



SAINT GEORGE

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Virgin-martyr Glykeria of Heraklea; Venerable Sergios the Confessor, father of Photios the Great;
Venerable Euthymios the New, founder of Iveron monastery on Athos, his father John the Iberian, and
their kinsman George; Venerable Gabriel the Iberian

TONE 5

EOTHINON 8

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Dr. Maha Salloum

Greeters: Blanca Gottfried & Dr. Hassan Salloum

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the people give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the people give thanks to Thee. (*Refrain*)

Verse: May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (*Refrain*) Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. (*Refrain*)

Verse: So let sinners perish before the face of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Refrain*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

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 PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

In those days, as we Apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were

listening to them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know

that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped Him.

THE SYNAXARION

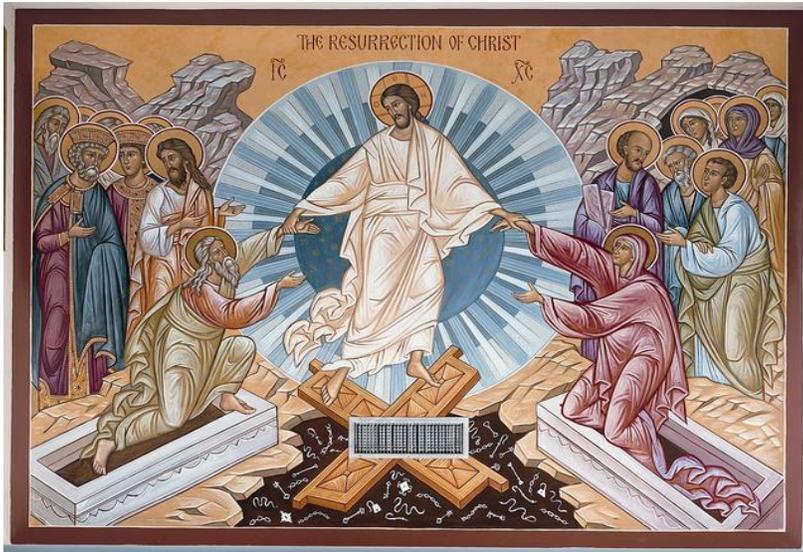
On May 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Virgin-martyr Glykeria of Heraklea; Venerable Sergios the Confessor, father of Photios the Great; Venerable Euthymios the New, founder of Iveron monastery on Athos, his father John the Iberian, and their kinsman George; and Venerable Gabriel the Iberian.

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth. The Savior met this man, born blind and incurable after every human effort, while leaving the Temple on the Sabbath. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus teach that the man was born without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Thine infinite mercy, O Christ our God, Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen. _

Thought of the Day

Firmly believe that the Lord is at all times everything to you. During prayer He is the power and the fulfillment in the Holy Spirit of each of your words. During pious conversation He is your living water, the ardent flow of your words at all times? He is everything to you. Be free from care in the presence of your Lord. He has enclosed you with Himself upon all sides. He penetrates you wholly and knows all your thoughts, all your needs and inclinations, and if you live in Him with faith and love, then no evil shall befall you. 'The Lord is at hand; be careful for nothing' (Phil. 4:6). - St. John of Kronstadt



Christ is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

**Христос воскрес! Воистину
воскресе!**

¡Cristo Resucitó!

¡En Verdad Resucitó!

Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!

**Christ est Ressucité! En Verité il est
Ressucité!**

**We would like to wish all of you a blessed and joyous Pascha! May the Light of Christ
Illumine all your hearts!**

Fr. Joseph, Kh. Carol, and Aidan Abouid



Holy Bread is offered by:

Dalal & David Young: 40 Day Memorial for Suleiman Elias (Father), Karime Aboud (Aunt) and in Memory of: Houla Dayoub, (Mother who passed 20 years ago on Mother's Day), Jayada Dayoub (Layla Salloum's Mother) & Miriam Azar (George Azar Hanna's mother).

Boris, Luka, Daria, Aleksey, & Elizaveta to celebrate Anastasia Salinas' 5th Birthday!

Festival Sponsors

Many thanks to the following sponsor:

Drs. Hassan and Maha Salloum sponsoring the Entertainment

George Jr., Wendy & Alexander Salom sponsoring the Bake Table.

DONATIONS

Joseph & Carmen Jabali in Memory of Suleiman Elias

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Bryan & Annette Haddad



Happy Mother's Day May 13, 2018

Drs. Hassan and Maha Salloum are donating the flowers in honor of mother's day.

ST. IGNATIUS NEWS

If you would like to be inducted into the Order of St. Ignatius at the PLC this June in Santa Fe, NM, please see Salma Isaac, or any member of St. Ignatius, for an application.

The Order is the Humanitarian arm of the Archdiocese and does a tremendous good all over the world to help those less fortunate.

If you have left the Order for any reason and would consider coming back; you can easily do so; no questions asked--just pick up from now.

The homeless, the orphans, the hungry, and poor will be so grateful. Your life will be truly blessed beyond measure. May God bless you,

Salma M. Isaac, Chair of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH!

Stephanie F. Assi, daughter of Dr. Muneer & Rima, graduated from Texas A&M Law School and will serve as a judicial clerk for a U.S Bankruptcy Judge in the district of Massachusetts.

Alyse Nicole Nasser, Deanna's niece, is graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health from Texas A&M University, Friday, May 11. She will be attending UTEP for her Masters of Occupational Therapy to become a licensed Occupational therapist.

Emma Isaac, daughter of Joseph & Melissa, won 1st Place in the Speech Contest at St. Joseph's & other schools. She was also awarded MVP for the Volleyball season. Abram Isaac received Superior in speech contest.

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

Teen SOYO Talent Show

May 20, 2018



We encourage all Sunday School students to participate and perform at least one of the multiple talents they all have. Tickets are **\$10.00** per person if you reserve your tickets ahead of time by giving your name to Alexie Baine or the teens. ***However, if you approach at the door and your name is not on the list, the charge is \$15.00.*** Please make your reservations so that there will be enough food and tables for everyone. We look forward to working with your wonderful kids! If you have any questions, please contact Alexie Baine: 703-944-4683.

Ladies Society

The new elected officers of the ladies society will be sworn this Sunday after divine liturgy

The Festival Committee News

The committee is now accepting sponsorships. The letter/form can be picked up from Jamie Isaac. Please make an effort to take copies of the Sponsorship letters to your neighbors, businesses and friends.

Festival Donations

Donations are welcome to offset the cost of many items for the festival. Your monetary donations will help increase our profit and counts towards your pledge.

Festival Baking

Festival Sweet Baking schedule will be as follows starting at 5PM Thursday May 10, 2018.

All ladies and men help is needed for this worthy cause and to support your church.

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.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
2018 Annual Festival
Sponsor Request Form

I would like to contribute to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church Annual Festival for 2018 as a sponsor of the event.

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Beverages Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Baklawa Sundae Booth Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Children's Activities Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Festival General Sponsor	_____	\$300 (minimum)
Donation	_____	Store credit Gift cards or monetary donation
Total Amount Contributed	_____	

Thank you for your support and contribution. This is a tax deductible donation and we will be providing letters to the sponsors. Please make checks payable to: **St. George Church** earmarked **"2018 Annual Festival"**