



# 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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November 18th, 2018

## **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

HOLY MARTYR PLATO OF ANCYRA; MARTYR ROMANOS OF ANTIOCH; MARTYRS ZACCHAEUS THE DEACON  
AND ALPHAEOS THE READER OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE

**TONE 8**

**EOTHINON 3**

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

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

**Epistle:** Tiffany Isaac

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR 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 soul.

### **KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

*(\*\*Thou Who wast raised up\*\*)*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.  
God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Ninth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On November 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Plato of Ancyra in Galatia.

Plato is the brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16). While still a youth, he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning. For this, Plato was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this, Saint Plato answered that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited; whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the

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Gospel teachings. Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Plato to be beheaded, and he entered the Heavenly Kingdom in 266.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Romanos of Antioch; Martyrs Zacchaeus the deacon and Alphaeos the reader of Caesarea in Palestine. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### Thought of the Day

If but ten among us lead a holy life, we shall kindle a fire which shall light up the entire city.  
St. John Chrysostom

### Holy Bread is offered by:



#### **Anonymous**

**Milad & Laurice Farah** for the good health of Milad, Laurice, Laura, Imad, Jihad, Sheri and Cody Farah. For the occasion of Laura and Imad birthday, may the Lord grant you many years.

**Joudi & Isaac families** in memory of our father Edward Gabriel Isaac – 1 year. Memory Eternal.

***Deadline for Holy Bread offering and any bulletin announcement should be in the church office or emailed to [office@stgeorge-el Paso.org](mailto:office@stgeorge-el Paso.org) by Friday of every week in order to have it placed in the following week bulletin.***

### GENERAL DONATIONS

**Salma Isaac** for the health of my precious daughters Anne & Michelle & their families.

**Deacon Michael Sifuentes** for our veterans, God grant you many years of good health & long life.

**Barakat Family** in memory of Pete & Skee Rizk. Memory Eternal.

**Salma Isaac** - in memory of Dale Nasser Sr., Pete & Skee Rizk, Edward & Katherine Bashur.

**Thank you to Everett & Helen** for their generous donation to St George during their recent visit to our parish. May God grant you and your family good health and happiness.

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## IN MEMORY OF SKEE RIZK

Sol & Lily Ajalat	Christine Argeanas	Eloe & Isabel Elac
Andrea & Ruben Espinosa	Marilyn Drahan	Alexis & Kyle Gorham
Deann Isaac	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Samore	Madelyn & Alex Shaheen
Sarah & Chris Shaheen	Vista Square	Fotios & Bertha Tsoukalas

## HUMANITARIAN

Anonymous	Sami & Antoinette Esper	Laila Ferris
Bryan & Annette Haddad	Deanna Nasser	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday November 17th	<b>3:00 PM to 4:30PM</b>	“A Taste of Orthodoxy Study Group” Discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are led by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Abouid.
Tuesday November 20	<b>Divine Liturgy for the Entry of the Theotokos to the Temple (Nov. 21)</b>	Matins: 5:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy: 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Carving Turkey and prepare for Senior Citizen dinner
Wednesday Dec.5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>5:00PM</b>	Annual Senior Citizens’ Holiday Event
Wednesday Dec.12th	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Annual Ladies Society Christmas Party
Sunday Dec.16th	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Christmas Pageant & Auction Dinner
Monday Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	New Year’s Eve Party, church Hall

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## Annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Event

The Annual Senior Citizens' Holiday Event will be Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018, at 5 pm in the Summit Hall. Those of you who have helped in the past know what a great event this is as well as much fun to help with. My dear Father Dale Nasser, Sr. and Godfather Peter Rizk started this event many years ago and we honor their loving memory by continuing to help those in need, especially during the season of giving each year.

We have partnered with the Paso del Norte Health Foundation this year to establish a fund for the dinner. This enables us to be part of the **National Giving Day on November 15** and be eligible for bonus donations just by having our supporters donate **ON THAT DAY**. **The link for donations on National Giving Day Nov. 15 is <https://www.elpasogivingday.org/organizations/the-senior-citizens-holiday-event-and-food-drive-fund>** . Note that donating thru this link will **not be active until Nov. 15**.

You may also **donate via credit card ANYTIME** at: <http://54306.thankyou4caring.org/senior-citizens-holiday-food-drive-event> .

You may also **donate for this event through the Church** - all donations are welcome and will be put to good use as in past years.

**We will need help Monday, Dec. 3 from 11am - 1pm unloading boxes of food to be set up for packing the food bags.**

**We will also need help Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 5pm on packing the food bags and carving turkeys.**

**Last, we will need help Wednesday, Dec. 5 starting at 4:30pm preparing and serving the dinner to the Senior Citizens.**

If you have any questions, please call Deanna Nasser at 204-4245. Thank you much for your support and God bless you all.

The following have donated for this event:

Blanca Anaipakos	Virginia Aziz	Westar Bank
Sami & Antoinette Esper	Hunt Family Foundation	Blanca Gottfried
Gilbert Malooly Sr. and Family	Amy Parker Morris & Rusty Morris	Gerald and Stanlee Rubin
Dora Vasilakis		

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## Nativity Fast

**The Nativity Fast will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 and end on December 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

This is a *joyous* fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods. The 1st period is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays. The 2nd period is December 20th through 24th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period. Here are the guidelines:

<b>Meat</b>	<b>Dairy</b>	<b>Fish</b>	<b>Wine</b>	<b>Oil</b>
beef, chicken, pork, turkey, elk, veal, lamb, deer, rabbit, buffalo, and so forth	milk, eggs, cheese, butter, yogurt, cream, and so forth	fish with a backbone (not including shrimp, octopus, shellfish, squid, or other seafood.	(some include all types of alcohol in this category)	(some include all types of oil in this category)
<b>Abstain.</b>	<b>Abstain.</b>	<b>Permitted</b> only on Saturdays and Sundays before December 20. (some permit fish Tuesdays and Thursdays also)	<b>Permitted</b> only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays before December 20.	<b>Permitted</b> only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays before December 20.

### **The Purpose of Fasting**

The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example.

- Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.
- We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God's gift of Salvation may bear fruit in us.
- We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and prayer go together.
- Fasting is not irrelevant. Fasting is not obsolete, and it is not something for someone else. Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.
- Most of all, we should not devour each other. We ask God to "set a watch and keep the door of our lips."

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## New Year Eve Party

Come and join us for a family gathering and celebration of the New Year's Eve in the Church Mini Hall. The cost is \$25 per family and everyone bring a dish.

## “ A Taste of Orthodoxy Study Group”

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE ORTHODOXY STUDY CLASS ON SATURDAYS. THE CLASS WILL BE HELD FROM 3:00 PM TO 4:30 PM.**

## Let's Get Ready to Rumble!!!



Get ready for our annual Football game (a.k.a. Turkey Bowl) this coming Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> -Thanksgiving morning- at the Franklin High School Football Field (900 N Resler Dr, El Paso, TX 79912). We will start at 9:30 a.m. Come and join us!

For more about the game, contact Fr. Joseph.

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November 10, 2018

**Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. George:**

Christ is in our midst! This year, St. George Teen SOYO of El Paso will sponsor for the first time a Community Christmas Card. This card is mailed to all of the church members during the season of Christ's Nativity, in the name of the church and all who have chosen to sponsor the card.

Our SOYO wishes to sponsor this card to raise funds and help our teens defray some of the expenses incurred at the DOWAMA Parish Life Conference (PLC), which will take place in Fort Worth, TX this coming year. Likewise, it will give all of us the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at our beloved St. George Community. To include your family in this Community Christmas Card, please send your donation of at least \$25.00 per family -cash or check- with the form at the bottom of this letter filled out. You can return them either by mail at the Church Office, or in person to our Teen SOYO president **Joseph Odeh**, the Teen Advisor **Alexie Baine**, or our Co-Advisor **P.J. Ferris**. You can also drop it off at the St. George Drop-box located next to the office doors. Please make checks payable to 'St. George Teen SOYO.' earmarked **Community Christmas Card**. **The deadline for sending in your donation and the form below is November 25<sup>th</sup>.** Forms received after this date will not be included in the card, however, they will be included in our Weekly Bulletin during the month of December.

Thank you very much for your support of St. George Church and Teen SOYO. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hector Abouid, Pastor

Joseph Odeh, President

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I have enclosed a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (checks payable to "St. George Teen SOYO") and wish to be included in the Community Christmas Card. Please include the following name(s) in the Community Christmas Card **exactly as shown below**. Please print clearly.

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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People Attended This Event

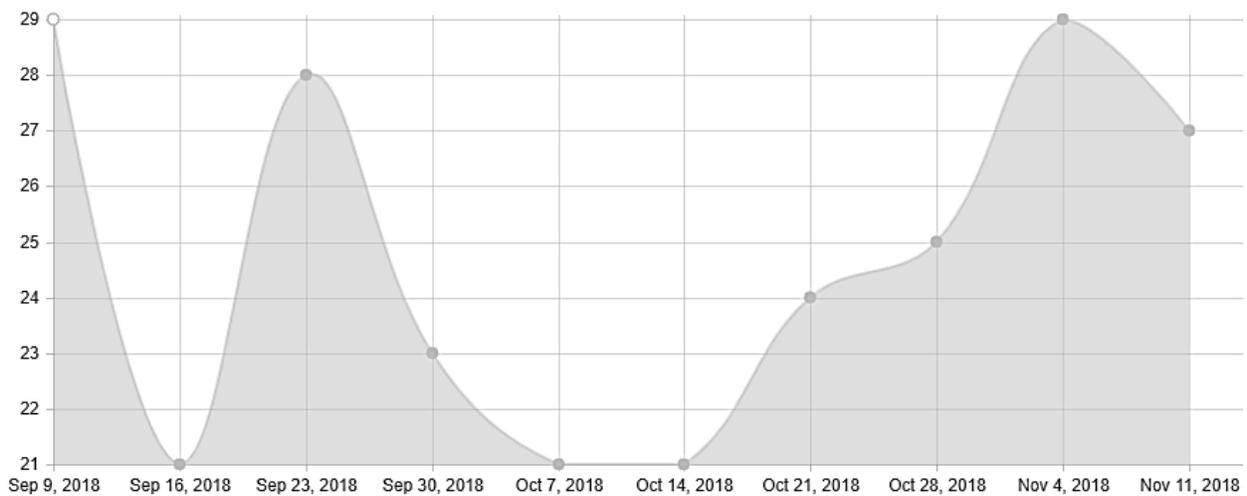
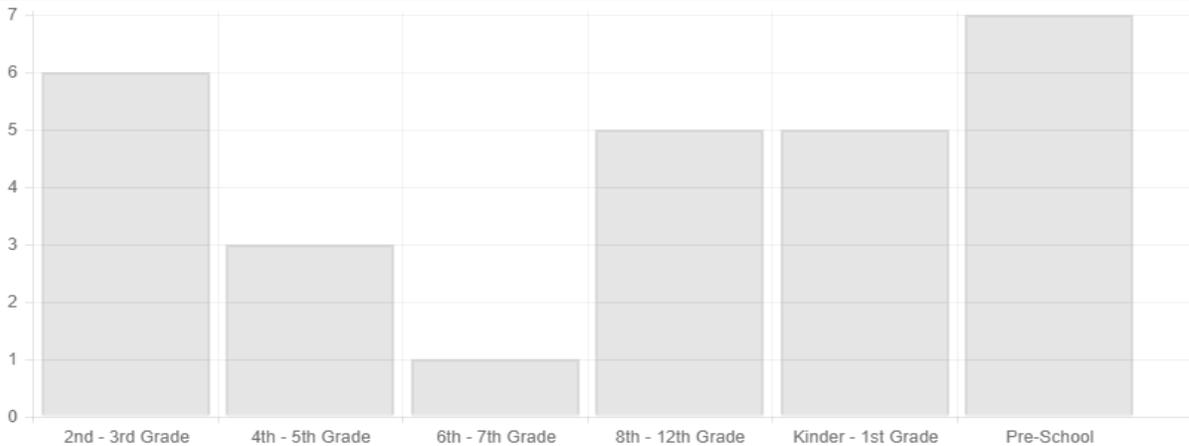
## Sunday School News

Attendance is up by 8%

Compared to the Past 6 Months

Sunday school is in session. Students need to be present at 9:20 a.m., in order to be with Fr. Joseph at opening prayer, which occurs at 9:25 a.m. We look forward to seeing our students every Sunday so that we can continue to learn and grow in our faith.

Pre- School	Kinder – 1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Barnette Ezra Caleb Crawford J. B. Del Corral John Edgren Jace Gerena Gorham Ella Gorham Adrienne	Majd Al Dayoub Larissa Alyoussef Phoebe Del Corral Giselle Gerena Kiki Ley Anastasia Salinas	Elias Al Dayoub Barnett Elias Stephanie Del Corral Denny Atticus Nia Isaac Nigel Rangel	Christina Crawford Denny Judah Brooke Wik	Natalia Barnett	Andrew Crawford Joseph Odeh Sami Odeh Boris Salinas James



**Outstanding! Great Job parents and Sunday School students for such great attendance!**

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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**Email:** [pastor@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:pastor@stgeorge-elpaso.org)

**Or**

Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

**Cell Phone:** (915)309-1511 **Email:** [monkeyelp56@hotmail.com](mailto:monkeyelp56@hotmail.com)

**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).

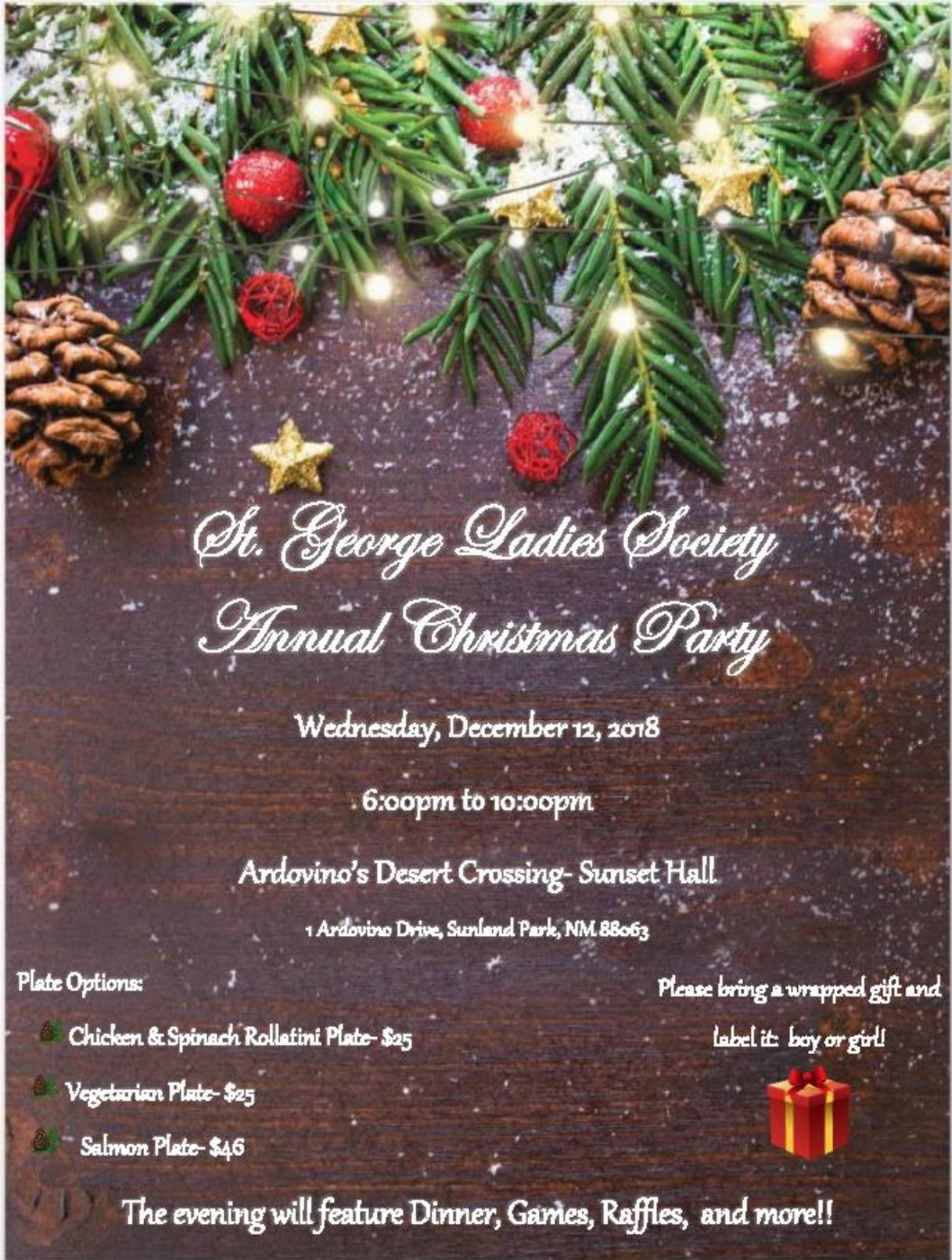
**Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

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*St. George Ladies Society  
Annual Christmas Party*

*Wednesday, December 12, 2018*

*6:00pm to 10:00pm*

*Ardovino's Desert Crossing- Sunset Hall.*

*1 Ardovino Drive, Sunland Park, NM 88063*

**Plate Options:**

-  **Chicken & Spinach Rollatini Plate- \$25**
-  **Vegetarian Plate- \$25**
-  **Salmon Plate- \$46**

*Please bring a wrapped gift and  
label it: boy or girl!*



**The evening will feature Dinner, Games, Raffles, and more!!**

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