



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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“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Mark 11:17

“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom for souls, she does not condemn on behalf of sins but grants remission of sins. – St. John Chrysostom

Sunday of Great and All-Holy Pascha

****Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom****

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026

English: Christ is Risen! Indeed (Truly), He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqan Qam!

Greek: Kristos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

French : Christ est Ressuscité ! En vérité, Il est Ressuscité !

Russian: Kristos Voskresey! Voyistino Voskresey!

Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!

Ukrainian: Khristos voskres! Voistinu voskres!

PLEASE REFER TO THE HOLY WEEK & PASCHA SCHEDULE OF SERVICES IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN.

The Resurrection Rush Procession, Paschal Orthros, and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of Great and All-Holy Paschal, Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 PM

Sunday Epistle Reader: Johnny Odeh

PASCHAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (once)

THE HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

When they who were with Mary came, anticipating the dawn, and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel: Why seek ye among the dead, as though He were mortal man, Him Who abideth in everlasting light? Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death. For He is the Son of God, Who saveth the race of man.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein! O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1:1-8)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, "This was He of Whom I said, 'He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'") And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

THE PASCHAL HOMILY OF OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

If any man is devout and loves God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast! If any man is a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any has labored long in fasting, let him now

receive his recompense. If any has worked from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any has come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any has arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in no wise be deprived because of it. If any has delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. And if any has tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness. For the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as to him who has worked from the first hour. And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Therefore, enter all into the joy of your Lord; receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival! You sober and you heedless, honor the day! Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast you all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away. Enjoy you all the feast of faith: receive you all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, cried: Hell, said he, was embittered when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen. O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

PASCHAL NOTES

- (a) We leave open the Beautiful Gate and the Deacons Doors for all of Bright Week until Great Vespers on Saturday night for St. Thomas. But when no services are said, we close the curtain at the Beautiful Gate.
- (b) There will be no fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays, not only during Bright Week but until the Feast of the Ascension, for the whole forty days. (This was the decision of the Holy Synod of the Church of Antioch in 1997.)
- (c) If a death occurs in any of our parishes between Pascha and Ascension, the funeral service for Bright Week must be celebrated and not the regular funeral service.
- (d) From Pascha Sunday to the Sunday of Pentecost, the troparion "O Heavenly King..." is not sung. And from Pascha Sunday to its leave-taking, instead of "Holy God," "O come, let us worship and fall down..." in Orthros, the Hours, and Vespers; and "We have seen the true light" in the Divine Liturgy, we say "Christ is risen."
- (e) From the Great and Holy Sunday of Pascha through Bright Saturday, we read the Paschal Office in place of Morning and Evening Prayers at our homes, as well as in place of Compline, Midnight Office, the Hours, and the Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion. It is also read on the leave-taking of Pascha. You can download it from the Online Liturgical Guide.

**HOLY SATURDAY VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT
WITH HOLY BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION**

We are blessed to welcome to the Holy Orthodox Church eight catechumens through baptism and six catechumens through chrismation which will take place during the Holy Saturday Vespereal Divine Liturgy on Saturday, April 11th at 9:30 a.m.



PROSPHORA IS OFFERED BY

Vanessa Salloum for the Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Mystical Supper), and for the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Qum Ya Rab) for the health of the Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Fadi, Fr. George Al-Dehneh & family, Rev. Dcn. Michael, my family, Ammar Esper & family, in memory of my beloved brother Jean-Marc and for the health of all St. George parishioners.

Adriana Anzaldo for Pascha Divine Liturgy for the health of Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Fadi, Rev. Dcn. Michael, her daughter Julia, Dr. Sandra Edwards, Philip and Edwina Youngblood, and Jamie Isaac.

DONATIONS

Patrick Doolin for the health of the incoming members of St George Orthodox Church and for those serving our nation overseas.

Jamie Isaac for the health of Fr. Fadi & all the Isaac families.

Jamie Isaac toward Jean-Marc's icon fund in memory of beloved Jean-Marc, rest in peace & pray for us.
Michel & Antwanette Shaghoury – Palm Sunday Mother Church



**He died, that we would be forgiven for our sins.
He was resurrected, that we would live in the
spirit of His words. Rejoice in His sacrifice!**

He is Risen!

**Wishing you the love of God and a very
Happy Pascha!**

The Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Fadi Rabbat and Rev. Dcn. Michael Sifuentes

MAAMOUL: A SWEET TRADITION FOR PASCHA



Maamoul is a traditional Middle Eastern sweet that holds a special place in the hearts of Christian communities, particularly during Pascha, the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. This delightful pastry is often prepared at home, embodying a rich tapestry of cultural and culinary heritage.

Typically made from semolina, flour, and butter, Blossom Water, Rose Water, Mehleb, Maamoul is filled with a variety of ingredients such as dates, walnuts, or pistachios. These fillings are not only delicious but also symbolize the bounty of the land and the joy of the season. The dough is carefully shaped into intricate designs, often using wooden molds that add a unique touch to each piece.

In many Christian households, Maamoul is a cherished tradition that should not be enjoyed until after the celebration of Pascha. This practice adds to the anticipation and joy of the resurrection, making the first taste of these sweets after the Lenten fast all the more special.

Father Fadi for the second year continue to embrace the spirit of this tradition by ordering pistachio Maamoul to share with our community here in the United States. By introducing these delightful sweets to our church, he aims to foster a deeper connection to the customs of the Middle East and educate our congregation about the significance of this beloved treat.

As we gather to celebrate Pascha, let us enjoy the rich flavors and traditions of Maamoul, honoring our heritage and the joyous resurrection of Christ.

EASTER EGGS



Thank you to Dr. Raed and Sylvana Aldouri for their donation of Easter eggs for Pascha for their health and the health of St. George parishioners. God grant you many years of good health.

The red egg plays an important role in the Orthodox Easter. Legend says that when Mary Magdalene presented herself to Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the empty tomb, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message. She exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is risen!"

The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure. The egg did turn red and has ever since been part of the Easter tradition.



THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKET

It is a customary Slavic tradition for parishioners to prepare an Easter basket filled with the things we have fasted from for the last 40 days. These baskets have been carefully prepared and include several foods with a traditionally symbolic significance:

- Bread symbolizes Jesus, the Bread of Life. Sweet bread is always included, leavened with yeast, with various designs on the top with this using the symbol of the cross.
- Easter eggs represent our new life in Christ.
- Salt reminds Christians they are to “season” the Earth.
- Meat stands for Joy and Abundance.
- Candles signify Christ as the Light of the World.
- Ribbons symbolize Joy and Celebration

Prior to the start of the Paschal Liturgy, Pascha baskets are brought out and placed on the table near the iconostasis. After Liturgy, a blessing (the origin of the “easter” basket) is given by the priest.

How to prepare a traditional Easter basket is provided by Ancient Faith at the following link:

[Pascha Basket copy \(ancientfaith.com\)](http://ancientfaith.com/Pascha-Basket-copy).

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION THANK YOU

“...and the children of the Hebrews came to meet Thee with branches and palms. Wherefore, we also, bearing olive branches and palms, thankfully cry to Thee: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.” – From the Orthros Ainoi (Praises) for Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, our church in El Paso was filled with joy as we celebrated the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem—a unique tradition featuring a procession with olive branches adorned with candies, toys, and plush animals. This beautiful celebration has truly transformed our community, thanks to the generous donations of Fr. Fadi.

The day began with the enthusiastic gathering of children, reminiscent of the little ones who welcomed Jesus with branches and palms.

This year, Fr. Fadi added his personal touch by thoughtfully donating the candles and their decorations, and then lovingly preparing them himself, making the celebration even more meaningful.

The children were filled with delight as they received these beautifully adorned candles and then had the chance to further embellish them with olive and palm branches while preparing for the procession. Their laughter and excitement filled the church, reminding everyone of the sweetness of God’s kingdom and the love Jesus has for all children.

Since his arrival in El Paso, Fr. Fadi has introduced the beautiful tradition of processing with olive branches decorated with sweets and treats—symbols of peace and joy—that enrich our Palm Sunday celebration and make it distinct and vibrant here in the United States.

Through his care and dedication, Fr. Fadi has established a cherished tradition that continues to bring happiness and a sense of togetherness to our St. George community every year. It was truly a beautiful day, united in celebration and gratitude! Thank you Fr. Fadi.

Thank you to Dr. Raed Aldouri and Sylvana for the palms, and Dr. Hassan Salloum and Nabil Shaheen for the olive branches and to Teen SOYO for decorating the olive branches with the gifts. Also, a thank you to

Annie Thomas and the several men who helped Fr. Fadi and Dcn. Michael decorate the church with palms in preparation for Palm Sunday.

FISH LUNCHEON THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who supported the Ladies Society Palm Sunday Fish Lunch, especially the Ladies who donated, cooked, prepared, and served the food. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. God bless you all.

Sylvana Aldouri - Ladies Society President

EASTER EGG HUNT THANK YOU

Teen SOYO would like to thank Chris Joudi, with Goosehead Insurance, for a successful Easter Egg Hunt! The kids were so excited! We are so blessed by their generosity.

THANK YOU

Teen SOYO would like to thank the Men's society for matching their Christmas card donation. We are so blessed by their generosity.

TEEN SOYO ALL-NIGHT VIGIL



Immediately following Friday evening's Lamentation Service, Teen SOYO will hold their traditional all-night Vigil in the church.

Teen SOYO parents, please bring a Lenten dish so that the teens can enjoy a meal before beginning. ALL teens are encouraged to attend the All-Night Vigil on Good Friday. If you will be joining us, please contact Anne Thomas at (915) 373-2259 for additional information.



PASCHA BREAKFAST

The Parish Council will be hosting the Pascha Breakfast immediately following the Pascha Liturgy. Please join us in the small conference room in the Summit Hall.

MOCK BIBLE BOWL SAVE THE DATE

The Teen SOYO is excited to host their annual Mock Bible Bowl and Luncheon on **Sunday, May 3rd, 2026**, immediately following Divine Liturgy in preparation for this year's Bible Bowl Tournament at the Parish Life Conference in Colorado. **The menu will consist of chicken, pasta, salad, appetizers, drinks, and dessert. Tickets will go on sale April 19th.**

This year, the teens will be studying the Book of Exodus, and all are encouraged to participate and test their knowledge.

Donors and sponsors are welcome to support the teens' trip. The cost of the trip for the four winning teens will be covered depending on our fundraising efforts.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support. We are looking forward to a fun and enriching experience for our teens! For additional information, see attached flyer.

For questions or donations to support the teens, please see Anne Thomas, Teen SOYO advisor

ST. GEORGE CEMETERY PLOT INTEREST SURVEY

Please click below to answer this quick survey using this link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=0oNUtgt82UqBujcWpDOWbe0ennr79_5Dq4SNcSDBs_JUNEo3Slg1RDBQV0NEOVNFT1Q0RFpJSTNWSi4u&route=shorturl

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, APRIL 5, 2026 – 27 students

Pre-School (ages 3 and 4 years old)

Doris Shaheen

Ayana Artis, Rafael Herredia, Julia Sanchez & Xander Valenzuela

Grades Kinder/1st

Jehan Al-Hanna

Zyla Aldouri, Olivia Artis, Ezra Espinosa, Ezme Ferris, Jack Horton, Elena Manjarrez Leon Perfillio

Grades 2/3

Adriana Anzaldo

Georgia Comerci, William Cuellar & Knight Joudi

Grades 4/5

Anne Thomas

Kingston Joudi, Delilah Ochoa, Joshua Sanchez & Christina Sarah

Grades 6/7

James Shaheen Jr.

Caleb Crawford, Salome Ibarra & Rosalie Ochoa

Grades 8-12

Johnny Odeh

Elias Al Dayoub, Majd Al Dayoub, Noah Espinosa, Annabelle Horton, Melaina Horton, Salloum & Malik Thomas

Sunday School Director:

Laila Ferris

Co-Director:

Anne Thomas

Special Projects:

Jaclyn Ferris

NB: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12th, 2026, CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY APRIL 19th, 2026.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LAZARUS SATURDAY LENTEN BREAKFAST

A warm thank you to Laila Ferris and the Sunday School teachers and staff for hosting the Lenten Breakfast following the Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday for the parents and their children and the St. George community. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather in fellowship and to celebrate our unity as a parish family, sharing breakfast together after the Liturgy to celebrate Christ's victory over death in the raising of Lazarus.



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HOUSE of STUDIES

ANTIOCHIAN HOUSE OF STUDIES (AHOS)

AHOS enrollment is now opened for the academic year 2026-2027. For more information you can visit <https://ahos.edu/open-enrollment-2026-2027/>. Answer the call to serve the Lord in His parish and community, pursue excellence in theological education and pastoral formation, and deepen your

relationship with God.



TEACHINGS FROM METROPOLITAN SABA

Dear parishioners and friends, you will periodically be receiving the **weekly teachings** by His Eminence Metropolitan Saba, in English and Arabic. When we receive them from the Archdiocese Office we'll send it under a separate church email.

HOMILY BY FR. FADI RABBAT

The homily given by Fr. Fadi on Lazarus Saturday and on Palm Sunday is located at the end of the church bulletin.

THE ADULT STUDY GROUP

For future planning, here are the Adult Study Group meeting dates. Please note we **DO NOT MEET** April 12, Orthodox Pascha. Nor will we meet on September 6, Labor Day weekend. We meet: 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, and 12/20. The Group meets in the mini hall from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

In Christ,
Dr. Sandra Edwards, Master of Theological Studies (MTS).
Instructor, The Adult Study Group

ST GEORGE CHURCH ICON PROJECT

From the Prayer behind the Ambon for the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and written in Arabic on the archway above the iconostasis "...sanctify those who love the beauty of Thy house."



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 divine things.

Fr. Fadi is overseeing the Icon Project to have icons written on the bare interior walls in the church. This project continues 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 the health of 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 toward the Icon Project. Based on your gifts from the heart there will be more icons to come.

PASCHA FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE & CHARITABLE OUTREACH PROGRAM

We are entering into our *Great Lenten Season* and are preparing for the *52nd Anniversary Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach Campaign 2026*.

For the 52nd year, our Archdiocese once again commences the Lenten [Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach Campaign](#), a vital ministry that extends Christ's love to those in need. Through your generosity, countless families and individuals—both within our communities and throughout the world—receive nourishment, hope, and dignity.

Per, Robin Lynn Nicholas with FFHP, there are still experiencing many challenges within our families and our parishes. One thing that never changes, however, is the power of Great Lent to strengthen us through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let us again embrace our Lenten struggles and demonstrate how strong we are in our faith.

Great Lent draws near! Let us renew our resolve to respond to the needs of those all around us and, in the process, renew our own faith.

Alms Boxes have been placed in the narthex (entrance lobby). The filled Alms Boxes can be submitted to Kyle Horton, Parish Council Treasurer. Checks can be made payable to St. George Church in any amount for it is a gift from the heart. In the purpose line indicate **'FFHP'**. The donation deadline is Sunday, April 19th. St. George will submit one check based on the collected donations and forward it to the Food for Hungry Program.

May God grant you a blessed Lenten Season!

Much Love and Appreciation for all you continually contribute to our Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach.

ONLINE LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Being present, prayerful and present in the church community and in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy is key to being orthodox. Please click on the following link to access the liturgical services for Saturday Vespers, Sunday Orthros, Sunday Divine Liturgy, and special services:

<https://www.antiochian.org/liturgicday/4521>

Click on the SELECT DATE in the top calendar. The services will appear under the DAILY LITURGICAL TEXT on the right column. Click on the service you need. You can follow the service using your cell phone or print a copy for your use.

To use your cell phone to access the above information while in church, you can link to the church's Wi-Fi Network. Information is posted at the church entrance.

When using the small red Service Book found in the church pews, the general services can be found on the following pages:

- **Vespers**, page 24 – 43 - **Orthros**, pages 44 – 80 - **Liturgy**, pages 91 - 127

Please note that some of the prayers may change based on the Tone of the day.

OFFERING PROSPHORA FOR LITURGY

Dear St. George parishioners, offering Prospora to be used in the Liturgy is an offering of oneself to God. If you plan to offer Prospora on a Sunday for your health and your loved ones, or in memory of a departed one, please indicate your offering on the sign-up board located in the Narthex (entrance) of the church or email Rev. Dcn. Michael by the prior Monday at deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org to have it placed in the week's Church Bulletin. Rev. Dcn. Michael will then contact you to make the necessary arrangements for the Prospora. The usual cost for preparing the five loaves is \$30. **A bulletin board is available in the Narthex if you would like to sign-up to offer Holy Bread for the 2026 year.**

WHO CAN RECEIVE COMMUNION IN AN ORTHODOX CHURCH?

Only Orthodox Christians who prepared for Communion through confession, prayer, and fasting can go up to the chalice to receive the Holy Eucharist from the priest. When you approach the chalice and the Priest or Deacon say, 'The servant of God... ', please say your first name or that of your saint.

All visitors are welcomed to worship with us; however, non-Orthodox Christians may not partake of the Holy Eucharist but rather wait till the Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy and partake of the blessed bread (called Antidoron in Greek) placed in front of the Solea.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE – THE DO'S AND DON'TS - MOST HELPFUL!

The web site below is a 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 faith. 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>

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY

The time to arrive at Church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy begins, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, wait until it is finished to quickly find a seat. If Father is giving the sermon, stay in the back until he has concluded. Try not to interrupt the Liturgy by your entrance. The best way to avoid this situation is to arrive on time.

2026 MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE (TITHING)
TO ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

“Return to Me and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty....Return now in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not open for you the floodgates of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it is overflowing.” – Malachi 3:8-10

We would like to remind you of the importance of giving. Our church relies on your financial support to continue to provide the ministries and maintenance of St. George church.

The minimum financial contribution of at least \$500.00 pledge per Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox person, ages 18 and older is required or \$1000 per family (or more from the gift of the heart). **You can either pay your pledge immediately, or make payments throughout the year, however, the final amount must be met by December 31st of each year.** **The met pledge makes you eligible to vote at the Annual General Assembly of Voting Members in January each year.** Please make checks payable to St. George Church in the donated amounts. In the purpose line indicate **Church Pledge**.

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

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining the church.



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, emergencies, visitation to hospital, homes, and prayer/holy communion during the year, contact Fr. Fadi Rabbat directly and not through the Deacon. Fr. Fadi will not visit without permission extended to him from the sick person and/or their family.

Confessions are by appointment with Fr. Fadi Rabbat. PLEASE contact Fr. Fadi TWO days in advance to ensure his schedule is free.

Fr. Fadi Rabbat at:
Cell phone: 973.780.0221
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Please note the weekly church bulletin is always posted on the church web site page at:

<https://www.stgeorge-elpaso.org/>

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 and service books.

Ancient Faith Store:	https://store.ancientfaith.com/
Antiochian Village Store:	https://store.antiochianvillage.org/
Holy Cross Book Store:	https://holycrossbookstore.com/
Holy Trinity Store:	https://www.holytrinitystore.com/
Eight Day Books:	https://www.eighthdaybooks.com/
Alpha Omega ART (New York):	https://aoart.gr/contact
Holy Transfiguration Monastery Store:	https://www.bostonmonks.com/
Saint Vladimir Seminary Press (SVS):	https://svspress.com/

Books can also be purchased through online sites such as Amazon, etc.

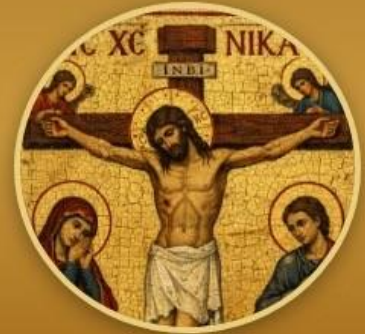
Holy Week and Pascha 2026

Service Schedule at

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

120 N Festival Dr, El Paso, TX 79912

Date	Service	Time
Sunday, April 5	FIRST BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS	6:00 P.M.
Monday, April 6	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY	10:30 A.M.
Monday, April 6	SECOND BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 7	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY	10:30 A.M.
Tuesday, April 7	THIRD BRIDEGROOM ORTHROS	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 8	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday, April 8	HOLY UNCTION	6:00 P.M.
Thursday, April 9	Orthros for Holy Thursday followed immediately by Vespers Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper	9:30 A.M.
Thursday, April 9	The Twelve Passion Gospels	6:00 P.M.
Friday, April 10	The Great (Royal) Hours	9:30 A.M.
Friday, April 10	Great Vespers for Holy Saturday (Taking Down of Christ from the Cross)	3:00 P.M.
Friday, April 10	Orthros with the Service of the Lamentations for Holy Saturday	6:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 11	Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (Qum Ya Rab)	9:30 A.M.
Saturday, April 11 - P.M.	The Vigil of Pascha – The Resurrection Rush Procession, Paschal Orthros, and Paschal Divine Liturgy for Sunday of Great and All-Holy Pascha.	10:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 12	Paschal Agape Great Vespers (Gospel Readings in Multiple Languages)	5:00 P.M.



Resources for Holy Week, Pascha & Agape Services

Go to the Antiochian Archdiocese site: <https://www.antiochian.org/liturgicday>

The link will take you to the Liturgics page. Scroll down to the very bottom of the page for 'Seasonal Liturgy Resources.' The section provides several services; however, the specific services you'll want are the following:

1 – Bridegroom Orthros on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday:

Bridegroom Orthros

2. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Monday and Tuesday evenings:

Presanctified Liturgy

However, there are some changes to hymns, prayers and gospel readings for each Presanctified Liturgy. For the specifics, you'll want to scroll to the top of the page and key Select Date. A calendar will appear and you'll enter the date. The information for the keyed date will appear on the right side of the page under Daily Liturgical Text. You key the field 'Presanctified Divine Liturgy (PDF).

3. Holy Unction

Holy Unction Bilingual

4. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (**Mystical Supper**)

Vespers Liturgy

5. Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels for Holy Friday

Passion Gospels Bilingual

6. The Great (Royal) Hours and Typika on Holy Friday

Holy Friday Royal Hours Bilingual

7. Great Vespers for Holy Saturday (**Taking Down of Christ from the Cross**)

Holy Saturday Vespers Bilingual

8. Orthros with the Service of the Lamentations for Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday Lamentations Orthros Bilingual

9. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (**Qum Ya Rab**)

Holy-Sat-Vespers-Liturgy

10. The Vigil of Pascha - The Resurrection Rush Procession, Paschal Orthros, and Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Sunday of Great and All-Holy Paschal

Paschal

11. Agape Vespers (**Gospel Readings in Multiple Languages**)

Agape Vespers

By linking to the **Resources for the Lent Evening Services** online site, as provided by the Antiochian Archdiocese, parishioners may either print or view the services from their cell phones to follow along when attending the services.

Menu

FOR TICKETS SEE ANY SOYO
MEMBER
OR
ANNE THOMAS
915-373-2259

APPETIZERS

Fruit & Vegetable Tray
Chips and Salsa

LUNCH

Salad
Chicken and Pasta
Rolls

DESSERT

Cookies
Cupcakes
Donuts

DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

ADULTS \$15
CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER
\$10

3RD OF MAY 2026

St. George Teen SOYO