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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.

## **KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

### **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

*To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

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## THE SYNAXARION

On September 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos, and we celebrate the Synaxis of the righteous Joachim and Anna. Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest of the tribe of Levi; her family came from Bethlehem. The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this; but they fervently prayed to God for a child, humbly trusting in Him. One day, after great humiliation, each prayed separately to God to grant them a child; He answered their prayers. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that she would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband. Couples trying to have children invoke this holy couple for intercession.

On this day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Severian of Sebastia; and the Holy Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### *Thought of the Day*

In the Church, when we say we are a community, we do not understand this is merely political or human terms. But rather that we are a spiritual family of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
– His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

### Holy Bread is offered by:



**Rodolfo Salinas and Daria Baklenova** for the health of Luka (Rodolfo), Daria, Boris, Anastasia, Aleksey, and Elizaveta, and in memory of Marina, Vera, Maria, Akulina, and Nikolai.

**Nada Aziz:** in occasion of the 40-day Memorial of Tommy Aziz.

***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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## Upcoming Divine Services:

Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>):

- Orthros: 9:15 a.m.
- Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>):

- Orthros: 5:15 p.m.
- Divine Liturgy: 6:30 p.m. (followed by the procession with the Holy Cross)

## DONATIONS

**Salma Isaac** for the good health of Jamie Isaac & family, Vanessa Salloum & family and Ned & Wilda Abraham & family.

**Jean-Marc Salloum** to Congratulate Chris & Tiffany Joudi on the Blessed Baptism of Knight. May God grant him many healthy years to come.

**Jean-Marc Salloum** to Congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Esper. May God Grant you a Blessed Marriage.

**Liza Dayoub** in memory of Mey Dayoub.

**Tony Dayoub** in memory of Mey Dayoub.

**Georgette Abraham** in memory of Adib Dayoub's sister Wadad.

**Bryan & Annette Haddad** in memory of Adib Dayoub's sister Wadad.

**David & Dalal Young** in memory of Wadad Dayoub.

## IN MEMORY OF EMILY FARAH YOUNIS

Raed & Sylvana Aldouri

Tony Dayoub

Ayda & Ghassan Farah

Mr. & Mrs. Khoury Francis

Jamie Isaac

Mr. & Mrs. Ramsey Esper

Farjallah & Suzanne Younis

## ARCHDIOCESE DUES

**Raed, Sylvana & Sarah Aldouri**

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## Thanksgiving Luncheon Contributions

Mary Esther Salom

### MEMORY ETERNAL

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of El Paso would like to extend her deepest and sincerest condolences to **Milad Farah & Family** as well as the entire Farah family on the loss of his beloved sister the Departed Handmaid of God †**Emily Farah Younis**, who fell asleep in Mescalero, NM last week. Condolences are also extended to her son Frank Younis and his family, as well as her sister Fadua Mowad and her family.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of El Paso would like to extend her deepest and sincerest condolences to **Adib Dayoub & Family** on the loss of his beloved sister the Departed Handmaid of God †**Wadad Dayoub**, who fell asleep in the Lord in Syria last week. May God grant rest to her soul.

### **Meals for COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Anyone interested in helping UTEP and Community college students who are in need, can donate microwavable food items that we can take to UTEP and community college to help students in need. A box will be available in the mini hall starting this Sunday September 9 through October 9, 2018. Sylvana Aldouri

### LUNCHEON

September 9, 2018 after Divine Liturgy.

Menu: Kibbe, steamed vegetables and humus, gyro and dessert.

Tickets are \$10 per person. \$8 for Children 8 and under.

Proceeds will offset the festival expenses.

Thank you for supporting our church.

### LUNCHEON HONORING ALTAR BOYS

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 immediately following Divine Liturgy, a luncheon to honor the Altar Boys sponsored by Blanca Anaipakos.

### Ladies Society Tea Party Members

The Ladies Society will have their annual membership party Sunday September 16, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the mini Hall. No coffee hour that day.

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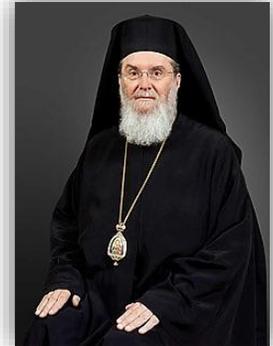
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## **SAVE THE DATE**

NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 ST GEORGE LADIES SOCIETY THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON.

### **Bishop Basil visit**

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



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

**Q: Why was it created?**

A: To establish an organization of Antiochian laity who would function at the highest level of ministry for Christ and the Church. It is a spiritual movement manifested through financial giving.

**Q: Why is St. Ignatius our patron saint?**

A: St. Ignatius was one of the first Bishops of the See of Antioch, the spiritual source of our Archdiocese. He was a witness for Christ by his life and deeds and serves as a model for all members of The Order.

**Q: Who can be a member?**

A: All who share a common love for Christ and his Church and are willing to work so that the Antiochian Archdiocese can continue its ministry. Each member must receive the blessing of his parish priest and be sponsored by a member of The Order. A spiritual commitment is a pre-requisite for membership in The Order.

**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.**



### **Teen SOYO Bake Sale!**

Fundraiser for OK Basketball Tournament

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Directly after Divine Liturgy in the Hall

Please come and support St. George teens!

Treat yourself.

### **🍦🍦 Teen Soyo Ice Cream Social 9/9/18 🍦🍦**

Calling ALL St. George 7-12 graders...We need you! Come join us to kick off the year with an Ice Cream Social immediately following Liturgy in the Teen Room. We'll enjoy a sweet treat and plan the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alexie or PJ.

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**"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)**

This is a reminder that our Sunday School program kicks-off this coming Sunday, 9th of September with opening prayer at 9:20 A.M. If you still haven't registered your child, please fill out the following form so that he/she be registered to our Sunday School Program. For more information about our Sunday School, please feel free to email our Sunday School Superintendent **Laila Ferris** at [sundayschool@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:sundayschool@stgeorge-elpaso.org).



### **"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 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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

**ORTHOS & DIVINE LITURGY**  
ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH - 8:45 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

**BYZANTINE MUSIC CONCERT**  
ST. JOSEPH ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH - 7 PM

**EL PASO**

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

**ORTHOS & DIVINE LITURGY** PRESIDED BY HIS GRACE  
BISHOP BASIL  
ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH - 9:15 AM



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