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

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October 14th, 2018

**SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL
COUNCIL & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

TONE 3

EOTHINON 9

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M

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

Epistle: CHOIR CHANTER

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 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.

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ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones

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along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On October 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius and Celsus of Milan; Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maiuma; and Venerable Paraskeva the New of Thrace. On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man’s dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

As more and more people come to us in search of God, we who have accepted the Orthodox Faith must also accept the responsibility to care for those who come to us. We must prepare the hearts and minds of our catechumens and our children, so that the fullness of the Faith may enter into them and perfect them. -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

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Holy Bread is offered by:



Allen & Patricia Borschow in honor of Phillip's birthday and in honor of his Grace Bishop Basil's visit.

Skee Rizk in memory of Peter Rizk and Tom and Regina Jacobs as well as for the health of the Rizk, Ferris, Samore, Al-Hanna, and Nasser families.

Deadline for Holy Bread offering and any bulletin announcement should be in the church office or emailed to vanessasalloum@hotmail.com and/or cedarfam4@aol.com by Friday of every week in order to have it placed in the following week bulletin.

GENERAL DONATIONS

Blanca Anaipakos for the health of Eva Mowad.

Joanna Denny for the health of Joby Denny who is deployed to the Middle East.

Skee Rizk & Paul & Laila Ferris for the health of Eva Mowad.

Bryan & Annette Haddad for the health of Sammy & Kimberly, Michael & family on their 25th anniversary. God grant them many more years.

Jamie Isaac for the health of Joyce Haddad, Eva Mowad, Gabby Katrib and Vanessa Salloum.

Salma Isaac for the health of the Borschow, Madsen, and Davis families.

Tony Dayoub in memory of Mario Torres.

Richard & Rosalie Kaufman in memory of Tommy D. Aziz.

Salma Isaac in loving memory of Aunt Alice Davis, Bill Isaac, Betty White.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Donations

Virginia Aziz

Blanca Gottfried

Patricia Borschow (cake)

Sharon Madsen (pies)

Leila Salloum (rice)

Donations are being accepted for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Please see any member of the Ladies Society or Salma Isaac. Proceeds go to the Antiochian Women's project.

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In Memory of Halim Younis Hosni

Tony Dayoub Sami & Antoinette Esper Ward & Nancy Esper
Lydia Fiore Fadi Hosni Michael Halim Hosni Jamie Isaac
Chris & Tiffany Joudi Richard & Nina Massar Ibrahim & Layla Salloum

CONDOLENCES

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of El Paso would like to extend her deepest and sincerest condolences to Lydia Fiore and her fiancé John Richards, Michael Halim Hosni, Fadi Hosni and his wife Andrea, on the loss of their beloved father the Departed Servant of God †Halim Younis Hosni, who fell asleep in the Lord October 1st. Condolences are also extended to his siblings Antoinette Farah and her family, Antoine Hosni and his wife Antoinette and their family, and Georges Housney and his wife Jonelle and their family, as well as to his grandchildren Giano Fiore, Marcel Fiore, Lauren Hosni, Gavin Hosni, Aleah Hosni, Amira Hosni.

Thanks to Ladies Society

Thanks to all ladies who brought refreshments during September
Sylvana Aldouri

JOIN THE ORDER OF ST.IGNATIUS

Consider joining one of the following levels before Bishop Basil visit:

Knight Dame \$500 per year; Knight Dame Commander \$1000 per year. The Life Member \$15000 one-time gift (or \$5000 over three consecutive years). A life member pledge is a donation that continues in perpetuity.

St. Ignatius Members Please Wear your Red Cross!

See any member or call Salma Isaac, 915-203-4222 to make plans to join *THE ORDER* and be inducted by Bishop Basil during his annual visit in October.

Theotokos Choir UTEP concert tickets

You can purchase your ticket at Ticketmaster for \$12 for the concert at UTEP on October 12th 2018. (2901 N. Mesa – Across from the Don Haskins Center). Jamie Isaac has a few more tickets if you would like to purchase one from her please call her at 915-276-3436.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday October 12	7:00 PM	Theotokos Choir Concert @ UTEP Fox Fine Art Recital Hall
Saturday October 13	10:00 AM	Ladies breakfast with Bishop Basil
Saturday October 13	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Saturday October 13	6:30 PM	Banquet with Bishop Basil
Sunday October 14	10:30 AM	Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Thursday October 23	5:30 PM	Sunday School Annual Pumpkin carving & Pizza party @ church hall Looking forward to seeing our students.
Sunday November 4	12:30 PM	Thanksgiving Luncheon

Banquet with Bishop Basil & Theotokos

Byzantine Choir

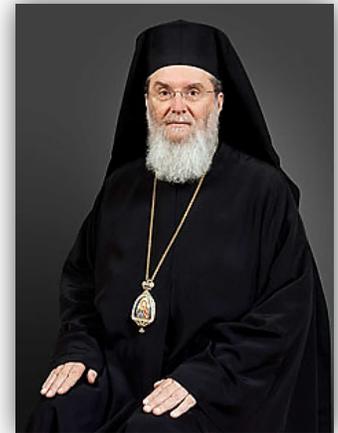
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Immediately after Great Vespers

His Grace will be Consecrating our two newly written Icons of St. George (entrance) and of Christ: the Great High Priest (Throne) donated by two anonymous donors:

Donor 1 - For her health

Donor 2 - For the health of his family



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Theotokos Orthodox Choir Sponsors:

Salah and Nada Al-Hanna & Fam.
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Laila Ferris
Bryan & Annette Haddad
Jamie Isaac
Joseph & Melissa Isaac
Salma Isaac
Tony Jarjour & Family
Chris & Tiffany Joudi
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Habib & Hessen Salloum
Vanessa Salloum
Nabil & Doris Shaheen
Reem Yacoub
Phillip & Edwina Youngblood

We would like to thank all those who have sponsored so far!



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THEOTOKOS ORTHODOX CHOIR PERFORMING IN THE
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EL PASO PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
BYZANTINE MUSIC WORKSHOP
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, EL PASO (UTEP) - 3 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
BYZANTINE MUSIC CONCERT
UTEP FOX FINE ARTS RECITAL HALL - 7 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
GREAT VESPERS PRESIDED BY HIS GRACE BISHOP BASIL
ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH - 5 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY PRESIDED BY HIS GRACE BISHOP BASIL
ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH - 9:15 AM



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October Teen Soyo Month Schedule

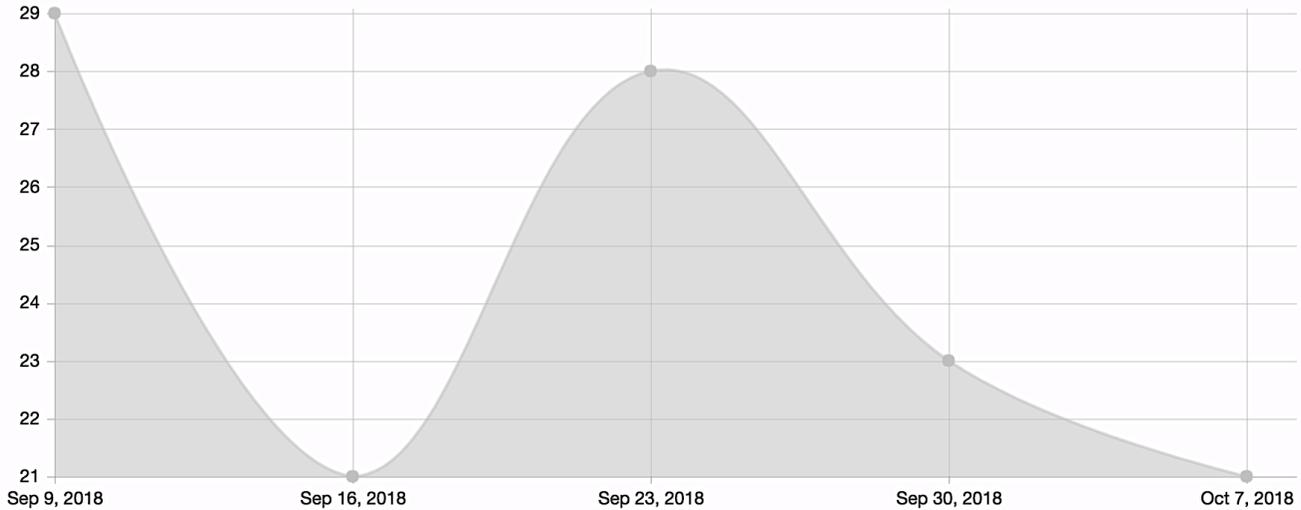
October 21 Epistle: Teresa Salloum Sermon: James Shaheen Refreshments: Teresa, James, Anthony	October 28 Epistle: Sammy Odeh Sermon: Angela Al-Hanna Refreshments: Angela, Zoe, Odeh
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Sunday School News

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.

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People Attended This Event



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2 nd – 3 rd	4 th – 5 th	6 th – 7 th	8 th – 12 th
Caleb Crawford	Majd Al Dayoub	Elias Al Dayoub	Christiana Crawford	Naomi Henok	Andrew Crawford
Ella Gorham	Larissa Alyoussef	Atticus Denny	Judah Denny	Emma Isaac	Boris Salinas
Kingston Joudi	Tiya Henok	Ruth Henok	Kendall Olivas		James Salinas
	Anastasia Salinas	Abram Isaac	Brooke Wik		
		Nigel Rangel			

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DOWAMA Basketball Tournament/Retreat

This past weekend, some of our teens took part in an annual gathering of youth from across our diocese. They gathered in fellowship, took part in speaker sessions and of course played lots of basketball. It was a phenomenal weekend. Many many thanks to Antoun and Suha Jarjour for sponsoring the jerseys and rental van. The following are some thoughts from the weekend...

This weekend was amazing. I'd like to share something that I was privileged to witness. I was approached by a referee who is also another youth director about our kids. Our kids are competitive, without a doubt, however their compassion showed during the tournament. There was a team of kids who were smaller and less adequate on the basketball court. Other teams were destroying them, taunting them and running up the score. Our kids took the court against them, and we won, however they did it without stripping the other teams dignity. I was told that our kids showed more character than any other team there. They didn't run up the score, cheered on the other team, helped them off the floor and didn't embarrass them. I was told that that team actually walked off the court for the first time all day with smiles and not feeling like failures. I asked the youth director to please relay this to our kids and as he did, our kids lit up and understood the bigger picture. To me, this was worth the entire weekend and more meaningful than any trophy or victory. Our youth were absolutely amazing and should be commended. This is also a tribute to their parents who have instilled the right values in them. St. George is blessed with great kids. -PJ Ferris



“My favorite thing about the basketball tournament was just having fun and hanging out with friends that I knew from other churches and also beating OKC that hasn't lost in the past three years.” -Joseph Odeh

“The basketball tournament meant a lot to me. Although it was short, this weekend was filled with lots of love and memories. Being away from all of my family and friends while I'm in college hasn't been the greatest, but this weekend brought us all together with the purpose of serving our Lord! Although we did not win the tournament, this was one of the best weekends ever as we truly showed compassion and love for one another on and off the basketball court.” -Johnny Odeh

“Going to the basketball tournament was an amazing experience. I was able to not only get closer to the members of our teen soyo, but also teens from other cities. It is incredible to see so many Orthodox Christians in one place at one time interacting and getting close to one another. We learned a lot during this retreat, and we also had so much fun!” -Angela Al-Hanna

“I enjoyed the basketball tournament in OKC a lot especially since we beat the best team there, even though we didn't make the playoffs it was fun to see my friends from dowama and I can't wait to go next year, and win.” -Anthony Jarjour

“As you may know the El Paso teen soyo went to the 12th annual basketball tournament which was a privilege. My favorite thing was we beat the best team in the league as they haven't lost in three years. We all worked together as a team which helped us win. But no matter what, overall we had a lot of fun.”

-Sami Odeh

God Bless You All,
Alexie Baine and PJ Ferris

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“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group

There will be no classes on October 14th. Classes will resume on October 20th as usual.

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).

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Special Olympics AWARENESS DAY



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NAC SOYO
50th Anniversary

As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to run and sponsor the 38th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Nearly three hundred athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Did you know?

Special Olympics Sports Camp is a premier SOYO outreach program and is now in its 38th year of service to Special Olympic Athletes. In addition to the funds raised on Special Olympics Awareness Day, the teens provide at least half the coaching staff and many former teen volunteers, now adults, serve as adult leaders in the ministry.

Next Sunday, October 21, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 38th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in August of 2019.

As an expression of gratitude for your support of this ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint John Chrysostom, the Patron Saint of Teen SOYO. The Year 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the North American Council of Teen SOYO. For this reason our teens have chosen to honor their Patron Saint as an expression of love and gratitude for the multitude of blessings they have received over these 50 years.

Thank you for your financial support. Please make checks payable to your local teen SOYO group.

For More Information: <https://teensoyo.org/special-olympics>

For online donations: <https://teensoyo.org/product/donate>

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