



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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September 23rd, 2018

CONCEPTION OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN & FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYR RAIDOS OF EGYPT; NEW-MARTYRS NICHOLAS THE GROCER AND JOHN OF BRACHORION;
VENERABLE XANTHIPPA AND POLYXENA OF SPAIN

TONE 8

EOTHINON 6

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M

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

Epistle: Nassim Salloum

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

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 OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

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

Rejoice, O thou barren one who hadst not borne until now; * for lo, in all truth thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light * over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. * Dance, O Zachariah, and cry out with great boldness: * The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.

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 Conception of St. John the Baptist)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE GOSPEL

(For the First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

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THE SYNAXARION

On September 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Conception of the holy, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

On this day the mercy, miracles and wisdom of God are celebrated: His mercy toward the devout and righteous parents of St. John, the aged Zacharias and Elizabeth, who all their lives had wished for and begged a child from God; His miracle, that of John's conception in the aged womb of Elizabeth; and His wisdom, in the dispensation of man's salvation. God had an especially great intention for John: namely, that he be the Prophet and Forerunner of Christ the Lord, the Savior of the world. Through His angels, God announced the births of Isaac to the childless Sarah, Samson to the childless wife of Manoah, and John the Forerunner to the childless Zacharias and Elizabeth. All of these were those for whom He had special intentions, and he foretold their birth through His angels.

On this day, we also commemorate the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyr Raidos of Egypt; New-martyrs Nicholas the Grocer and John of Brachorion; Venerable Xanthippa and Polyxena of Spain. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

"Before their suffering, St. Sophia encouraged her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love, to endure to the end: "Your heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, is eternal health, inexpressible beauty and eternal life. When your bodies are slain by torture, He will clothe you in incorruption and the wounds on your bodies will shine in the heavens as stars."

Holy Bread is offered by:



David & Dalal Young for the health of her family, Adan & Grace Garcia and Laila Salloum & Family. In memory of Suleiman Aboud - 6 months, Karimi Aboud, Houla Dayoub and Jada Dayoub.

Michael Salloum and Family for the health of their family: Aziz Salloum & family; William Salloum & family; Cikar

Salloum & family. **In loving memory of:** Najah Tannous Salloum –her 40-day-memorial–, Jamal Salloum, Hessen Salloum, his parents Mitray Salloum and Julia Farris, and Sadie Nassar.

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

Raed & Sylvana Aldouri for the good health of Ammar Esper's family, and Suha & Antoun Jarjour & family.

Allen & Patricia Borschow in memory of Wadad Dayoub.

Milad & Laurice Farah for the health of Ammar Esper.

Jamie Isaac for the health of John and Hanan Al Joudi, Michelle Elias & family, and Vanessa Salloum & family.

Vanessa Salloum for the health of Ammar Esper.

IN MEMORY OF EMILY FARAH YOUNIS

Sami & Antoinette Esper

Roger & Nouhad Schami

ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Phillip & Edwina Youngblood

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON DONATION

Jackie, Lauren & Laila Ferris Skee Rizk Mary Esther Salom

Thank you from Nada Aziz

"I'd like to thank all of our friends and Saint George family for sharing with us our grief during this rough sad time. I also would like to thank everyone who showed their sympathy and support by sending us cards, food, flowers, plants, and donations for the church in the memory of my beloved son, Tommy. I ask the Lord to give you all good health and a long life"

Thank you from Milad Farah and Frank Younis

Thanks to all our family, friends and St. George parishioners who supported us during this difficult time by sending us cards, flowers, plants and donations to the church in memory of my beloved sister and mother Emily. May the Lord grant you many years with good health.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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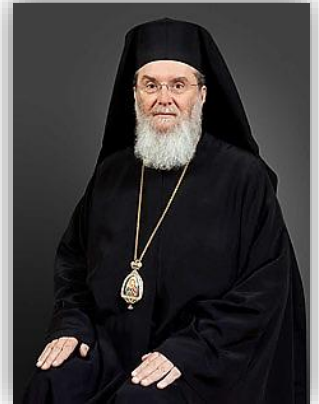
Ladies Society

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, we would like to help them. We appreciate your help. --- Sylvana Aldouri

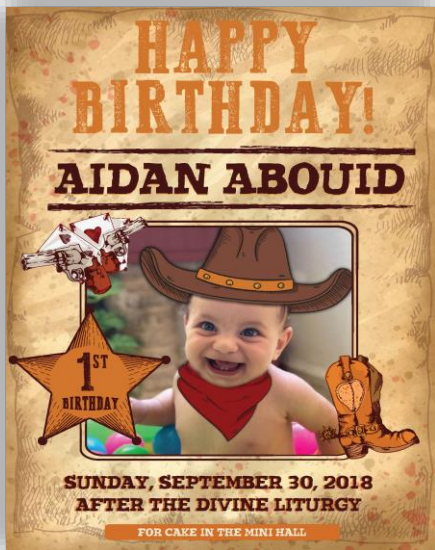
Bishop Basil visit

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



COFFEE HOUR

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



JOIN THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS

Q: Why should I join?

A: Membership in The Order is a doorway to increasingly renewed personal faith. Through this spiritual ministry of giving, many others receive much needed help, resulting in great Thanksgiving to God.

Q: What is the annual financial commitment?

A: Membership in The Order is roughly the equivalent of buying a cup of coffee every day. There are three levels:

Dame & Knight @ \$500.00 per year or \$41.67 monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account (EFT). Dame & Knight Commander @ \$1,000 per year or \$83.34 monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank Account (EFT). Life Member @ \$15,000 one time contribution or \$5,000 annually for three consecutive years or \$416.67 for 36 months.

Q: How much does The Order give annually?

A: The budget for the year ending January 31, 2010 is \$1,400,000.

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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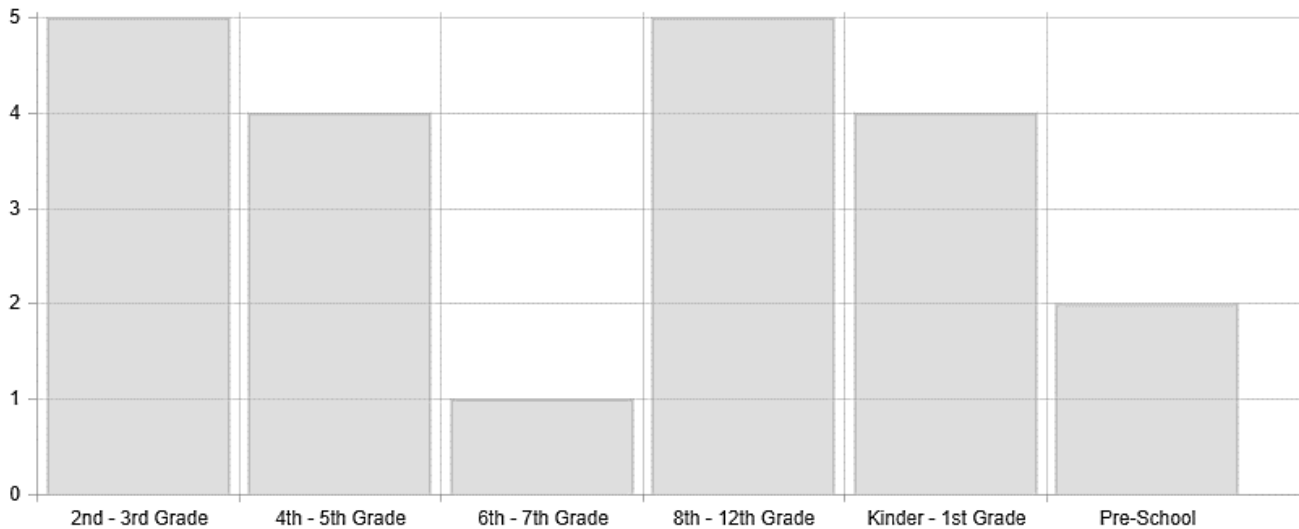
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People Attended This Event

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.



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Nicolas Mijares Jace Gerena	Majd Al Dayoub Amaya Salloum Larissa Alyoussef Giselle Gerena	Elias Al Dayoub Nigel Rangel Binyam Eyasu Elias Al Dayoub Danica Salloum	Ryan Salloum Kendall Olivas Christiana Crawford Brooke Wik	Nahum Eyasu	James Shaheen Andrew Crawford Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Sami Odeh

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

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.

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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:

Virginia Aziz
Adib, Helen, & Jennifer Dayoub
Albert & Jameelie Dayoub
Drs. Rami & Rosa Dieb
Ramsey & Wafaa Esper
Bryan & Annette Haddad
Joseph & Melissa Isaac
Salma Isaac
Chris & Tiffany Joudi
Sudie & Deanna Nasser

George & Mary Esther Salom
Habib & Hessen Salloum
Vanessa Salloum
Phillip & Edwina Youngblood



Thinking about sponsoring??? Don't hesitate!



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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Thank You!

On behalf of the Ladies' Society, we would like to thank all of those who supported and attended this past Sunday's event. Special thanks to all the ladies who gave items, gift cards and money to support our event, especially the following people (in random order):

Dr. Maha Salloum	Mary Esther Salom	Blanca Anaipakos
Virginia Aziz	Jackie Ferris	Hend Odeh Salma Isaac
Blanca Gottfried	Nada Al-Hanna	Suha Jarjour
Dora Vasilakis	Rose Beard	Antwanette Shaghoury
Jamie Isaac	Sylvana Aldouri	Kimberly Crawford

Also, we want to thank **Banana Republic** for helping us with the young men and women fashion show. Thanks to the ladies who voluntarily participated in the fashion show. Thanks to all the ladies who brought food for this event. Finally, thanks to the Teen Soyo for participation in the fashion show.

Sylvana Aldouri



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“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group

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 Aboud. 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 Aboud at:

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Email: pastor@stgeorge-elpaso.org

Or

Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

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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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