



# SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
EL PASO - TEXAS

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

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May 20, 2018

## **SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

Martyrs Thallelaïos the Unmercenary Healer of Phoenicia, and his disciples Alexander and Asterios of Cilicia; Martyr Askellias of Egypt; Venerable Nikitas, John and Joseph of Chios; Lydia 'the seller of purple' of Thyatira and Philippi; Alexis the wonderworker, metropolitan of Moscow; and Venerable Stephen of Piperi in Serbia

**TONE 6**

**EOTHINON 10**

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

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

**Epistle:** Alex Madsen

**Greeters:** Allen Borschow & Daniel Crawford

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

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### **THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; is a great King over all the earth.

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

He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. (**Refrain**)

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

### **THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

God is known in her towers when He cometh to help her. (**Refrain**)

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

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

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### **THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear unto a parable; I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

### **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### **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 THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

### **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 THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX**

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

### **THE EPISTLE**

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)**

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert,

remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

### **THE GOSPEL**

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)**

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

### **THE SYNAXARION**

On May 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Thallelaios the Unmercenary Healer of Phoenicia, and his disciples Alexander and Asterios of Cilicia; Martyr Askellas of Egypt; Venerable Nikitas, John and Joseph of Chios; Lydia 'the seller of purple' of Thyatira and Philippi; Alexis the wonderworker, metropolitan of Moscow; and Venerable Stephen of Piperi in Serbia.

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First

Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, *The Creed*, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.  
Amen.

### *Thought of the Day*

Our suffering is, by God's grace and mercy, transformed into a path by which we can ascend to the Heavenly Kingdom. -- His Eminence,  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



### **Holy Bread is offered by:**

**Martin and Sharon Madsen** will offer the Holy Bread in Honor of Kristen's Birthday and her graduation from Schreiner University.  
God Bless You.

**Anonymous** for the health of the family

### **DONATIONS**

**Imad & Shari Farah** for Cody's graduation from Cal State San Marcos, Magna Cum Laude & His acceptance at Loma Linda University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

**Yousef & Hend** for the health of Dr. Raed, Sylvana, Mityas, Meena, and Sarah Aldouri.

**Michel & Antwanette Shaghoury**-Congratulations Randa Shaghoury on graduating with an MBA from A&M University, San Antonio, Texas. May God grant you health, happiness & more success in your life; We are so proud of you!

**James & Odette Shaheen** to wish Happy Mother's Day to all St. George Ladies & Congratulations to James A. Shaheen for becoming Trumpet Leader for next year for EPHS Band.

**Bryan & Annette Haddad** for the health of Georgette Abraham and In memory of our beloved Salim Haddad from his children who miss him.

**David & Dalal Young** in Memory of Suleiman Elias Aboud

**Maher & Jeanette Aldeghlawi** in Memory of Suleiman Elias Aboud.

**Sada Vaughan** in Memory of Suleiman Elias Aboud.

## Festival Donations and Sponsors

Drs. Hassan and Maha Salloum sponsoring the Entertainment  
George Jr., Wendy & Alexander Salom sponsoring the Bake Table.  
Anonymous donation of \$1000 for the festival in memory of Dale Nasser,  
Peter Rizk, & Eddie Abraham.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH!

**Jonathan Jarjour**, son of Antoun & Suha, graduated Valedictorian from St. Edwards University with a degree in Finance and Economics. He has a position in Houston with J.P. Morgan! We wish him all the best!

**Alyse Nicole Nasser**, granddaughter of Sudie Nasser, 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.

*St. George Family* wishes you & all previously mentioned graduates God's Blessings in your future endeavors.

### LIGHTING THE DOME

Michel & Antwanette Shaghoury



## Teen SOYO Talent Show

May 20, 2018 6:00 P M

Students who are participating should arrive at 4:30. Tickets are \$10.00 per person if you reserve your tickets by giving your name to Alexie Baine or the teens by Wednesday. *However, if you approach at the door and your name is not on the list, the charge is \$15.00.* 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.

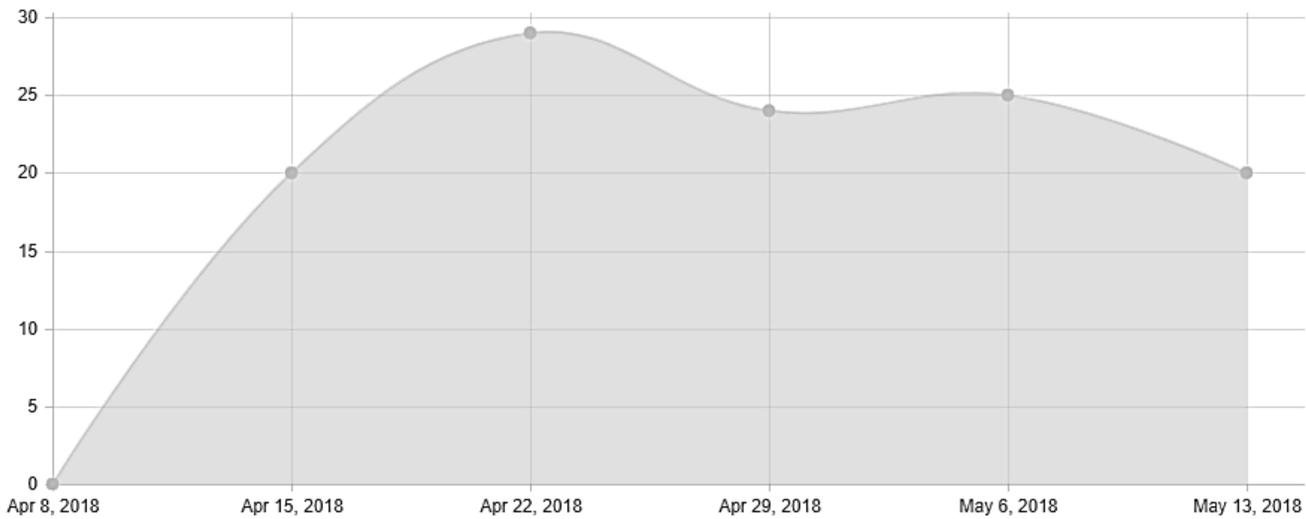
# **Festival Donations**

**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 and can be made for the health of your loved ones.**

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## **ST. GEORGE CHURCH SCHOOL**

People Attended This Event



<b>Pre- School</b>	<b>Kinder – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd – 3rd</b>	<b>4th – 5th</b>	<b>6th – 7th</b>	<b>8th – 12th</b>
Caleb Crawford Kingston Joudi Tiya Henok Anastasia Salinas Joshua Soliman	Joseph Salloum Nia Isaac Larissa Alyoussef	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Ruth Henok Karma Soliman	Naomi Henok Kendall Olivas Christiana Crawford	Andrew Crawford Sami Odeh	Boris Salinas Joseph Odeh Johnny Odeh

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**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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<b>Gyro Booth Sponsor</b>	_____	<b>\$500 (minimum)</b>
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<b>Festival General Sponsor</b>	_____	<b>\$300 (minimum)</b>
<b>Donation</b>	_____	<b>Store credit Gift cards or monetary donation</b>

**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"

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.