



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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN & AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST

Righteous Prophet Job the long-suffering; Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu in Levidia; translation of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia

TONE 4

EOTHINON 7

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00P.M.

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

Epistle: Jamie Isaac

Greeters: Vanessa Salloum & George Hanna

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

Verse: 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 FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, 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 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 (For St. George)

How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first

time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four

months, then comes the harvest? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony, “He said to me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

THE SYNAXARION

On May 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Righteous Prophet Job the long-suffering; Venerable Seraphim of Mount Domvu in Levia; and the translation of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia.

On this day, the fifth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman. The Samaritan woman—the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini—met Jesus at midday at Jacob’s Well, which was located in the city of Sychar. And being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob’s Well. A little after, the Samaritan woman came to draw water, and had a long conversation with Him (it is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible). Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her to drink of the “Living Water”—the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Thy Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.



Christ is Risen!

المسيح قام! حقاً قام!

**Христос воскрес! Воистину
воскресе!**

¡Cristo Resucitó!

¡En Verdad Resucitó!

**Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς
ἀνέστη!**

**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

Thought of the Day

Praise to Thee! By Thy resurrection didst Thou grant all the mortal race the hope of life and resurrection. And we offer Thee praise, for Thou are the resurrector of all flesh. -- St. Ephraim the Syrian



Holy Bread is offered by:

Dalal & David Young for the health of all the faithful parishioners of St. George Church.

Jamie Isaac for the health of James Isaac III & Family; Joseph & Melissa, Emma & Abram, & Tiffany, Chris, Kingston & baby Knight. God Be with you as your Lives change.

DONATIONS

Salma Isaac for the health of James Isaac III & Family, Joseph & Melissa Isaac & Family. Happy Anniversary Chris & Tiffany Joudi. God Bless.

James & Odette Shaheen for James A. Shaheen's 18th Birthday on May 3rd.

IN MEMORY OF NICK VALILIS

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna Khr. Liz & Gerena Family Bryan & Annette Haddad

Khr. Liz & Gerena Family in Memory of Bill Gottfried, Herb Barakat, & Suleiman Elias.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Anonymous Gerardo & Zayna Heredia Fred & Rowayda & George Haddad

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE ALMS BOX to the church, where all donations collected will be sent to the Archdiocese *to help those in need.*

If you have not participated in this program during Great Lent, you may do so by making out a check to St. George Church, earmarked "FFHP".

Let us continue to follow the call with the courage to offer ourselves to those in need as Christ offered Himself to us.

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

Ladies

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the St. George Ladies Society:

Sylvana Aldouri—President

Dr. Maha Salloum—Vice President

Salma Isaac—Secretary

Jeanette Aldeghlawi—Treasurer

GOD'S BLESSINGS and rich rewards for the outgoing officers who served so faithfully and tirelessly:

Rose Beard—President

Doris Shaheen—Vice President

Edwina Youngblood—Secretary

Blanca Anaipakos—Treasurer

Luncheon May 6th

We will have a gyro lunch on May 6th after Divine Liturgy to try the gyro machine. Tickets are \$10 per person sold at the door.



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.

DOME LIGHTING

Anonymous for the health and safety of my family on May 10 2018

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. Many thanks to the following sponsor:

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

Drs. Hassan and Maha Salloum sponsoring the Entertainment

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 Tuesday May 8, 2018, Thursday May 10, 2018.

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

Kibbe Day

May 3, 2018 will be Kibbe Day starting at 9:30 AM



Everyone is welcome to come and help as we need ladies to make kibbe and men to package. Your help and support for the church is for the health of your families.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please Note: Fr. Joseph will be out of town from April 24th to May 8th. For any emergency, please contact V. Rev. Archpriest Jehad Michael, who will be covering for Fr. Joseph during his absence. Fr. Jehad's Cell phone: (915)203-2831

For Pastoral needs and/or Emergencies contact Fr. Joseph Abouid at:

Office: 915-584-9100 **Cell phone:** 708-415-7050 **Email:** pastor@stgeorge-elpaso.org

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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Address _____

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Entertainment Sponsor	_____	\$2,000 (minimum)
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Meat Booth Sponsor	_____	\$1,000 (minimum)
Bake Table Sponsor	_____	\$1,000 (minimum)
Mediterranean Booth Sponsor	_____	\$1,000 (minimum)
Gyro Booth Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Falafel Booth Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
Tabbouleh/Hummus Booth Sponsor	_____	\$500 (minimum)
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"