

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 30, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, ENLIGHTENER OF GREATER ARMENIA Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael the Wonderworker, first metropolitan of Kiev; Venerable Gregory of the Pelshma River

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<u>Saturday Service</u>: Vespers 5:00 P.M <u>Sunday Service</u>: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, Followed by the Divine Liturgy Epistle: Kh. Carol Abouid Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. ST. GREGORY OF ARMENIA IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

THE SYNAXARION

On September 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the holy Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop and enlightener of Greater Armenia.

Gregory was born of prominent families of Persia and Armenia. He eventually withdrew to Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he first learned of the Christian Faith, was baptized and married. He had two sons of this marriage, Bardanes and Aristakes, and dedicated them both to the service of the Church. (Aristakes was one of the 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council.) After the death of his wife, Gregory returned to Armenia and placed himself in the service of King Tiridates. But when the king learned that Gregory was a Christian, Tiridates threw him into a deep pit full of poisonous reptiles to kill him. However, the All-seeing God preserved Gregory's life in that pit for 14 full years. Tiridates went insane and was like a wild boar. His sister had a dream in which a man, dazzlingly bright, told her that Tiridates would only become well when Gregory was removed from the pit. Taken from the pit, Gregory healed and baptized Tiridates. Then, at the wish of Tiridates, Gregory became Bishop of Armenia. Gregory ended his earthly life of great labor in old age, in about the year 335.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael the wonderworker, first metropolitan of Kiev; and Venerable Gregory of the Pelshma River. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

Just as the bee is attracted by the fragrance of the flower, people will be attracted to a church community by its spiritual beauty and fresh growth. Allow God to prosper your community by His grace, be open to the inquirer and minister to the suffering. In loving others, you allow God to love you all the more.—His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

Holy Bread is offered by:



Fr. Joseph & Kh. Carol in occasion of Aidan's 1st Birthday.

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

Virginia Aziz for the health of Wilda Abraham and Sudie Nasser.

Bryan & Annette Haddad for the good health of Ammar Esper.

Gerardo & Zayna Heredia for the health of Jamie Isaac and family.

Ibrahim & Layla Salloum & Family for the health of Ammar Esper.

Virginia Aziz in memory of Tommy Aziz, Dalal's Aunt Karime, Mey Dayoub, Suleiman Aboud and Wadad Dayoub.

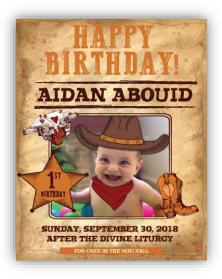
Sammy & Kimberly Michael in memory of Tommy Aziz.

Ibrahim & Layla Salloum & Family in memory of Najah Tannous Salloum & Jamal Salloum.

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

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COFFEE HOUR

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

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.

<u>Thank You</u>

We would like to thank Ms. Blanca Anaipakos for her continuous love &

support. May God grant her many years! Love—The Altar Boys

Bishop Basil visit

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

Banquet with Bishop Basil & Theotokos Byzantine Choir

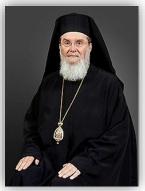
October 13, 2018

6:30 PM with dinner @ 7:00 PM

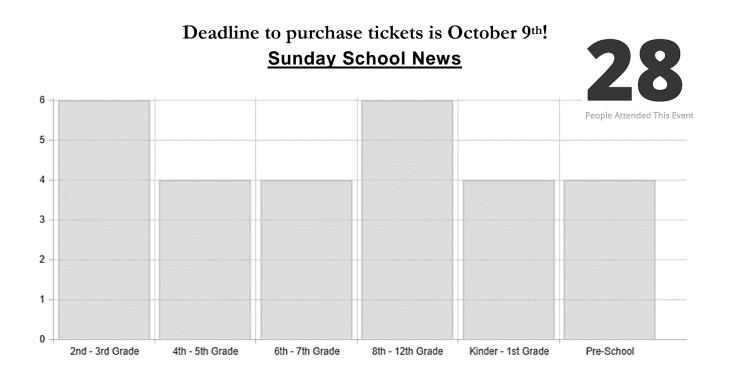
\$30 for adult; \$15 for children 10 and under

Buy your tickets now. No tickets are sold at the door.





"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Caleb Crawford	Larissa Alyoussef	Atticus Denny	Christiana Crawford	Nahum Eyasu	Andrew Crawford
Jace Gerena	Giselle Gerena	Binyam Eyasu	Juda Denny	Rediet Eyasu	Anthony Jarjour
Ella Gorham	Tiya Henok	Ruth Henok	Kendall Olivas	Naomi Henok	Joseph Odeh
Kingston Joudi	Anastasia Salinas	Abram Isaac	Brooke Wik	Emma Isaac	Sami Odeh
		Nia Isaac			Boris Salinas
		Nigel Rangel			James Shaheen

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

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-alifetime event.

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

Theotokos Orthodox Choir Sponsors:

Virginia Aziz
Nada Aziz & Family
Raed & Sylvana Aldouri
Daniel & Kimberly Crawford
Adib, Helen, & Jennifer Dayoub
Albert & Jameelie Dayoub
Joby & Joanna Denny
Drs. Rami & Rosa Dieb

Christopher & Catherine Esper Chris & Tiffany Joudi Ramsey & Wafaa Esper Ruben & Andrea Espinosa Salma Farrah & Family Bryan & Annette Haddad Joseph & Melissa Isaac Salma Isaac Tony Jarjour & Family

Gilbert Malooly Sr. & Family: "in memory of Our Beloved Geraldine 'Haifa' Malooly' Vanessa Salloum Phillip & Edwina Youngblood Sudie & Deanna Nasser George & Mary Esther Salom Habib & Hessen Salloum



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JOIN THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS

The order of St. Ignatius of Antioch supports the following programs for *children*:

- Antiochian Village Camp
 St. Nicholas Camp Scholarships
- Antiochian Camp Scholarships

• Project Mexico

- College Conference
- Pan-Orthodox Youth Conference
- Department of Christian Education Soyo Special Olympics
- Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage

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.

<u>Thank You!</u>

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 Virginia Aziz Blanca Anaipakos Jackie Ferris Salma Isaac Hend Odeh 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



THERE WILL BE NO CLASS THIS COMING SATURDAY!!! WE WILL CONTINUE NEXT SATURDAY 6TH OF OCTOBER AS USUAL!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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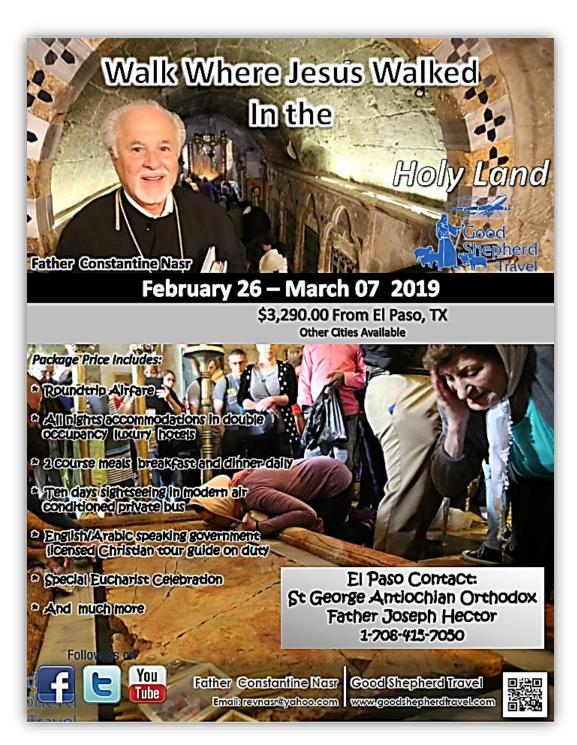
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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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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