



# 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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January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**  
MARTYRS HERMYLOS AND STRATONIKOS OF BELGRADE; MARTYRS PACHOMIOS AND  
PAPYRINOS OF GREECE; VENERABLE MAXIMOS KAFSOKALYVITIS OF ATHOS;  
VENERABLE ELEAZAR OF ANZERSK ISLAND; HILARION, BISHOP OF POITIERS

**TONE 8**

**EOTHINON 11**

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

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

**Epistle: Sunny Edgren**

- *DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE WE SING:*

### **APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY TONE ONE**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

- *AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE WE SING:*

### **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.

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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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

On this day Thou hast appeared \* unto the whole world, \* and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, \* is signed on us who sing Thy praise \* and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, \* Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Sunday after the Theophany of Christ)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Sunday after the Theophany of Christ)

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

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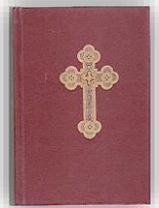
## THE SYNAXARION

On January 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyrs Hermyllos and Stratonikos of Belgrade.

The Emperor Licinius started a persecution against Christians, and so Hermyllos was captured and led to court. When Hermyllos was informed that he was being led away to be tortured, he greatly rejoiced. The emperor threatened him in vain. Hermyllos responded, "The Lord is with me; I fear not. What can man do against me?" (Psalm 118:6). Following excruciating tortures, Hermyllos was thrown into the dungeon. The guard Stratonikos, secretly a Christian, sympathized with the suffering of Hermyllos. When it was reported to the emperor that Stratonikos was also a Christian, the emperor ordered that both of them be drowned in the Danube River. Three days later, their bodies washed ashore. Christians discovered their bodies and buried them about eighteen miles from Belgrade. These martyrs suffered for Christ and were glorified in 315.

On this day we also commemorate the Martyrs Pachomios and Papyrinos of Greece; Venerable Maximos Kafsokalyvitis of Athos; Venerable Eleazar of Anzersk Island; and Hilarion, bishop of Poitiers. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**After the Gospel Reading, please turn to page 104 in the Red Service Book to follow along with the rest of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.**



### Holy Bread is offered by:

**Anonymous** for the health of her family and loved ones.

***Deadline for Holy Bread offering and any bulletin announcement should be in the church office or emailed to [office@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:office@stgeorge-elpaso.org) by Friday of every week in order to have it placed in the following week bulletin.***

### Donations

**Salma Isaac:** For the health of Jamie Isaac, happy birthday Joseph Isaac, Allen Borschow and Geoffrey Borschow with good health.

**Georgette Abraham:** in loving memory of Mitchell Abraham

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**Robin Dian & Family and Lynn Macris Family sister of Gayle Samore:** In memory of Skee Rizk.

**James, Odette & James Shaheen:** For the good health of Mr. Abdo & Mrs. Martha Esper. Thanks God for another year.

**Drs. Hassan and Maha Salloum:** For the good health of Jamie Isaac

**Dr. Raed & Sylvana Aldouri:** For the good health of Jamie Isaac

**Archdiocese Dues**

Paul, Laila, Christopher & Lauren Ferris

**St. George General Assembly Nominations Notice:**



If you, or someone you know, are interested in running for Council Membership and are willing to make the commitment required to fulfill this important obligation, please contact Fr. Joseph-Hector Aboud or any of the members of this year's **Nomination**

**Committee** to provide your nomination: Dr. Raed Aldouri, Tony Dayoub, Dr. Hassan Salloum, Salah Al-Hanna, Geoffrey Borschow. You can also send your nomination (confidentially) by emailing the office at:

[office@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:office@stgeorge-elpaso.org)

**In order to be nominated and/or elected for the St. George Parish Council, per Constitution and By-Laws:**

" ... A candidate must be Twenty-One (21) years of age or over, have been a voting member of St. George Church for a period of one (1) year, and have fulfilled the Canonical Requirements of the Orthodox Faith. A candidate to St. George Parish Council must be in good standing spiritually, and have fulfilled his/her financial requirements as prescribed by the Parish Council."

**Blessing of the Homes**

Fr. Joseph will be scheduling visits according to areas (zones) and will therefore be calling each and every one of you. If you need to schedule on a specific date and time, please don't hesitate in calling Fr. Joseph to make those proper arrangements that best suit your needs! You can contact Fr. Joseph at: (708)415-7050



*May this Holy Water be a source of blessing to you and your loved ones!*

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## Member Pledge Form for the Coming Year January 2019 – December 2019

(This form **MUST** be returned to the Church Office by December 30.)

*“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits  
of all your produce: then your barns will be filled with plenty  
and your vats will be bursting with wine.” Proverbs 3: 9-10*

*“Freely you have received, freely give.” Matthew 10: 8*

Name(s) of person or couple (household) completing this form (one form per married couple or single individual age 18 and over):

### *Financial Offerings*

After prayerful consideration of God’s teachings and the blessings He has bestowed upon our household, our/my pledge to St. George Church for the coming year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*

I/We prefer to pay our pledge (check one):

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- One annual payment

I/We would prefer to have envelopes in order to pay this offering in cash and/or checks.

\*A minimum contribution amount of **\$250.00 per person** has been established from previous years by the General Assembly of Voting Membership (Pledge Members) for budgeting purposes to help cover the expenditures of the parish for each new fiscal year. These figures would translate to a contribution of **\$5 a Sunday** per person each week. By meeting (or exceeding) your minimum amount of contribution, you automatically become eligible to be nominated for the Parish Council, and to vote at the General Assembly of Voting Membership. **The pledge is a spiritual contract. There is no maximum, thus allowing you to demonstrate your commitment to the Church and Her life.**

**Please Note:** This amount will be handled with **EXTREME CONFIDENTIALITY!** No one, except the **priest** and the **treasurer** will have access to this sensitive piece of information. Also, they are **not allowed** to disclose the amount of your pledge to anyone, only the status of the pledge (fulfilled/unfulfilled) to the **Nominations Committee**. Failure to fulfill your pledge by the end of the year will automatically render your pledge to an **“unfulfilled”** status and thus, you cannot vote during the General Meeting nor are you eligible to be nominated for Parish Council duties.

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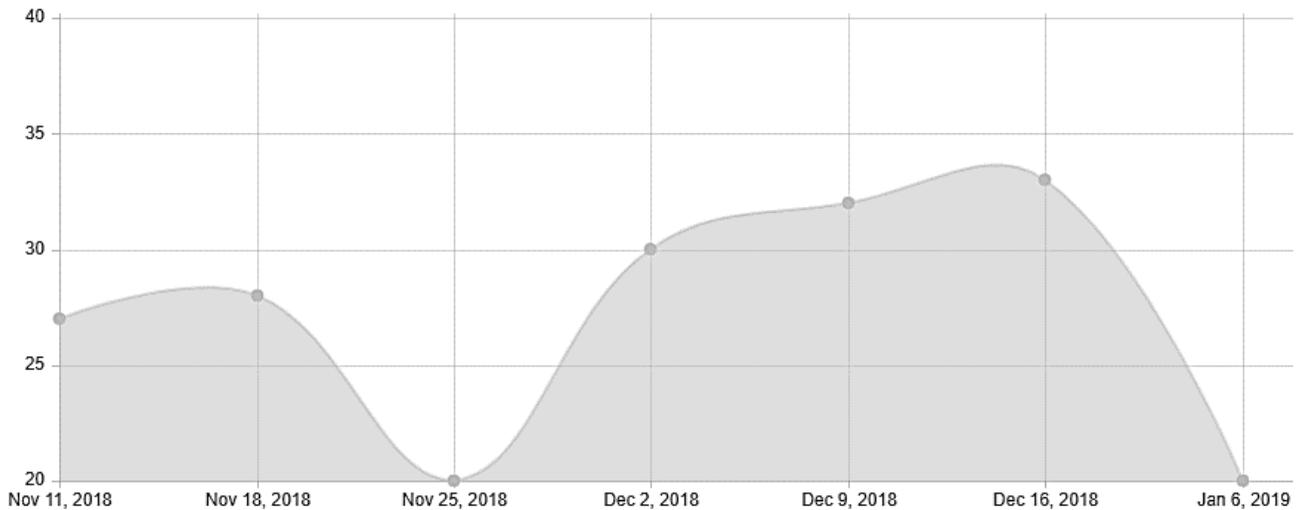
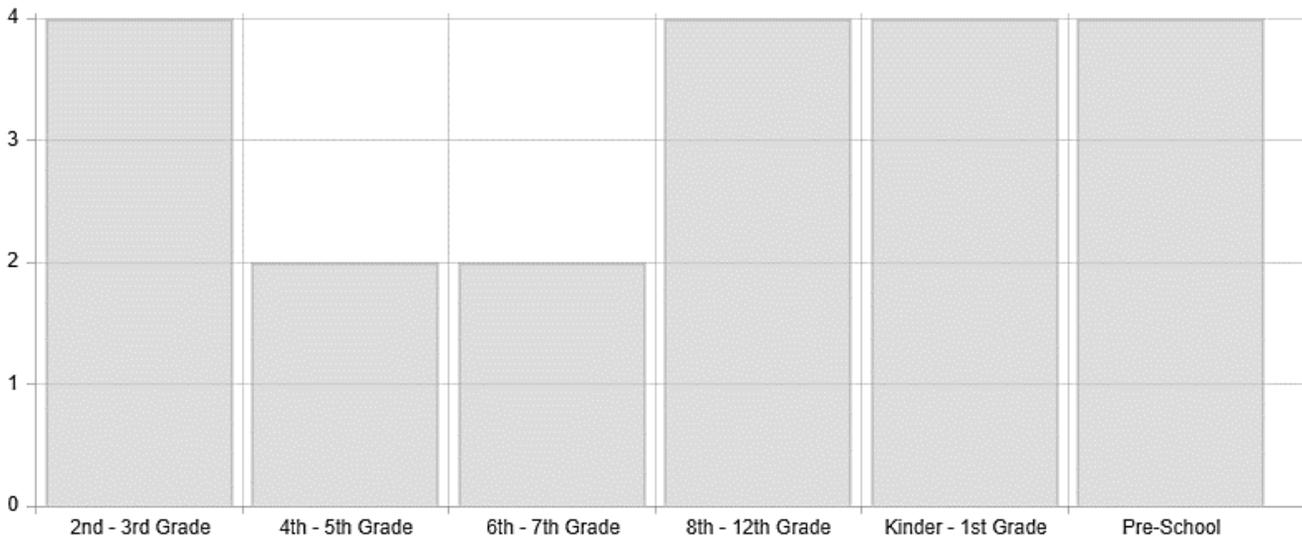
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People Attended This Event

## 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 <sup>st</sup>	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Caleb Crawford J.B Del Corral John Edgren Kingston Joudi	Majd Al Dayoub Larissa Alyoussef Phoebe Del Corral Tiya Henok	Elias Al Dayoub Stephanie Del Corral Ruth Henok Nia Isaac	Christiana Crawford Kendall Olivas	Julia Encarnacion Naomi Henok	Andrew Crawford Joseph Odeh Sami Odeh James Shaheen



We would like to thank all the parents who brought their children this past Sunday to Sunday School!

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## **“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group**

**Come and join us every Saturday from 3:00 – 4:30 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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**Email:** pastor@stgeorge-el Paso.org

**Or**

Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

**Cell Phone:** (915)309-1511 **Email:** monkeylp56@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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