
KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

(** Thou Who wast raised up**)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

THE SYNAXARION

On September 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross. We commemorate holy and glorious Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised, along with the Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes of Chalcedon, executioners who believed in Christ through her.

Euphemia was a beautiful virgin in body and in soul. When the Proconsul Priscus held a feast and offered sacrifices to Ares in Chalcedon, 49 Christians avoided this foul sacrificial

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offering and hid themselves. However, they were discovered and brought before Priscus, including Euphemia. When the arrogant Priscus asked them why they defied the imperial decree, they replied that they would defy any command given by him or the emperor contrary to the God of Heaven. For 19 consecutive days, Priscus imposed various tortures on them. On the twentieth day he separated Euphemia from the others and began to flatter her for her beauty, attempting to win her over to idolatry. As his flattery was in vain, he ordered that the virgin be tortured again, yet she was preserved by the power of God. Upon seeing this, two soldiers—Victor and Sosthenes—came to believe in Christ, for which they were thrown to the wild beasts, and thus gloriously ended their earthly lives. Euphemia was finally thrown to the wild beasts and, with a prayer of thanksgiving to God, gave up her spirit in the year 304.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis in Thrace. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

What is more necessary for man than God and His divine love? He is our refuge, He is our treasure, He is our food and drink, He is our raiment and shelter, He is our health and strength, He is our happiness and joy, He is our hope and our trust. Strive then, my son, to gain Him. If you succeed in gaining the One God, it will be sufficient for you; you will rejoice more in Him than if you had gained the entire world. -- St. Theodora

Holy Bread is offered by:

Anonymous



Deanna Nasser for the health of Sudie Nasser and in loving memory of Dale Nasser, Sr.; also, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary and for the health of Dale Nasser and family, Dan and Kathy Nasser and family, Skee Rizk and family, Paul and Laila Ferris and family, PJ and Jackie Ferris,

Virginia Aziz and family, Wilda and Ned Abraham and all our relatives and loved ones.

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.

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DONATIONS

Nada Aziz in memory of Tommy Aziz

Salma Farah, children & grandchildren in memory of our Sister Emily Younis Farah.

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Joe and Lori Halow for the health of Wilda & Ned Abraham

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DOME LIGHTING

Anonymous for the health of my Family on September 11, 2018.

Ladies Society

The ladies Society are collecting the following items: 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. These students barely can afford their tuition, books, rent and other expenses; therefore, food items will be very helpful to them.
2. School supplies since teachers are buying items from their own pockets and we need to help them. We appreciate your help. --- Sylvana Aldouri

Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour on September 16th, 2018 due to the ladies society having their annual Tea Party.

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Ladies Society Tea Party Members



St. George Church Hall

**9/16/2018 from 3—6 PM. Fashion Show
and many Gifts to raffle.**

Come and join us for a day of fun

LUNCHEON HONORING ALTAR BOYS

On **September 23rd, 2018** immediately following Divine Liturgy, there will be a luncheon to honor the Altar Boys sponsored by Blanca Anaipakos.



Teen SOYO Bake Sale!

Fundraiser for OK Basketball Tournament

September 30th, 2018 Directly after Divine Liturgy
in the Hall

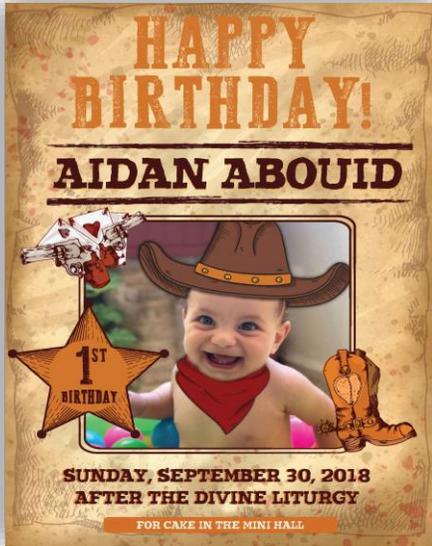
Please come and support St. George teens!
Treat yourself.

To All Parishioners and Organization

If food is brought up to the Sunday School area, especially the conference room, please make sure to clean after using the installations.

Thank you!

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COFFEE HOUR

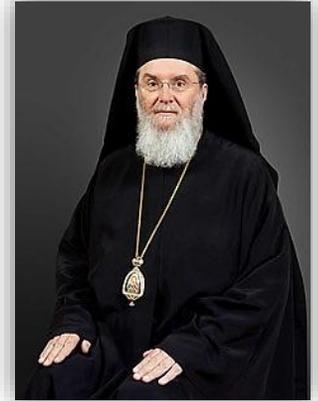
Join us for cake to celebrate Aidan's first birthday immediately following Divine Liturgy on **September 30th 2018**.

Bishop Basil visit

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

JOIN THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS

Q: Some say The Order is all about money. Is this true?



A: Jesus sanctioned financial giving when he honored the poor widow who gave her last two coins. The Order only asks that we give from our surplus.

Q: Why do members of the Order wear a cross and red ribbon?

A: It serves as our witness to Christ and a reminder of Him who accepted the Cross for our salvation. We are on display before the world as examples of the Christian Faith. It is an awesome responsibility we bear. The crimson of the ribbon recalls the blood which the Martyr Ignatius shed for Christ. The Cross and ribbon remind us that sacrificial giving is our obligation as Antiochian Orthodox Christians.

Q: Where does the money go?

A: Within the Archdiocese: Departments such as Missions & Evangelism, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry, and Christian Education. Other intra-Archdiocese contributions: Camping Scholarships, College Conference scholarships, Married Seminarian Assistance, the Antiochian Village, Teen SOYO Special Olympics, Theological and Religious Education, and Clergy Retirement. Contributions outside our Archdiocese: Project Mexico, International Orthodox Christian Charities, The Treehouse Family Ministry, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and other worthy needs throughout the world.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2018 ST GEORGE LADIES SOCIETY THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON.

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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:

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Ramsey & Wafaa Esper
Bryan & Annette Haddad
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George & Mary Esther Salom
Vanessa Salloum
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
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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!

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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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