



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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Martyr Marinos the Elder at Anazarbos; Venerable Theodore, Simeon and Euphrosyne;
New-martyrs Gabriel and Kyrmidolles of Egypt; Venerable Peter of Cetinje

Tone 2

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Saturday Vespers Service: 5:00 PM **(service live-streamed ONLY)**

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, followed by the Divine Liturgy **(is also live-streamed)**

Epistle: Choir

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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.

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

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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 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 St. Luke)

His voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-11, 14-18)

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, “See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord.” I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For St. Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:16-21)

The Lord said, “He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” The Seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Thy Name!” And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, “I thank Thee, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will.”

THE SYNAXARION

On October 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

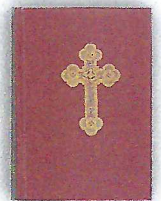
Verses

*Though near Emmaus I was kept from Thy vision,
Yet now, saith Luke, I see Thee, O Christ, distinctly.
On the eighteenth Luke reached the limit of his life.*

He was born in Antioch. In his youth, he excelled in his studies of Greek philosophy, medicine and art. During the ministry of the Lord Jesus on earth, Luke came to Jerusalem, where he saw the Savior face to face, heard His saving teaching and was witness to His miraculous works. Coming to believe in the Lord, Luke was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, and was sent out to preach. With Cleopas, he saw the resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Luke returned to Antioch and there became a fellow worker of the Apostle Paul and traveled to Rome with him, converting Jews and pagans to the Christian Faith. At the request of Christians, he wrote his Gospel in about the year 60. Following the martyrdom of the great Apostle Paul, Luke preached the Gospel throughout Italy, Dalmatia, Macedonia and other regions. He painted three icons of the Most-holy Theotokos—one of which is protected by the nuns of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Convent of Our Lady of Saydnaya in Syria. He also painted icons of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Hence, Luke is considered to be the founder of Christian iconography. In old age, he visited Libya and Upper Egypt. From Egypt he returned to Greece, where he continued to preach and convert many with great zeal despite his old age. In addition to his Gospel, Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles and dedicated both works to Theophilus, the governor of Achaia. Luke was 84 years old when the wicked idolaters tortured him for the sake of Christ and hanged him from an olive tree in the town of Thebes, in Boethia. The miracle-working relics of this wonderful saint were transported to Constantinople in the reign of Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine.

On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Marinos the Elder at Anazarbos; Venerable Theodore, Simeon and Euphrosyne, founders of the Monastery of the Great Cave in the Peloponnesus; New-martyrs Gabriel and Kyrmidoles of Egypt; and Venerable Peter of Cetinje (TSEH-tee-nee-eh). By their holy intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

After the Gospel Reading, please turn to page 104 in the Red Service Book to follow along with the rest of the Divine Liturgy.





HOLY BREAD IS OFFERED BY:

Anonymously for her health and the health of her family.

Milad and Laurice Farah for their health and the health of their children, and for Frank and Howard Mowad, and all the Farah and Mowad families, and on the 40 Day Memorial of Fadwa Farah Mowad. May her Memory be Eternal.

ARCHDIOCESE DUES

Grace Garcia

David and Dalal Young

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Sami and Antoinette Esper in memory of Gerges Esper.

FEAST OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Our Drive-By Feast of the Middle East will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The response has been wonderful, but we still need more items for our bake table.

A big THANK YOU to those bakers who have called me to pick up baked goods. So far in the freezer ready to sell are: Salad: Dr Sandra Edwards and Heidi and Greg Baine
Apricot Mannoul and Sambusak: Jameelie Dayoub
Baklava for dinner and Biscotti: Leila Joudi
Date Mammoul: Zena Esper
Pecan Makaroon: Dalal Young
Sambusak and Ghorebah: Dahad Joudi

Please call Jameelie 915-497-5582 if you would like to bake at home. I will be happy to bring boxes and pick up your baking donations.

For further details, please refer to the attached flyer. All ticket money must be turned in by October 21. Call if Jameelie if you need tickets 915-497-5582.

The ladies will be **baking butter bread** this **Friday October 16**, so please order yours and pick it up fresh at 2 PM.

Butter Bread a package of two for \$12

The following are assortments of what the bake table will offer, so please buy your favorite sweets ahead of time:

Biscotti a package of 8 for \$3

Sambusak a package of 6 for \$6

Date Mammoul a package of 6 for \$6

Apricot Mammoul a package of 6 for \$6

Pecan Makaroon a package of 12 for \$10

Ghorebeh a package of 8 for \$5

Date Pecan Cake for \$15

Specialty Large Ka'ick Date a package of 2 for \$10



**All proceeds will go toward supporting your beloved St. George Church
Thank you and God bless you and protect you all.**

*Please contact **Jameelie Dayoub** jameelie@aol.com or call (915)497-5582*

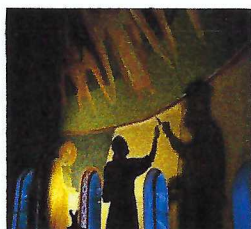
THANK YOU

A warm thank you for your kindness and sympathy during the loss of our beloved Fadwa Farah Mowad. Your calls, donations, cards, prayers, and visits were so appreciated. It gives us much comfort to know that you are thinking of us in this time of sadness. May her Memory be Eternal. May God grant you many years of good health and long life.

Milad and Laurice Farah
Frank and Howard Mowad

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to Tiffany Joudi for the donated Casatimo Automatic Hand Soap Dispenser, which is located at the entrance of the church. May God grant you many years of good health and long life.



ICON PROJECT

Icons are representations of the Heavenly. They are expressions of Orthodox faith, teaching, and worship. Icons are not drawings but rather writings of things not of this world. Icons can represent our Lord Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the Saints. They can also represent the Holy Trinity, Angels, the Heavenly hosts, and even events.

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. Icons teach us not to reject our physical life but instead to transform it, as was done by the holy people represented by the icons. It is important to note that the icons themselves are venerated only, not worshipped; we only worship God in the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

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 Antiochian Orthodox Church and write Icon Project Donation in the purpose line. Thank you.

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

COVID-19 AND PROTOCOLS FOR REOPENING CHURCH

We will continue to carry out the established protocols/guidelines for reopening our beloved St. George. The protocols are in place to ensure the safety of parishioners who choose to attend church for worship services.

We wish to inform you that the protocols have been updated by the Parish Council with a new rotation schedule and an increase in the percentage of attendance from 20% to 25%. The 25% of sanctuary capacity is 67 people, inclusive of adults and children.

Below is the Rotation Schedule which went into effect on Sunday, October 4, 2020:


- **Group 1, Last names with letter A-M (October 18)**
- Group 2, Last names with letters N-Z (October 25)
- Once a full 2-week rotation is completed, it will cycle again.

The updated protocols will be in place until further notice.

HOW TO ACCESS LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES

We will continue to live stream worship services during the on-going Covid-related crisis. It is quite easy to 'come into' the service, and you do not need to be a member of any social media platform to worship from home.

Step 1- Access the Church's website www.stgeorge-el Paso.org

Step 2 – Once on the 'home page', scroll all the way to the bottom. Look for this logo: 

Step 3 – Click on the logo. IT IS NOT NECESSARY to be a member of 'Facebook' to use this connection.

Step 4- Clicking on this logo opens a media page exclusive to St. George. When you scroll down the page you will see all sorts of video events from festivals to Divine Liturgy. To locate the live Sunday service being streamed, look for the still picture of the Solea and Iconostasis at the front of the altar. This is found at the top right of the page.

Step 5. As you move your cursor around on that still picture, various controls become visible: Those control volumes, move the video backwards and forward, and expand the picture to fill the whole screen. Saturday Vesper services still start at 5:00 P.M. Sunday services still start with Orthros at 9:15 A.M., and Divine Liturgy follows at 10:30 A.M. Live stream will also apply to Liturgy services scheduled during the week.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

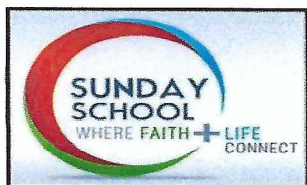
If you do not have a Service Book at home, please click the web site below and follow the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. For the feast hymns, Gospel and Epistle of the day, you will need to refer to the Liturgical Resources for October.

<http://www.stgeorgenj.com/the-divine-liturgy-of-st-john-chrysostom.html>

LITURGICAL RESOURCES FOR OCTOBER

The Antiochian Archdiocese wishes to bring to our attention some liturgical resources for October that are available at www.antiochian.org/liturgicday.

For parishioners who are unable to attend church as the Coronavirus pandemic continues, and if they are unable to watch live streams of the divine services on the internet, they can refer to the readers services in front of their icons at home. Once they access the above web page, they scroll down to "Permanent Liturgical Resources," they will find instructions for readers vespers, readers orthros, and typika services. They can pair the instructions with the full services they find on the Select Date calendar on that same webpage. Click on the calendar box and then select the date. The services will appear on the right side of the page under Daily Liturgical Text.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Parents,

We hope and pray that you and your families are doing well. Words alone can never express how much we, the Sunday School staff, have missed seeing our students. We are looking forward to working with them once again this school year. As with most of the Archdiocese Sunday School programs, for the safety of our students and families, we will

be hosting a virtual Sunday School. The Sunday School staff have met and have some creative ways through which to engage our students virtually this year. Before establishing a start date, we need some information from you. Please reply to the questions below, in a reply email, to Laila Ferris, at lferris130@yahoo.com

Again, we hope and pray for your health and safety.

Sincerely,
St. George Sunday School Staff

Please respond to the following survey questions and email back to Laila Ferris, at lferris130@yahoo.com, by **Monday, October 19, 2020.**

1. Parents' Names/Email addresses
2. Students' Names/Grade Levels
3. Email address(es) through which to connect virtually (Sunday School teachers will send the Zoom invite once the schedule of classes has been established)

CHURCH BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION

Dear parishioners, just a friendly reminder that if you have an email address on file with 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. Thank you for your cooperation. I will continue to mail the Church Bulletin to those who have contacted me. -Rev. Dn. Michael

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the Church Bulletin should be emailed by Monday to Rev. Deacon Michael at deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org. The Church Bulletin is usually sent out on Tuesday.

HOLY BREAD OFFERING

If you plan to offer the Holy Bread, please indicate your offering on the sign-up board located in the Narthex of the church or email Rev. Deacon Michael by Monday at deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org to have it placed in the following week's Church Bulletin. Deacon Michael will contact you to make the necessary arrangements for the Holy Bread. Also let him know if the Holy Bread is being offered for a Memorial Service of a departed love one.



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. Deacon Michael by **Monday** at deacon@stgeorge-elpaso.org in order to have it placed in the following 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.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Office: 915-584-9100 *Cell phone:* 973-780-0221

Email: archimandritefadi@antiochian.org

Or

Rev. Deacon Michael Sifuentes at:

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

Confessions: *By appointment.*

ST. GEORGE ADULT CLASS

St. George Adult Class is making big plans for our future. Please watch for an exciting announcement about upcoming subjects and the 'reveal' of a world-class highly recognized Orthodox teacher and leader who will be starting classes with us in January 2021 - with or without CoVID-19.

Meanwhile, please join us as we complete our study of the Book "The Orthodox Church" by Bishop Kallistos Ware. We take up chapter 16 on Sat, Oct 17, 2020 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MDT) Our next topic is something the Orthodox Church does not frequently address: The Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ to St. John, also called 'The Apocalypse'. There are two great teachers whose seminars we will 'stream'. Transcripts will also be provided for this interesting topic.

Please join the St. George Adult Class meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/825170813>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

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- One-touch: tel:+12245013412,,825170813#

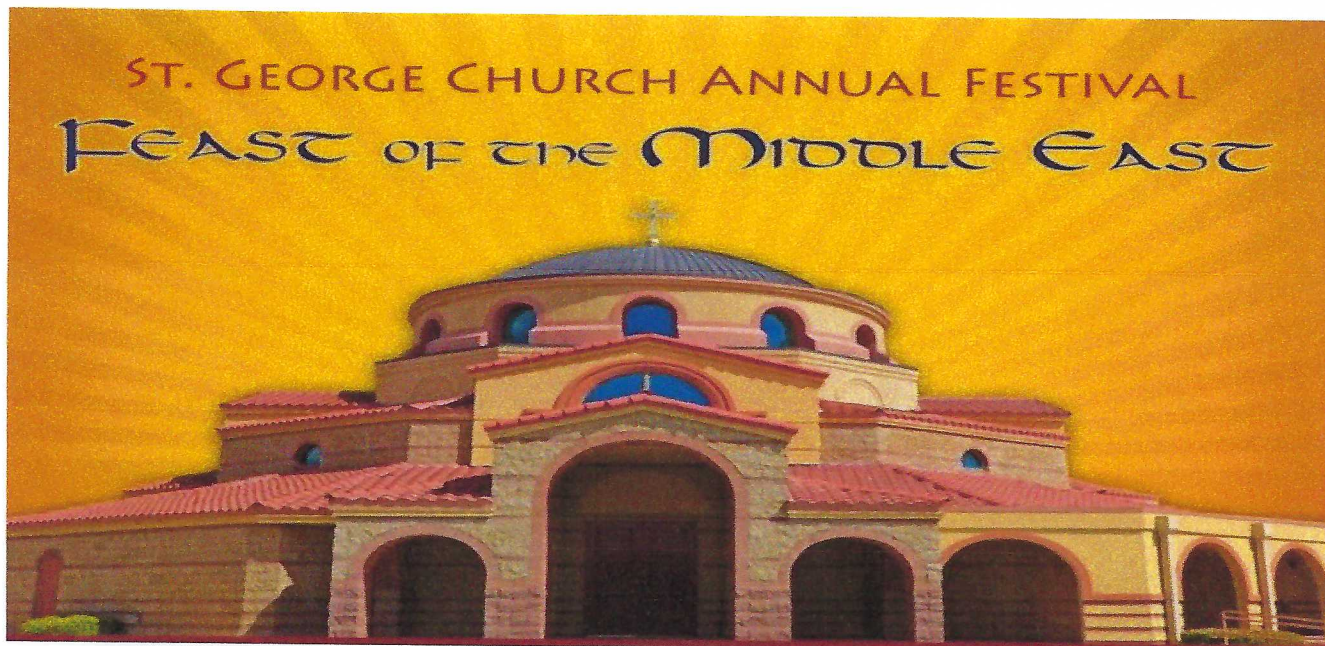
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If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sandra Edwards at (915) 203-0099.





Dear St. George Parishioners and Friends,

Are you missing the fun and teamwork that is the Feast of the Middle East? This year, for the first time in decades, we will be unable to have our festival. Financially, this is devastating because we depend on the profits to operate our dear St. George.

We are planning a drive by dinner and bake sale at the church on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The dinner will be by presale ticket only. The tickets are \$20.00 each and the meal will consist of salad, kibbe, meat pie, rice, green beans and baklava. The baked goods will be purchased per item. Hopefully, each of you will want to help. You may choose to help in several ways:

- Prepare your favorite baked goods. We will bring you containers in which to pack them for the sale. Please call, text or email Jameelie Dayoub at (915)497-5582 or jameelie@aol.com and let us know what you are baking and when it will be ready. We can store it in the freezer. We would like all baked goods by Monday, October 26.
- Volunteer to help with meal distribution on November 1.
- Many of you make monetary donations to the Feast of the Middle East. Consider giving your normal donation this year if possible. Sponsorships: Diamond Sponsor-\$1000.00, Platinum Sponsor-\$500.00, Gold Sponsor-\$300.00
Silver Sponsor-\$150.00, Bronze Sponsor-\$75.00, General Sponsor- Below \$75.00
- Sell tickets to everyone you know. Tickets and money must be turned in by October 21. **If you would like to purchase or sell some tickets or have questions, contact Jameelie Dayoub at 915-497-5582 or email jameelie@aol.com.**
- Spread the word. Tell all your friends. Share on social media.