



# SAINT GEORGE

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

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October 7th, 2018

## **MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS OF SYRIA**

HIEROMARTYR POLYCHRONIOS OF NICAIA; PRIEST JULIAN AND DEACON CAESARIUS OF CAMPANIA;  
VENERABLE JOHN THE HERMIT AND THOSE WITH HIM; VENERABLE SERGIUS OF NURMA

**TONE 2**

**EOTHINON 8**

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

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

**Epistle:** Boris Salinas

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

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

### **APOLYTIKION OF SS. SERGIUS AND BACCHUS IN TONE FOUR**

(\*\*Be quick to anticipate\*\*)

Thy martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee \* received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. \* For, since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants \* and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. \* O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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## **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.

## **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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Third Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On October 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Great Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus of Syria. They were noblemen at the court of Emperor Maximian whose esteemed them greatly because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. Once, when there was a great sacrificial offering to idols, the emperor demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices with him, but they openly refused. Beside himself with rage, Maximian commanded that their military garments, rings and emblems be stripped from them and that they be dressed in women's clothing. He then placed iron hoops around their necks and paraded them through the streets of the city of Rome to be mocked by everyone. Afterward, he sent them to Antiochus, his deputy in Asia, for torture. Antiochus had risen to his position with Sergius and Bacchus' help, as they had at one time recommended him to the emperor. When Antiochus implored them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death—all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." The souls of Sergius and Bacchus went to Paradise, where they received crowns of immortal glory from Christ in 303.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Polychronios of Nicaea; Priest Julian and Deacon Caesarius of Campania; Venerable John the hermit and those with him; and Venerable Sergius of Nurma. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## ***Thought of the Day***

The greatest freedom is to be obedient and faithful to God. As we yield ourselves to God's love and mercy, we are liberated from the suffering of sins. No longer are we dominated by unreasonable fears, compulsions, and addictions. We live in peace and unity with all people. Despair and rage pass away. Yet, these things only come when we bear the responsibilities for our own behavior, admitting our faults and receiving God's forgiveness. -- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

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## Holy Bread is offered by:

**Borschow & Madsen** families in memory of Alice and Edward Davis Sr.

**Vanessa Salloum** in occasion of my birthday. For the health of my family and all St. George Parishioners.

***Deadline for Holy Bread offering and any bulletin announcement should be in the church office on Thursday of every week in order to have it placed in the following week bulletin.***

## GENERAL DONATIONS

**Geoffrey Borschow** for the Health of Aidan Abouid.

**Jamie Isaac** for the health of heart patients.

**Dora Vasilakis** for the health of Eva Mowad & Sudie Nasser.

## ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Christopher & George Haddad

## Ladies Society Meeting

The Ladies society will meet on Sunday October 7, 2018 after Divine Liturgy to discuss the upcoming events.  
Sylvana Aldouri

## Ladies Society Food donations

Please help poor and hungry students by donating food items so we can take it to them soon. Also, if you can bring any school supplies to help our teachers.

Boxes will be available at the church hall from **Sunday September 9 through October 9, 2018.**

1. Microwavable and ready to eat food items for UTEP and community college students.

School supplies for teachers. We appreciate your help. --- Sylvana Aldouri

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## Congratulations

**Amira Thomas** was voted Thames Girl of the year in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She gets to be in the homecoming parade and recognized on the field! So proud of her! God bless her, her parents, Anne and Omar Thomas and grandmother Salma Isaac.

## Bake Sale Thank You

Many thanks to all those who donated goods and to all those who supported and purchased goods. We sold out! May God grant you and your families health and happiness.  
**Love – The Teens.**

## October Teen Soyo Month Schedule

<b>October 7</b> Epistle: Boris Salinas Sermon: Emma Isaac Refreshments: Boris, Jad, Emma	<b>October 14</b> Epistle: Joseph Odeh Sermon: Refreshments:
<b>October 21</b> Epistle: Teresa Salloum Sermon: James Shaheen Refreshments: Teresa, James, Anthony	<b>October 28</b> Epistle: Sammy Odeh Sermon: Angela Al-Hanna Refreshments: Angela, Zoe, Odeh

## Thanksgiving Luncheon

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

## Theotokos Choir UTEP concert tickets

You can purchase your ticket at Ticketmaster for \$12 for the concert at UTEP on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. ( 2901 N. Mesa – Across from the Don Haskins Center).

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## **Bishop Basil visit**

His Grace Bishop Basil will visit us from October 12 to October 14.

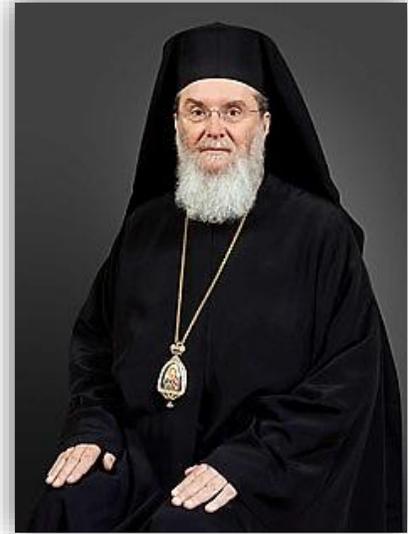
### **Banquet with Bishop Basil & Theotokos Byzantine Choir**

October 13, 2018

Immediately after Great Vespers

\$30 for adult; \$15 for children 10 and  
under

Buy your tickets now. No tickets will be sold at  
the door. Deadline to purchase tickets is  
October 9<sup>th</sup>!



## **JOIN THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS**

### **Why I joined the Order of St. Ignatius By Tom Hoag**

Like everyone else in our congregation, Jessy and I have had our economic ups and downs over the last couple of years. But one of the aspects of “being Christian” in which we have tried to remain faithful is our monetary giving. We all know there is always something on which to spend our hard earned dollars – be it a new well pump or a dinner at a nice restaurant or anything in between – but we give our monetary gifts before everything else, and that way it is not a temptation to spend the money elsewhere.

Jessy and I have been blessed with good work that pays reasonably well. And, after Bill Tsoukalas had asked me to look into the Order of St. Ignatius, we went to the website and found how much good the money was doing for the cause of the Kingdom.

The donation amount is \$500.00 per year and required the rest of your life, but we figured \$40.00 per month would be something we could commit to and keep that commitment regardless ( that just means a couple less pizzas per month- Sorry Art!).

Jessy and I really do enjoy seeing our money do good and hope that others will join us in a program that helps so many!!

**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.**

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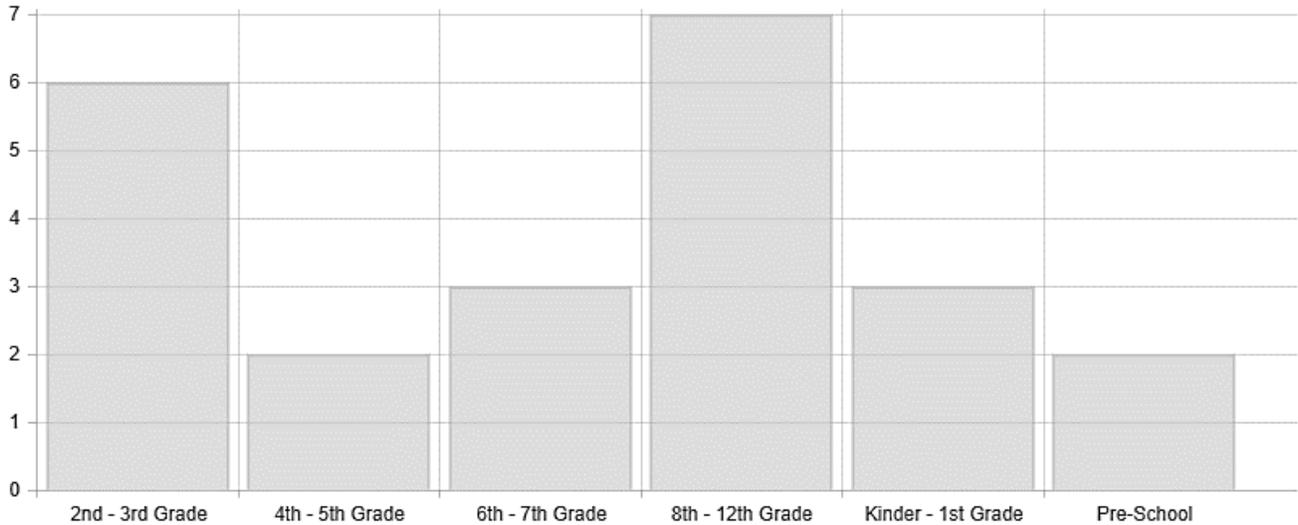
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## Sunday School News

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 <sup>st</sup>	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Caleb Crawford Kingston Joudi	Larissa Alyoussef Tiya Henok Anastasia Salinas	Abel Eyasu Binyam Eyasu Ruth Henok Nia Isaac Nigel Rangel Joseph Salloum	Christiana Crawford Brooke Wik	Nahum Eyasu Rediet Eyasu Naomi Henok	Angela Al-Hanna Andrew Crawford Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Sami Odeh Teresa Salloum James Shaheen

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

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## Theotokos Orthodox Choir

The Theotokos Orthodox Choir members received their visa to come to the United States in order to perform here in our own beautiful city of El Paso! All those interested in contributing towards this event can easily do so by contacting Fr. Joseph. Sponsorship is crucial to help defray the costs of this once-in-a-lifetime event.

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

### Theotokos Orthodox Choir Sponsors:

Salah and Nada Al-Hanna & Fam.	Ramsey & Wafaa Esper	Eva Mowad
Virginia Aziz	Ruben & Andrea Espinosa	Yani & Susana Payides
Nada Aziz & Family	Salma Farah & Family	Sudie & Deanna Nasser
Dr. Raed & Sylvana Aldouri	Christopher Ferris	George & Mary Esther Salom
Daniel & Kimberly Crawford	Bryan & Annette Haddad	Jean-Marc & Marisela Salloum
Adib, Helen, & Jennifer Dayoub	Jamie Isaac	Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum
Albert & Jameelie Dayoub	Joseph & Melissa Isaac	Habib & Hessen Salloum
Tony Dayoub	Salma Isaac	Vanessa Salloum
Joby & Joanna Denny	Tony Jarjour & Family	Reem Yacoub
Drs. Rami & Rosa Dieb	Chris & Tiffany Joudi	Phillip & Edwina Youngblood
Christopher & Catherine Esper	Gilbert Malooly Sr. & Family:	

*“in memory of Our Beloved  
Geraldine ‘Haifa’ Malooly”*

**THEOTOKOS ORTHODOX CHOIR** PERFORMING IN THE  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
HOUSTON & EL PASO, TEXAS

**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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Come and join us every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM! Interesting discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are led by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Abouid. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and faith!

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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**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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