



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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REVEREND FATHER GEORGE M. AL-DEHNEH, PASTOR

Very Reverend Father Jehad T. Michael, Pastor Emeritus

Very Reverend Father Bob Bethoney, Attached

A warm welcome to our visitors and guests

St. George is an Eastern Orthodox Church of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

We are glad to have you worshipping with us today. We minister to Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds. Holy Communion is a sign of our full unity of faith. Therefore, only Baptized and Confirmed Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer and Sacramental Confession may partake of this Sacrament. However, all are welcome to partake of the Blessed Bread of Fellowship and receive a Priest blessing at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for light refreshments and coffee following the Service, where we will be happy to meet with you and answer any question you may have about the Orthodox Faith.

JULY 21, 2013

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

Tone 3

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Sunday Service: Orthros 8:20 AM, Followed by the Divine Liturgy

Confessions by Appointment Only

On this day, we commemorate: Righteous Fathers John of Edessa in Mesopotamia, and Simeon of Homs (Emesa), the Fool-for-Christ; Parthenios, Bishop of Radovizlios; Martyr Victor of Marseilles

Epistle: Deanna Nasser.

Ushers: Upon Availability.

Altar Boys: All are encouraged and welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE THREE)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE (TONE FOUR)

As the deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious great martyr George intercede with Christ our God for our souls salvation.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS (TONE FOUR)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.



Holy Bread will be offered by:



Surella, Deanna Nasser & Family: For the six month Memorial of their beloved husband, father and grandfather Delfone Nasser. May his Memory be Eternal and may he rest in peace with our Lord. He is deeply missed but forever in our hearts.

Salma Isaac: For the health of her family — children and grandchildren — In honor of Michelle and Anne's July birthdays. May God grant them many healthy years

THE EPISTLE

(For Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

DONATIONS

Salma Isaac: For the health of Sub-Deacon Michael & family.

In Memory of Jaida Dayoub

Salah & Nada Al-Hanna

Dome Lighting

Virginia Aziz lit the dome on Thursday, July 11, 2013 for the health of Bill Aziz.



The Most Reverend
Metropolitan PHILIP

The Right Reverend
Bishop BASIL



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Metropolitan of All North
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May 29, 2013

Beloved and Christ-loving priests, deacons, monastics and lay folk of DOWAMA:

I embrace and greet you with a holy kiss in the Name of the Lord Christ.

In the Biblical account of the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2) we read of people from a multitude of nations who heard for the very first time and “*everyone in his own language*” (2:6) the proclamation by the Holy Apostles of the Good News. Among those people were “*Arabians*” (2:11) which meant people from Rome’s frontier province of *Arabia Petraea* (the area of modern Syria south of Damascus, the Nabataean kingdom in modern Jordan, the Sinai peninsula and the northwestern tip of modern Saudi Arabia).

Much of *Decapolis* (Matthew 4:25), an area frequently visited by Christ and His disciples, is situated in this Arabia, as is *Caesarea Philippi* (modern Banyas in Syria) where the Holy Apostle Peter confessed Jesus to be “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Matthew 16:13-20). It was to this Arabia that, following his baptism in Damascus by St Ananias (9:17 & 18) and his escape over the city’s wall (9:25) that the Holy Apostle Paul fled and spent three years (Galatians 1:15-18). And it was to this Arabia that St Timon, one of the Seventy Apostles appointed by the Lord Christ (Luke 10:1) and one of the Seven Deacons chosen by the Twelve (Acts 6:5), was sent to preach and later served as first bishop of the province’s capital city of *Nova Trajana Bostra* (modern Bosra in Syria).

The Orthodox Christians who today live in much of the territory once known as *Arabia Petraea* – descendants of those converted to faith in Christ Jesus by St Timon – comprise the faithful of the Archdiocese of Bosra, Hauran, Jabal al-Arab and the Golan. The present “*angel of Bosra and successor to St Timon*” is The Most Reverend Metropolitan SABA (Esper). One of the most venerable Archdioceses of our Patriarchate, the Archdiocese of Bosra now finds

itself facing very difficult times. Because of the area's frequent wars – which, as you are well aware, continue to this very day – the occupation of much of its territory by a neighboring unfriendly nation, and the unemployment which plagues that desert region, most of its people have become economic refugees who have relocated to Damascus or have simply left the country for the Americas, Australia, Europe or the Gulf States.

In a gesture of Christian love and support for Metropolitan SABA and his flock, the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America has committed itself to a Sister Diocese relationship with the venerable Archdiocese of Bosra, and many of our parishes and missions have come forward to be paired - or “twinned” - with congregations in Metropolitan SABA's Archdiocese in Sister Parish relationships. To call attention to this project, dubbed "The Hauran Connection," the Sunday nearest July 28th, the feast of St Timon, is observed annually as "St Timon Sunday" throughout our Diocese.

This year our sixth annual "St Timon Sunday" will be on his actual feast day July 28th. On that day we ask our congregations to highlight all aspects of our Sister Diocese project. You can find suggested resources for your congregation's observance of “St Timon Sunday” online at www.antiochian.org/Hauran Questions? Contact Deacon James Kallail (kkallail@cox.net) of St Mary Church in Wichita, KS, coordinator of "The Hauran Connection."

Thanking you for your prayers and offerings for Metropolitan SABA and the clergy and people of our Sister Diocese – The Archdiocese of Bosra Hauran – and assuring you of my continued paternal love, prayers and blessings, I remain

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bishop Basil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a cross at the beginning.

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Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America

EXTRA TRAY FOR ST. TIMON SUNDAY

Will be passed for the Six Annual St. Timon Sunday to collect your generous donations. All these funds will be used to help our sister Diocese of Bosra, Hauran and Jabal Al-Arab and the Golan.

Thanking you for your prayers and offerings for our beloved Metropolitan SABA and the Clergy and people of our Sister Diocese.

May the great and merciful Lord bless you & grant you and your families many healthy, prosperous and fruitful years in His care.

CONGRATULATIONS

It was a wonderful afternoon with 7 teams and parishioners gathered for a lunch, education and fun time to hear about our faith.

The winning teams are: **1st place** is "The Mean Shaheen team" (Zayna, Noel & Michelle Shaheen) , **2nd place** is "St. George Ladies Society team" (Jamie Isaac, Doris Shaheen, Sharon Madsen) and **3rd place** is "The Damascus Elites team" (Collette Khouri, Christain Khouri, Sam Salloum).

Many thanks to all who prepared the great lunch, to Blanca Anaipakos for donating a \$50.00 gift card for the first place winning team.

God bless you all

Church Upcoming Events

The SOYO/Parish Volleyball Game

is on Wednesday, July 31st @ 7:00 pm at Mission Hills Park at the sand volleyball court. The teens will be providing dinner of probably hot dogs and hamburgers.

*Thank you
Noel Shaheen*

Holy Bread offering still open for the following Sunday's:

August 18.

September 1, 22 & 29.

October 6.

November 10 & 17.

December 29.



[Support for Abducted Syrian Hierarchs](#)

The Archdiocese encourages all of her members to show their continuing support for kidnapped archbishops Paul and John of Aleppo, first and foremost through heartfelt prayer. We also encourage people to sign and promote the online petition available here at the website of the White House, calling for United States government action on behalf of the abducted metropolitans. Please use the petition at this link.

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/appeal-president-obama-and-his-government-release-two-abducted-orthodox-christian-archbishops-syria/xNskxL1q>

Support and attention for Archbishop Paul and Archbishop John continues to grow. The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America has published [their joint letter to US Secretary of State John Kerry here](#). The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has published Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's [call for the release of the archbishops](#). The Russian Orthodox Church has published several statements, including the patriarchal message from [Patriarch Kirill to Patriarch John X](#) available here. Pope Francis of the Roman Catholic Church prayed for the release of the metropolitans, [as announced here](#). The Archdiocese is grateful for these and all other ongoing efforts for the sake of Archbishop Paul and Archbishop John, and all our brothers and sisters suffering in the region.

JULY 2013

SUNDAY ORTHROS 8:20 AM Followed by the DIVINE LITURGY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<u>1</u> Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian	<u>2</u> Robe of the Theotokos	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW	<u>8</u> Great Martyr Procopius	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> Olga, Equal-to- the Apostles	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Synaxis of the Archangel Ga- briel
<u>14</u> SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Great Martyr Marina	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Prophet Elias
<u>21</u> 4th. SUNDAY OF MATTHEW	<u>22</u> Mary Magdalene , Equal -to- the Apostles	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Dormition of St. Anna	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Great Martyr Panteleimon
<u>28</u> 5th. SUNDAY OF MATTHEW	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Fore-feast of the Holy Cross			



To request a Dome Lighting, please contact Bill or Nada Aziz @ 497-0190 or 533-0287.
“The donation is \$ 50.00 per lighting”

For Pastoral Emergencies, or to notify the Clergy of ill or hospitalized parishioners, please call:

Fr. George Al-Dehneh: 345-9800
Fr. Jehad Michael: 203-2831

MAY DINNER TICKETS & EXPENSES

Please turn in your receipts and money for the tickets that you have bought or sold to the Church office ASAP.
Thank You

Bulletin Deadline is Thursday @ 12:00 PM

REMINDER

Parishioners, please remember to use your COMMUNITY card at Albertsons, because we get 1% donation to the Church. (That is easy fundraising).....