A warm welcome to our visitors and quests

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.

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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.

JANUARY 19, 2014

Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Venerable Makarios the Great of Egypt, the Anchorite

Tone 5

Sunday Service: Orthros 9:20 AM, Followed by the Divine Liturgy
Confessions by Appointment Only

On this day, we commemorate: Venerable Makarios of Alexandria; Arsenios, Bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable Mark Eugenikos, Metropolitan of Ephesus, pillar of Orthodoxy.

Epistle: Lon Silagi.
Ushers: Upon Availability.
Altar Boys: All are encouraged and welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE FIVE)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAKARIOS OF EGYPT (TONE ONE)

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

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 souls.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (TONE ONE)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Holy Bread will be offered by:

Lon Silagi: To commemorate my 68th birthday, my Chrismation and return to the Eastern Orthodox Church of my grandparents. Also the offering will be in remembrance of my grandparents, Demeter & Floriana Silagi, parents, Louis & Okla Silagi and my brother Dr. Jan L. Silagi. Further I pray for the health and well being of my wife Lindsay, my sister April Butcher in Australia, my brother-in-law Mike Butcher under treatments for cancer, my daughter and son-in-law Suzanne & John Klassey in Chicago, my nephew Hakim Zoubeidi, my brother-in-law the Reverend Paul Fraser and wife, the Reverend Karen Moore Fraser, all of my nieces and nephews from New York State to Washington state and their families, all Clergy of St. George Orthodox Church and their families, Sub-Deacon Michael Sifuentes and family, Dr. Sandra Edwards and family, and all friends, parishioners and their families of St. George. Thank you all, your presence in my life for the past four years has greatly enriched and enlivened my life and spirit.

Georgette Abraham & Children: For the (9 Day) Memorial of their beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather Mitchell Abraham. May his Memory be Eternal.
THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke—“Ten Lepers”)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

DONATIONS

Salma Isaac: For the health of David & Dalal Young, congratulations Grace; for good health of Joseph & Melissa Isaac & family, happy birthday Joseph; for the health of Allen & Patricia Borschow & family, happy birthday Geoffrey.


Allen & Patricia Borschow: In honor of Tiffany Isaac Joudi’s birthday, Joseph Isaac’s birthday.

Skee Rizk & Paul & Laila Ferris: For the health of Lori Halow.

In Memory of Mitchell Abraham

Moses Ayoub & Carolynne Muehsam-Ayoub Blanca Anaipakos Jamie Isaac
George & Mary Esther Salom Salma Isaac & family Babette Bailey & Bluford Sanders
Katherine H Davis John & Frieda Aboud Allen & Patricia Borschow
Skee Rizk & Paul & Laila Ferris Ibrahim & Layla Salloum Eddie & Eva Mowad
Aida Farah Ned & Wilda Abraham Betty White Nadia Saab
Francis & Marie Khoury Richard & Nina Nassar Gloria Armistead
Charles T Gabriel Patricia Chagra Russell Norman Todd & Georgette Malooy
Eddy Jean & Mark Newman Eddie & Cynthia Malooy Virginia A. Brockmoller
David & Dalal Young Dr. Raed & Sylvania Aldouri Antoun & Suha Jarjour
Seamone Haddad Joyce Haddad Mrs. S. Safi George Alhanna
Leila Hobson Albert & Jameelie Dayoub George & Jeanette Zacour
S. A. Safi Raymond Nick & Alice Malooy Rosana Hajjar
Habib & Mahassen Salloum Carloyin A. Rhoades Margaret Aboud
Virginia Aziz Tamara Safi Sada Vaughan Joanne Bryan
Nahed & Marie Khouri Greg & Susan Daw Ward & Nancy Esper
Nabil & Doris Shaheen Svetlana Ulrich Fred & Rowayda Haddad
Mitchell & Ann M Esper Janette Azar Abraham & family Alice Aboud
Adib & Helen Dayoub Susan E. Assi Drs. Hassan & Maha Salloum
Gilbert Sr. & Haifa Malooy & family Richard Esper & Sharon Lawrence

In Memory of Nicholas Albert Malooy

Jamie Isaac Allen & Patricia Borschow Norman Todd & Georgette Malooy
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In Memory of Toufic Makhoul

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Sarah John
Thank You

To John & Seva Anaipakos for their generous donation to St. George Church in Memory of their beloved grandmother (Amparo Sainz Rubio) who passed away in October. May her Memory be Eternal.

Dome Lighting

David & Dalal Young lit the dome on Sunday, January 5, 2014 honoring the engagement of their daughter Grace to Adan Garcia. May God grant them many happy years.

Dome Lighting

St. George Parish Council lit the dome on Sunday, January 12, 2014 in Memory of our beloved Mitch-ell Abraham. May his Memory be Eternal.

Dome Lighting

William & Nada Aziz would like to light the dome on Sunday, January 19, 2014 for the health of William & his family. And for the health of Sudie Nasser.

Thank You

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Total Sunday Collections

Donations + Archdiocese Dues + End of 2013 pledges $ 2855.00
Memorials Donations $ 3427.00

Many Years

David & Dalal Young offered the Holy Bread Sunday, January 12, 2014 for the health of their family and in celebration of the engagement of their daughter Grace to Adan Garcia.

HOME BLESSING

Will start Monday, January 06, 2014 and will end Sunday, February 02, 2014. Please call the office or Fr. George to arrange for your home to be blessed.

Thank You and God Bless you

HOLY BREAD

Please see the New Holy Bread Calendar for the year 2014. If 2 families offer every Sunday (For the health of the living and/or in Memory of the departed members). We should be OKAY for the whole year. We have 52 Sundays in the year.

Thank You
Honor Bishop BASIL on his Name’s Day:
The Feast of St. Basil the Great
January 1, 2014
Bishop BASIL Mission Endowment Fund
Dioceses of Wichita and Mid America
(DOWAMA)
Contribute by January 31, 2014
Please make check payable to St. George Church
earmarked “BB Name’s Day”

All St. George Parishioners
Please let Fr. George know AT LEAST ONE WEEK prior to the Sunday you are offering with the names of the living and departed beloved ones and if it is a MEMORIAL SERVICE or REMEMBRANCE ONLY so it can be in the Bulletin on time. It is your responsibility to call to order the Holy Bread and make sure it is at Church by 8:00 AM that Sunday.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy goes to Albert Malooly Jr. and Suzanne Cardon, Blake Malooly, Selma Malooly, Kenneth & Marilyn Drahan and all the extended Malooly family on the departing to the Lord of their beloved Nicholas Albert Malooly on January 4th 2014.

May his Memory be Eternal and may our merciful Lord Jesus Christ grant his family many healthy years in the resurrected Lord.

Our Sunday School Students
Are now working on their Creative Festival Projects, for the Parish Life Conference in San Antonio, TX. All students need to be in attendance in order to work on & complete their projects by the due date.

St. George Church Sunday School
We are very proud of the following students who were in attendance at this past Sunday’s Church School:

Pre-School:
  Nia Isaac.

Grades Kinder/1:

Grades 2/3:
  James Isaac, Alyssa Isaac, Emma Isaac.

Grades 4/5:
  Rylee Isaac, James Elias, Teresa Salloum.

Grades 6/7:
  Angela Al-Hanna.

Grades 8-12+:

Parents & Students and teachers, please remember that Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM with opening prayer from Fr. George. It is important for us to be on time, to pray together, and learn about our faith.
The celebration of the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River reveals wondrous salvific events:

- The Mystery of the Holy Trinity was revealed.
- The waters were blessed by Christ and ceased to be waters of the fall and became waters of renewal (Holy Water).
- Any demonic influence over water was ended.
- A model of Baptism was established for the followers of Jesus Christ.
- The sin of the old Adam was washed away and buried in the waters.
- The Forerunner John the Baptist was blessed by Christ.

The word **Theophany** (meaning manifestation of God) comes from the apostolic passage, “God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16). Another name for the Feast is **Epiphany** (meaning manifestation from above), “the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men” (Titus 2:11). A third name is the “Feast of Lights”, as

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**House Blessing: The Purpose**

The annual blessing of homes is a custom of special beauty and significance. We again ask Christ to bless and enter into our homes and our lives. We ask Him to be with us, as we desire to be with Him. We ask that by the sprinkling of blessed water, the Holy Spirit renew us, our families and our lives in our homes. As Christ brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus; we ask for the same for all dwelling in our homes.

**House Blessing: The Order**

The house being cleaned and ready, we dress in an honorable manner (as we would for Church). When the Priest arrives, we greet him at the door, having turned off any radio, TV, or other noise based element. Animals that may cause disruption should be placed out of the way. On a small table before icons, a small but wide-mouthed bowl full of newly blessed water is placed. Together with a list of names of those who reside in the home, a lighted candle and censor (if you have one) are also placed on the table. These items are arranged prior to the arrival of the Priest. At the beginning of the service for the blessing of the home, a family member leads the Priest throughout the home, carrying the lighted candle. The rest of the household follows and then returns to the table for the final prayer and blessing with water upon those present.

**House Blessings**

It is the custom among many Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed with the Holy Water sanctified on Theophany (the Feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please call the Church office or talk to Fr. George.

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**FOR CONSIDERATION**

On one of the stones in the Church of **Hagia Sophia**, the following words were engraved: "Wash your sins, not only your face." Whoever entered this glorious Church read this inscription and remembered that the Christian Faith requires of him moral purity: purity of the soul, purity of the heart and purity of the mind. Just as in the heart of man is concentrated the complete spiritual man, this is what the Lord also said, "Blessed are the pure of heart" (Matthew 5:8). Total external cleanliness does not help at all in gaining the kingdom of heaven. Oh, if only we would invest as much effort in washing ourselves from sins as we invest daily in washing our faces, then God would truly be seen in our hearts as in a mirror!

The three temptations by which Satan tempted the Lord Jesus after His Baptism in the Jordan River:

1. Gluttony: The temptation with bread;
2. Pride: Lifting Him above the Temple;
3. Greed: Offering Him the possession of the entire world.
IOCC Emergency Kits for the displaced people of SYRIA

If anyone would like to donate one or more of the following Emergency Kits, please see any of the St. George Ladies Society.

1. School kit containing:
   1- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
   2- Three 70-70 count spiral or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets. Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper.
   3- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
   4- One hand-held pencil sharpener
   5- Six new pencils with erasers
   6- One eraser, 2-1/2"
   7- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
   8- 12 sheets of colored construction papers

2. Hygiene kit containing:
   1- One hands towel
   2- One washcloth
   3- One Comb
   4- One metal nail file or nail clipper
   5- One bar of soap
   6- One toothbrush
   7- Six Band-Aids

3. Baby care kit containing:
   1- Six cloth diapers
   2- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
   3- Two washcloths
   4- Two gowns or sleepers
   5- Two diaper pins
   6- One sweater or sweatshirt (Can be hand knitted or crocheted)
   7- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

Items must be new and under 12 months in size.

Thank You
Sylvana Aldouri
Orthodox Christian Network Share the Light Sunday
January 19, 2014

For, “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
Orthodox Study Bible Romans 10:13-14

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Beloved Clergy, Godly Monastics, and Blessed Faithful:
We greet you in the name of the Lord with the hope that all might hear His Name and understand His message of salvation. We live in the information age where we hear, and see a multitude of messages each and everyday. Our children and grandchildren have never known a world that was not overrun by the influences of the noisy multitude. Will this multitude drown out the voice of Orthodox Christianity? What will our children have to offer when they give birth to their own children and strive to raise them as loving, courageous, faithful human beings? The authentic Church of Christ must have a strong presence in media to share the truth of the Gospel.

The start of a New Year is a time to evaluate our lives and to promise ourselves that we will make a positive change. Share the Light Sunday begins our journey as we dedicate ourselves to learning more about our Orthodox Church’s media voice in North America. Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) strives each day to provide positive, relevant Orthodox content via multiple delivery platforms, reaching people via broadcast, podcast, video, blogging, and online learning wherever an internet connection is available. On the third Sunday of January designated each year as Share the Light Sunday, we remind you that it is in your power to make a larger change that can affect more people and more families than you can meet in a lifetime.

This year represents the 18th year of continuous broadcasting for our agency. OCN is also celebrating the launch of its new website, where visitors can listen, read, watch, and learn from the best in Orthodoxy worldwide. Features of the site also take into account the needs and trends present in the younger generation, who spend so much time on the internet where there is often, sadly, so little of value available to them. OCN continues to use every tool it can to reach these young people who will be the next generation tasked with preserving our precious faith and handing it on to future generations.

OCN, the media arm of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, has been sharing Christ’s good news with the world since 1996. Now is the time for all faithful to stand with our media voice and make it strong. Visit OCN’s website at www.myocn.net to listen to broadcasts, watch videos, read articles, and share what you find with friends and family members. It is our prayer that you will become long-term supporters of OCN, both financially and in helping to spread the news of OCN to the faithful, and to those still seeking faith.

May He who commanded us to preach His Gospel to all nations bless and keep you, now and in the coming year.

In His Service,
The Right Reverend Bishop Peter (Episcopal Liaison of OCN) Rev. Dr. Christopher Metropulos (OCN Executive Director)
### January 2014

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & A BLESSED EPIPHANY**

**SUNDAY ORTHROS 9:20 AM** Followed by the **DIVINE LITURGY**

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**REMINDER**

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

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

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

**To request a Dome Lighting, please contact Fr. George @ 584-9100**

“The donation is $50.00 per lighting”