



# 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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Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

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**“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Second Sunday of Luke**

**Hieromartyr Cyprian the confessor**

Virgin-martyr Justina; Theophilus the Confessor; New-martyr George at Karatzasou;  
Andrew of Constantinople, fool-for-Christ

**Tone 7 / Eothinon 5**

**Saturday Vespers Service: 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, followed immediately by Divine Liturgy (10:30 AM)**

**Sunday Epistle Reader: Allen Borschow**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN**

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ST. CYPRIAN THE CONFESSOR IN TONE FOUR**

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

### **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.

### **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

*“And they were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26)*

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord will give strength to His people.*

*Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord glory and honor.*

#### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)**

Brethren, since we are fellow workers, we entreat you also not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, and in a day of salvation I helped thee"; behold, now is "the acceptable season"; behold, now is "the day of salvation"; giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministry is not blamed, but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in vigils, in fasts, in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### **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 October 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and Justina the Virgin.

#### ***Verses***

*Satan is in anguish, seeing his former friend's longing*

*To die swiftly by the sword with the virgin Justina.*

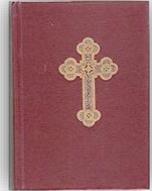
*On the second, Cyprian was beheaded with Justina.*

Cyprian moved from Carthage to Antioch, where Justina lived with her idolatrous parents, Edesius and Cleodonia. Justina came to know the true Faith, brought both her father and mother to Christ the Lord and all three were baptized by the bishop, Optatus. Cyprian was a magician, and had links with unclean spirits and powers of divination. A dissolute youth Aglaidas, a pagan, tried to lead Justina astray, and, when the holy maiden firmly rejected him, sought Cyprian's help. Cyprian invoked evil spirits, one after the other, on Justina, but they were totally unsuccessful. Justina, with the sign of the Cross and prayer to God, drove out the evil spirits. Then Cyprian came to know the power of the Cross, and was himself baptized, in time

becoming priest and bishop. The pagans seized both him and Justina, and they were sent for trial to Damascus, and then tortured and beheaded in Nicomedia at the end of the third century.

On this day, we also commemorate Theophilus the Confessor; New-martyr George at Karatzasou; and Andrew of Constantinople, fool-for-Christ. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**Please note for Orthros, please turn to page 44 in the Red Service Book, and to page 91 to follow along with the Divine Liturgy.**



**HOLY BREAD ON SUNDAY IS OFFERED BY:**



Christopher Ferris and family for the health, safety, and many years of all.

**DONATIONS**

Laura Farah: In celebration Milad and Laurice Farah's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May God grant them many years.

Hassan and Maha Salloum: For the health of Mahassen Salloum and George Al-Hanna.



Please join us after church in the small conference room in the Summit Hall.

The Parish Council has made available a sign-up board for anyone interested in hosting a Sunday Coffee Hour. The sign-up board is located in the small conference room in the Summit Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact any Parish Council member.

**YOUTH AND SEMINARY MONTH**

Please find attached to this email the letter from the Antiochian Archdiocese concerning the "Youth and Seminary Month".

## **HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

Our Parishes and Communities are facing many challenges and food insecurities should not be one of them. The Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach is sponsoring their annual food drive from October through December 2022 to raise funds to help our neighbors in need, feed the hungry, and help the homeless and offer aid to the afflicted.

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please write a check to St. George, ear marked “Food For Hungry People and Charitable Outreach” On January 31, 2023, St. George will forward one check to the organization. Our donation will then appear in the final report published in “The Word”.

If anyone in the parish wishes to coordinate a Canned Food Drive to benefit local centers, please see Rev. Dcn. Michael for details provided by The Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach and subsequently inform them of all our charitable activities in the community by January 31, 2023.

Thank you for your continued love and support to the needy in our community.

## **ST. GEORGE MEN’S SOCIETY**

The St. George Men’s Society attended evening Vespers on Saturday, September 24, and then met for Kick-Off in the Summit Mini-Hall. The kick-off was well attended, good fellowship, and attendees shared their visions for the new organization. **Refer to the EMAIL ATTACHMENT** for a copy of the St. George Men’s Society Mission Statement (Draft).

**The St. George Men’s Society will meet on Sunday, October 2, immediately after church in the Summit Hall. They will discuss establishing bylaws and election of officers.**

To all our St. George men 18 years and older, you are graciously invited and encouraged to join the St. George Men’s Society.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following organizers:

Allen Borschow	915-203-7315
Dr. Daniel Crawford	303-525-2900
Geoffrey Borschow	915-373-5102
Bryan Haddad	915-478-2570



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Every Sunday students should be present at 9:25 AM to be with Fr. Fadi for the opening prayers.

### **STUDENT ATTENDANCE ROSTER FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – 17 students**

<b>Pre-School (ages 3 and 4 years old)</b>	<b>Doris Shaheen</b> Zayla Aldouri, & Ezme Farris
<b>Grades Kinder/1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Jehan Al-Hanna</b> Georgia Comerci, & Christina Sarah
<b>Grades 2/3</b>	<b>Geoffrey Borschow</b> Andi Comerci, Dani Comerci, & Caleb Crawford

Grades 4/5

**Patricia Borschow**

Melaina Horton

Grades 6/7

**Allen Borschow**

Annabelle Horton, Sofia Meza, Nigel Rangel, & Brook Wik

Grades 8-12

**Jameelie Dayoub**

Andrew Crawford, Christiana Crawford, Sami Odeh,

Andrea Meza, & Anthony Meza

**Sunday School Director**

**Laila Ferris**

**Special Projects**

**Jaclyn Ferris**

**Staff Assistant**

**James Shaheen, Sr.**

### **ST. GEORGE STEWARDSHIP PROJECT CONTINUES**

We have arrived at **Week #38** of the Stewardship Project at St. George Church. For the next 15 weeks, the Stewardship Project will reach out to you and your families bringing you special inserts in the weekly Church Bulletin. Refer to the **EMAIL ATTACHMENT**.

### **TECHNICAL HELP NEED TO TRANSFORM OUR CHURCH WEBSITE**

Fr. Fadi and the Parish Council want to transform the church website for better outreach. However, we need the help from someone(s) with the technical abilities for this purpose. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Fr. Fadi Rabbat at (973) 780-0221.



### **ST GEORGE ICON PROJECT**

Icons are representations of the Heavenly. They are expressions of Orthodox faith, teaching, and worship. The Orthodox Church uses icons to assist in worship. Icons are a 'window to heaven' and they help us to focus on the divine things.

Fr. Fadi is overseeing the Icon Project to have icons written on the interior walls that are bare in the church. This project is to continue beautifying the Church for the glory of God. **If you wish to make a monetary donation towards the Icon Project in memory of a loved one(s) and/or your family, please contact Fr. Fadi at (973) 780-0221.** Please address your check to St. George Church, earmarked Icon Project Donation.

A warm thank you to all who have donated towards the Icon Project. May God grant you many years of good health.

### **COVID-19 ALERT**

**Due to the surge of COVID-19 in El Paso and its affect among our parishioners, we encourage those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and not yet received a negative test result, AND those who have symptoms as listed by the CDC, AND those who have been in contact with anyone who has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 TO STAY HOME. We too encourage the wearing of masks when**

attending church services. Thank you for your love and understanding towards your fellow parishioners.

### ONLINE LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR THIS WEEKEND

Please use these links to follow along during the liturgical services.

SATURDAY VESPERS:                    [Great Vespers \(windows.net\)](#)

SUNDAY ORTHROS:                    [Sunday Orthros \(windows.net\)](#)

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY:        [Divine Liturgy Variables \(windows.net\)](#)

MAIN LITURGICAL RESOURCE PAGE: <https://www.antiochian.org/liturgicday/2967>

### CHURCH ETIQUETTE – MOST HELPFUL!

The attached web site is guide for how to show proper respect and reference in church. This guide is also meant for personal reflection, not as a means of judging others. Keep in mind that there are different traditions even among the Orthodox faithful. We come to church to pray and worship God above all else, and that should be our only focus.

<https://antiochianprodsa.blob.core.windows.net/websiteattachments/ChurchEtiquetteBooklet.pdf>

### CHURCH ETIQUETTE FOR CHILDREN

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

It is possible for young children to remain in church throughout a service if they are taught to be quiet and respectful. If your child cries or makes excessive noise, consider removing them until they calm down. We have a cry room for those who are too small to be quiet throughout the whole Liturgy, where you can still participate in and watch the service. Please be respectful to those around you if your child becomes fussy or out of control and remove him from the nave of the church quickly.

Try not to bring snacks for children older than 18 months. If a very young child needs a snack, please clear away any leftover pieces. However, the child should not have anything in his/her mouth when they come to Holy Communion. It is not acceptable at any time to chew gum in church.

It is never appropriate to allow a child to run down the aisles, play loudly, or carry toys that make noise. Eventually, children will be able to spend longer times in the Liturgy. That is where they should be but remember the reason for coming to church is to pray and worship.

Plan to have your children use the restroom and get a drink before church begins, and don't allow them to come and go continually. Teach them that they are visiting God's very special house, and they will need to have very special manners there.

### CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the weekly Church Bulletin should be emailed by Monday to Rev. Dcn. Michael at [deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org) ,with a copy emailed to Fr. Fadi for his approval at [fadi.rabbat@icloud.com](mailto:fadi.rabbat@icloud.com) . The Church Bulletin is usually sent out by Wednesday.

## CHURCH BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION

Just a friendly reminder that if you have an email address on file in the church's Breeze System, we will email the Church Bulletin to the email address provided. We will not mail you the Church Bulletin to save on postage and copying cost. I will continue to mail the Church Bulletin to those who have contacted me. Thank you for your cooperation.

## HOLY BREAD OFFERING

If you plan to offer Holy Bread on Sunday for your health and your loved ones, please indicate your offering on the sign-up board located in the Narthex of the church or email Rev. Dcn. Michael by the prior Monday at [deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org) to have it placed in the week's Church Bulletin. Rev. Dcn. Michael will contact you to make the necessary arrangements for the Holy Bread.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES ON SUNDAYS

If you plan to offer the Holy Bread for a Memorial Service of a departed loved one, please email Rev. Dcn. Michael by the prior Monday at [deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org) to have it placed in the week's Church Bulletin. Rev. Dcn. Michael will contact you to make the arrangements for the Holy Bread.

Please note that a traditional Memorial Wheat dish (boiled wheat) named Sliha in Syria and Kolyva in Greece is distributed to the parishioners as part of the 40 days Memorial Service. It symbolizes everlasting life and is based on scripture, which reads: *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit."* (JN 12:24) The 40-day memorial mark is significant because it represents when Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of his Father. Let Rev. Dcn. Michael know if you'll want arrangements made for the Memorial Wheat.

Memorial Services occur on the 9 days, 40 days, 6 months, 1 year, and every year on the burial anniversary, and Saturday of the Souls set aside throughout the Church Year.

Memorial Services are not held:

1. From the Saturday of Lazarus to and including St. Thomas Sunday.
2. Any Great Feast of our Lord: Christmas, Epiphany, Pascha, Transfiguration, etc.
3. Any Great Feast of the Theotokos: Annunciation, Dormition, etc.

It is a pious custom among some to give the priest a gift of love donation for the Memorial Service.

## NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED DURING DIVINE LITURGY

If you want names of the living and/or departed remembered at Sunday morning's Proskomedie and the Great Entrance during Divine Liturgy, PLEASE email the names to Rev. Dcn. Michael by Saturday at [deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org). Names will not be accepted on Sunday.



## DOME LIGHTING

Please note that the 'Dome Lighting' refers to the lights being lit from within the dome of the church to see the icon of the Christ Pantocrator through the dome windows at night. Your request to schedule a 'Dome Lighting' should be emailed to Rev. Dcn. Michael by the prior Monday at [deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org) to have it placed in the week's Church Bulletin. Also indicate when the dome is to be lit. There is a minimum donation of \$50 per lighting. Please address the check

to St. George Antiochian Church. You can either mail the check to the church or drop it off in the church's mailbox, located in the office entrance.

### **MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

As a Baptized or Chrismated member of St. George Church, you are responsible each year for the following:

The minimum financial contribution of at least \$250.00 pledge per person, ages 18 and older. Your generosity is appreciated. This pledge is for the maintenance of the church. You can either pay your pledge immediately, or make payments throughout the year, however, the final amount must be met by December 31 of each year. The met pledge of \$250.00 makes you eligible to vote at the Annual General Assembly of Voting Members in January.

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A payment of thirty-five (\$35.00) per Baptized or Chrismated soul to the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America.

If you have financial difficulties, please see the priest for available options.

### **RECOMMENDED READINGS ON THE ORTHODOX CHURCH**

The following are handbooks designed for use by those desiring to embrace Eastern Orthodoxy. However, there is nothing more important but to come and see by attending the Vespers and the Divine Liturgy services.

**The Orthodox Faith, Worship, and Life (Orthodox Catechism: An Outline)** by Hieromonk Gregorios, Cell of St. John the Theologian, Koutloumousiou Monastery, Mt. Athos

**Introducing the Orthodox Church its Faith and Life** by Anthony M. Coniaris, 23<sup>rd</sup> printing

**Study Guide for Introducing the Orthodox Church** by Anthony Coniaris and Ketty Kizilos

### **FIRST VISIT TO AN ORTHODOX CHURCH: Twelve Things I Wish I'd Known**

A very informative article is provided by *Frederica Mathewes-Green* in the following link:

<http://ww1.antiochian.org/content/first-visit-orthodox-church-twelve-things-i-wish-id-known>

### **ONLINE ORTHODOX STORES**

Below are some online stores that have a large selection of traditional Orthodox religious items and books on the Eastern Orthodox faith.

Ancient Faith Store: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/>

Holy Trinity Store: <https://www.holytrinitystore.com/>

Monastery Icons: <https://www.MonasteryIcons.com/>

Eight Day Books: <https://www.eighthdaybooks.com/>



## **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Please let us know if you are ill and/or hospitalized by contacting Fr. Fadi Rabbat. We too will add your name to the prayer list for Sunday's Divine Liturgy.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**For Pastoral** needs and/or Emergencies contact Fr. Fadi Rabbat at:

**Office:** 915-584-9100 **Cell phone:** 973.780.0221

**Email:** [fadi.rabbat@icloud.com](mailto:fadi.rabbat@icloud.com)

*Or*

Rev. Dcn. Michael Sifuentes at:

**Cell Phone:** (915)309-1511 **Email:** [deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org](mailto:deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org)

**Hospital & Pastoral Visits** (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Fadi to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time at **973.780.0221**.)

**Confessions:** *By appointment with Fr. Fadi Rabbat.*

## **ST GEORGE CHURCH 2022 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Dr. Raed Aldouri</b>	<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Geoffrey Borschow</b>
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	<b>Bryan Haddad</b>		<b>Sharon Madsen</b>

**Nabil Shaheen**

## **LADIES SOCIETY 2022-23 OFFICERS**

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	<b>Correspondence:</b>		<b>Doris Shaheen</b>

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