



# SAINT GEORGE

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
EL PASO - TEXAS

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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"And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch". Acts 11:26

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January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST  
DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

## TONE 1

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

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

**Epistle:** Bryan Haddad

## 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.

- ***WE DO NOT SING THE APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE***

## KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

*(\*\*The original melody\*\*)*

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 ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (*Sung in place of "Holy God"*)

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ Alleluia. (THRICE)  
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*  
Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

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## **THE EPISTLE**

*Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.*

### **The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus (2:11-15; 3:4-7)**

My son Titus, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world; awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

## **THE GOSPEL**

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

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by Thee, and Thou dost come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On January 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Holy Theophany, or Epiphany, of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. When our Lord reached thirty years from His physical birth, He began His teaching and saving work. He Himself signified this "beginning of the beginning" by His baptism in the River Jordan. St. Cyril of Jerusalem says, "The beginning of the world: water; the beginning of the Good News: Jordan." At the time of the baptism of the Lord in water, the Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water. John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world." When John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation were shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the

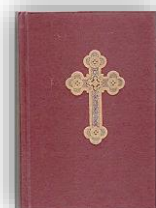
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sins of mankind and died under them (immersion) and became alive again (the coming out of the water); and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation. The Feast of the Epiphany (Theophany in Greek) is also called the Feast of Illumination. For us, the event in the River Jordan illuminates, by manifesting to us God as Trinity, consubstantial and undivided. Also, every one of us through baptism in water is illumined by this, that we become adopted by the Father of Lights through the merits of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Unto Christ be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

**After the Gospel Reading, please turn to page 132 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:**

**Bryan and Annette Haddad** in loving memory of Mitchell Abraham and for the health of all his family.

**Raed & Sylvana Aldouri** for our health and the health of Mityas, Meena and Sarah Aldouri. The health of Aldouri and Mary families.

**Jamie Isaac** For health of Joseph Isaac & Family. Happy birthday Jan 9th.

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

### **Donations**

**James & Odette Shaheen:** For the health of Odette & James, Alexander Shaheen for their safe return back to El Paso.

### **Archdiocese Dues**

Denise Acuna

### **Sunday School News**

Sunday School Resumes this Sunday, January 6, 2019. We look forward to seeing all of you!

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## **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 Abouid 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-el Paso.org](mailto:office@stgeorge-el Paso.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 everyone 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:



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

Please note classes will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. Happy Holidays!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
January 4, 2019	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Royal Hours/Typika ( <b><u>NO LITURGY</u></b> )
January 5, 2019	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	Daily Orthros Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom ( <b><u>Paramon</u></b> ) Great Vespers
January 6, 2019	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>After Communion</b>	Festal Orthros (Theophany) Divine Liturgy Great Blessing of the Waters

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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**Email:** pastor@stgeorge-elpaso.org

**Or**

Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

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