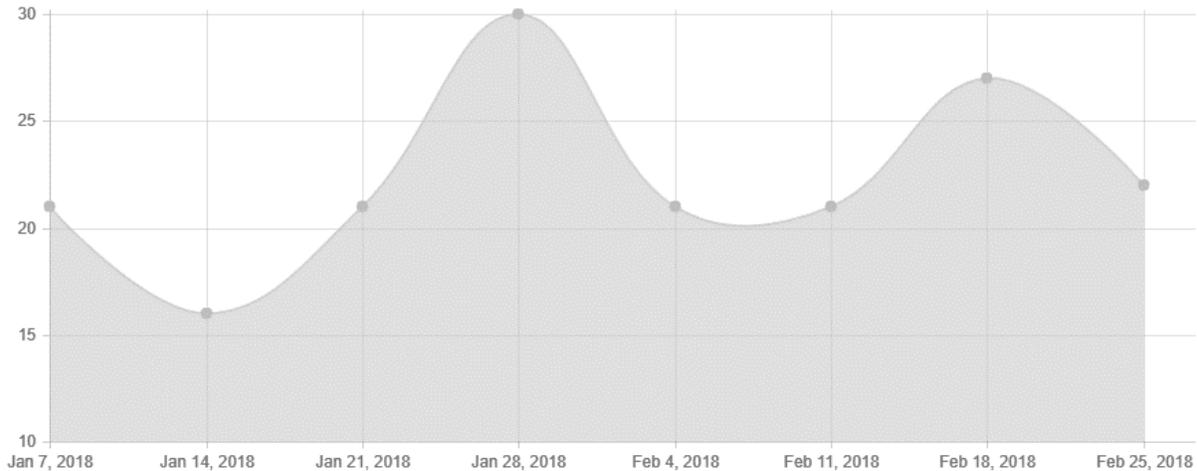
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People Attended This Event

ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL

Attendance is down by 12%

Compared to the Past Month



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Ella Gorham Kingston Joudi Nicolas Mijares Anastasia Salinas	Abram Isaac Nia Isaac	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Ophelia Adkins Binyam Eyasu Abel Eyasu	Finlay Adkins Nahum Eyasu	Sami Odeh Emma Isaac Rediet Eyasu	Boris Salinas Angela Al-Hanna 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!

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.