

# **SAINT GEORGE**

## **ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*  
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His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East  
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The Very Reverend Father Michael Corbin, Pastor  
The Very Reverend Father Basil Shaheen

Saturday Vespers: 5:00 PM (Confessions following Saturday Vespers or by appointment)  
Sunday: Matins 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

### **Welcome Visitors**

Thank you for coming and praying with us today. In the Orthodox Church, Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular confession. Please let the greeter know that you are visiting so that Fr. Michael can properly welcome you at the end of the Liturgy. As the faithful receive a final blessing, you may also venerate the blessing cross and receive a piece of the blessed bread. We look forward to seeing you again and encourage you to learn more about the Orthodox Faith. We have regular Catechism classes and we always welcome new inquirers and seekers.

### **Prayer on entering the Church**

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy; I will worship toward thy holy temple in fear of thee. O Lord, guide me in the way of thy righteousness; because of mine enemies, make straight my way before thee, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Godhead worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Reminders on entering the Church**

Our focus upon entering the church is to direct ourselves (mind, body, heart and soul) to worshipping God and praying together as the body of Christ. Please refrain from conversations in the church that can distract us from prayer, including as we enter and leave. Friendly Reminders: Let us remember to be on time and arrive before the Liturgy begins. We should dress respectfully and modestly. Also, please don't forget to turn off your cell phones.

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)**  
**& THE HOLY AND GREAT FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTIA**

**Holy Bread offered by** Andria Michael for the health of George, Andria, Nick, Alex, Morgan, Mareena Michael and Joe Wodburn.

**In memory of:** Ronda, Sally, Louis and Mareena Michael, Ayub, Skundara and Delores Shaheen.

**Prayers at the table of oblation are offered by** Joyce Esber for the health of Joyce, Michael and Family, George Betros and Family, Tom and Kathy Esber, Alex.

**In memory of:** Elaine Esber Betros.

**Prayers at the table of oblation are offered by** Pam Huggett for the health of Rick and Pam and Family.

**In memory of:** Ray and Margaret Downard (on the 100th Anniversary of their births)

**Prayers at the table of oblation are offered by** Leila Andrews for the health of Leila Andrews, Abby, Anita, Charla and Cathy.

**In memory of:** Sadie Joseph

PRAYERS OFFERED AT THE TABLE OF OBLATION

For the health and salvation of: Fr. Basil Shaheen, Sister Photini, Youssef Abou-Ghanam, Elias Abuzakhm, Karam Alkaied, Dominic Alleman, Henri Alzught, Mari Aramouni, Frank Cassidy, Fomia Daoud, Milia Durkin, Joyce Esber, Michele Esber, Takla Farah, Connie Garcia, Vicky Gash, Charlene Georges, Norma Haddad, Mimi Hardgrove, Rick Huggett, Jan Kattouf, Julia Kousiry, Helen Leonhardt, Shane Mckinney, Bea McPherson, Andria Michael, George Michael, Christ Panopoulos, Cathy Ross, Frank Sadosky, David Saleeba, Charlotte Shaheen, Dawn Shaheen (Roselane), George Shaheen, Paul Shaheen, Peggy Shaheen, Penny Shaheen, Sally Shaheen, Sam Shaheen, Sylvia Shaheen, Carol Szostak, Jennifer Szostak Hudson, James and Jeanette Tomey (Bethany), Charlene Wise, Shafik Zakham, Sonia Zeen, Alex Zenedes.

**Armed Forces:** Justin Rowley, Austin Shaheen   **Police:** Michael Ataya, Patrick Kelly, Timothy Wires.

**In memory of:** Archbishop +MICHAEL, Fr. Michael Massouh, Mary Kousaie, Emily Saliba.

**Before Lining up for Holy Communion**

We are now using ushers to have a more organized and reverent line for Holy Communion.

Please wait until the usher releases your pew to proceed into the line.

Also, while we welcome all our visitors, please note that Holy Communion is only for Orthodox Christians who are prepared to receive today and are at least present before the epistle and gospel are read.

**March 9th Epistle Reader** - English - Desire Rossett    Arabic - Majeda Daoud

**Every Sunday during Lent - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.**

*Special Collection - Sunday of Orthodoxy*

There is also a special envelope in your stewardship packet that you can place in tray.

(Collection today is for the young men of our Archdiocese who are undertaking theological studies in preparation for ordination).

Procession with Holy Icons today. There will be a special procession with our holy icons at the end of the Divine Liturgy. You can also bring your icons to the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church at 5 pm followed by a Lenten Dinner.

**Sunday School & Adult Education Class**  
**will come to receive a blessing at the end of Liturgy and go to class.**

*Coffee Hour in the Social Hall sponsored by Pam Huggett in memory of her parents.*

### Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ تَلْمِذَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْكُرُزِّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ الْبَهْجِ، وَطَرَحْنَ الْقَضَاءَ الْجَدِّيَّ، وَخَاطَبْنَ الرُّسُلَ مُفْتَخِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ: سُبِّحِ الْمَوْتُ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

### Troparion of the First Sunday of Great Lent - Tone 2

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

لِصُورَتِكَ الطَّاهِرَةِ نَسْجُدُ أَيُّهَا الصَّالِحُ، طَالِبِينَ غُفْرَانَ الْخَطَايَا، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْهُنَا، لِأَنَّكَ قَبِلْتَ أَنْ تَرْتَفِعَ بِالْجَسَدِ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ طَوْعاً، لِتُنَجِّيَ الَّذِينَ خَلَقْتَ مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الْعَدُوِّ. لِذَلِكَ نَهْتَفُ إِلَيْكَ بِشُكْرِ: لَقَدْ مَلَأْتَ الْكُلَّ فَرِحاً يَا مُخْلِصَنَا، إِذْ أَتَيْتَ لِتُخَلِّصَ الْعَالَمَ.

### Troparion for the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebastia - Tone 1

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

نَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ الْمَحَبُّ الْبَشَرِ، وَنَسْتَعِظُكَ بِعَذَابَاتِ الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّتِي قَاسَوْهَا فِي سَبِيلِكَ، أَنْ تَشْفِيَ أَوْجَاعَنَا كُلَّهَا.

### Troparion of St. George - Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings.

Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls salvation.

بِمَا أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرَضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعِنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشَّهَادَةِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِيسُ الظَّفَرُ تَشْفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

### Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent - Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

إِنِّي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ \* أَكْتُبُ لَكَ رَايَاتِ الْعَلْبَةِ \* يَا جُنْدِيَّةَ مُحَامِيَّةَ \* وَأَقْدِمُ لَكَ الشُّكْرَ كَمُنْقِدَةٍ مِنْ الشَّدَائِدِ \* لَكِنَّ بِيَمَا أَنَّ لَكَ الْعِزَّةَ الَّتِي لَا تُحَارَبُ \* أَعْتَقِنِي مِنْ صُنُوفِ الشَّدَائِدِ \* حَتَّى أَصْرُخَ إِلَيْكَ: إِفْرَحِي يَا عَرُوساً لَا عَرُوسَ لَهَا.

**If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday of the Holy Cross, March 23, please see Fr. Michael.**

## THE EPISTLE

*Thou, O Lord, will preserve us and keep us from this generation.  
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (12:1-10)**

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus: the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son: do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father?

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

*The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual.*

## ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.

## الرسالة

أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ تَحَفَّظْنَا وَتَسْتُرُنَا مِنْ هَذَا الْجِيلِ.  
خَلِّصْنِي يَا رَبُّ، فَإِنَّ الْبَارَّ قَدْ فَنِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (10-1:12)

يَا إِخْوَةَ، لِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا إِذْ لَنَا سَحَابَةٌ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ مِقْدَارُ هَذِهِ مُحِيطَةٌ بِنَا، لِنَطْرَحَ كُلَّ ثِقَلٍ، وَالْخَطِيئَةَ الْمُحِيطَةَ بِنَا بِسُهُولَةٍ، وَلِنُحَاضِرَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ الْمَوْضُوعِ أَمَامَنَا، نَاطِرِينَ إِلَى رَبِّيسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكْمَلِهِ يَسُوعَ، الَّذِي مِنْ أَجْلِ السُّرُورِ الْمَوْضُوعِ أَمَامَهُ، اخْتَمَلَ الصَّلِيبَ مُسْتَهِينًا بِالْخَزْيِ، فَجَلَسَ فِي يَمِينِ عَرْشِ اللَّهِ. فَتَفَكَّرُوا فِي الَّذِي اخْتَمَلَ مِنَ الْخَطَاةِ مَقَاوِمَةً لِنَفْسِهِ مِثْلَ هَذِهِ لِنَلَّا تَكَلُّوا وَتَحُورُوا فِي نَفُوسِكُمْ. لَمْ نَقَاوِمُوا بَعْدُ حَتَّى النِّدْمِ مُجَاهِدِينَ صِدِّ الْخَطِيئَةِ، وَقَدْ نَسَيْتُمْ الْوَعْدَ الَّذِي يُخَاطِبُكُمْ كَتَبِينَ: «يَا ابْنِي لَا تَحْتَقِرْ تَأْدِيبَ الرَّبِّ، وَلَا تَحْزِنْ إِذَا وَبَّخَكَ. لِأَنَّ الَّذِي يُجِبُّهُ الرَّبُّ يُؤَدِّبُهُ، وَيَجْلِدُ كُلَّ ابْنٍ يَقْبَلُهُ. «إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَحْتَمِلُونَ التَّأْدِيبَ يُعَامِلُكُمْ اللَّهُ كَالْبَنِينَ. فَأَيُّ ابْنٍ لَا يُؤَدِّبُهُ أَبُوهُ؟ وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ بِلَا تَأْدِيبٍ قَدْ صَارَ الْجَمِيعُ شُرَكَاءَ فِيهِ، فَأَنْتُمْ نَعُولٌ لَا بَنُونَ. ثُمَّ قَدْ كَانَ لَنَا آبَاءُ أَجْسَادِنَا مُؤَدِّبِينَ، وَكُنَّا نَهَابُهُمْ. أَفَلَا نَخْضَعُ بِالْأُولَى جِدًّا لِأَبِي الْأَرْوَاحِ، فَتَحْيَا؟ لِأَنَّ أَوْلَئِكَ أَدْبُونَا أَيَّامًا قَلِيلَةً حَسَبَ اسْتِحْسَانِهِمْ، وَأَمَّا هَذَا فَلْأَجْلِ الْمَنْفَعَةِ، لِكَيْ نَشْرِكَ فِي قَدَاسَتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ كُلَّ تَأْدِيبٍ فِي الْحَاضِرِ لَا يَرَى أَنَّهُ لِلْفَرَحِ بَلْ لِلْحَزَنِ. وَأَمَّا آخِرًا فَيُعْطِي الَّذِينَ يَتَدَرَّبُونَ بِهِ ثَمَرٌ بَرٌّ لِلسَّلَامِ. لِذَلِكَ قَوْمُوا الْأَيْدِيَ الْمُسْتَرَحِيَةَ وَالرُّكْبَ الْمَخْلَعَةَ.

## الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ، وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (51-43:1)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، أَرَادَ يَسُوعُ الْخُرُوجَ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ فَوَجَدَ فِيلِبُّسَ فَقَالَ لَهُ: اتَّبِعْنِي. وَكَانَ فِيلِبُّسُ مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا مِنْ مَدِينَةِ أَنْدَرَاوسَ وَبَطْرُسَ. فَوَجَدَ فِيلِبُّسُ نَتْنَائِيلَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: إِنَّ الَّذِي كَتَبَ عَنْهُ مُوسَى فِي النَّامُوسِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ قَدْ وَجَدْنَاهُ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ بْنُ يَوْسُفَ الَّذِي مِنَ النَّاصِرَةِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ نَتْنَائِيلُ: أَمِنْ النَّاصِرَةِ يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَكُونَ شَيْءٌ صَالِحٌ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ فِيلِبُّسُ: تَعَالِ وَانظُرْ. فَرَأَى يَسُوعُ نَتْنَائِيلَ مُقْبِلًا إِلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ عَنْهُ: هُوَذَا إِسْرَائِيلِيُّ حَقًّا لَا غِشٍّ فِيهِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ نَتْنَائِيلُ: مِنْ أَيْنَ تَعْرِفُنِي؟ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ، وَقَالَ لَهُ: قَبْلَ أَنْ يَدْعُوكَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَأَنْتَ تَحْتَ التِّينَةِ رَأَيْتُكَ. أَجَابَ نَتْنَائِيلُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا مُعَلِّمُ، أَنْتَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، أَنْتَ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلِ. أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ لَكَ إِنَّي رَأَيْتُكَ تَحْتَ التِّينَةِ آمَنْتَ؟ إِنَّكَ سَتُعَايِنُ أَعْظَمَ مِنْ هَذَا. وَقَالَ لَهُ: الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّكُمْ مِنَ الْآنَ تَرَوْنَ السَّمَاءَ مَفْتُوحَةً، وَمَلَائِكَةَ اللَّهِ يَصْعَدُونَ وَيُنزِلُونَ عَلَى ابْنِ الْبَشَرِ.

## THE SYNAXARION

On March 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy and Great Forty Martyrs who were martyred at Sebastia of Pontus.

### **Verses**

We fill up the lack in Thy sufferings, O Savior, for behold, the bones of us forty are broken.  
On the ninth, forty men's bones were broken.

All of these martyrs were Roman soldiers. When their commander threatened to strip them of their ranks, one of them responded, "Not only the honor of being a soldier, but take away our bodies, for nothing is more dear or honorable to us than Christ our God." The angry torturers bound all of the holy martyrs and tossed them into the freezing lake. The torturers even heated a bath by the lake in sight of the frozen men. One lost his courage and entered the bath. An extraordinary light appeared from Heaven and 39 wreaths descended upon their heads. Upon seeing this, a guard on the shore removed his clothes, confessed the Name of the Lord Jesus and entered the lake so that he could become worthy of the fortieth wreath, which indeed descended upon him. The local bishop, Peter, with his clergy went out into the dark of night and beheld the martyrs shining brightly in the water. Bishop Peter honorably buried them in 320.

On this same day, the First Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of the restoration of the holy and venerable Icons, which took place through the ever-memorable Sovereigns of Constantinople, Michael and his mother, Theodora, during the patriarchate of Saint Methodios the Confessor.

### **Verses**

I rejoice, as I see them fittingly reverence. The icons formerly unfittingly banished.

This restoration was accomplished in the year 843. Theodora's husband was an iconoclast. After his death, Theodora venerated an icon of the Theotokos in front of Patriarch Methodios. The other faithful in the church did the same, venerating all the icons, considering them to be representations of their original elements, not idols. Theodora prayed to God to forgive her husband during the first week of Great Lent; and on the First Sunday of the Fast, she led the way in hanging up the icons to adorn the churches.

O invariant Icon of the Father, through the intercessions of Thy holy Confessors, have mercy on us. Amen.

### **March is Ladies Month**

Epistle readers for the month of March:

March 16th - English - Andria Michael  
Arabic - Mona Bichara

March 23rd - English - Beth Starkey

Arabic - Nahi Abo-Ghannam

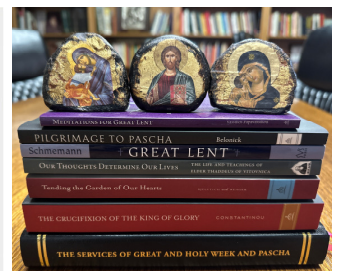
March 30th - English - Regina Thomas

Arabic - Ghada Kaddouh

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## Ladies (AOCWNA) Lenten Corner

During this season of Great Lent, The Ladies of St. George (AOCWNA) offer you this spiritual and dietary resource to help guide you on your journey to Great Pascha.

### Devotion of the Week

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. (Colossians 3:17)

### Lenten Snack Idea

Apricot Jam & Apricot Paste (available in the St. George Bookstore)  
Plain Popcorn, Traditional Oreos



### No-Boil Baked Vegan Mushroom Stroganoff

#### Ingredients:

1/3 cup cashew butter or plant-based sour cream  
½ cup dry white wine (or sub broth)  
2 ½ cups imitation “beef-flavored” broth (or sub vegetable broth)  
2 Tbsp. nutritional yeast, ½ yellow onion  
10 ounces cremini mushrooms, cut in half or fourths  
8 ounces dry rotini pasta; about 4 cups  
1 Tbsp. lemon juice, ½ tsp. Black pepper, plus more to taste  
¼ - ½ tsp. Salt (optional), 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley, for serving

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 and set a 9 x 13” casserole pan aside  
Add the cashew butter and wine to the casserole dish - whisk vigorously until the cashew butter emulsifies with the wine to form a creamy “broth”. Then add the “beef”-flavored broth, nutritional yeast and black pepper; whisk well. Add the pasta, mushrooms and onion to the casserole dish and mix until evenly distributed. Use a spatula or spoon to press everything down evenly into the sauce, especially the pasta noodles.  
Cover the dish tightly with aluminum foil (or parchment paper, followed by aluminum foil) and bake in the middle rack of the oven for 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and stir in the lemon juice; add the salt to taste, if desired. If the pasta sauce appears too runny for your taste, let the dish sit for 5 minutes or so; it will thicken as it cools. Leftovers can be stored in the fridge and are best eaten within 5 days.  
(frommybowl.com)

## THE SYNODICON: THE AFFIRMATION OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!

### صلاة أحد الأرثوذكسية

إننا كما عاينت الأنبياء، كما علمت الرسل، كما تسلمت الكنيسة، كما اعتقد المعلمون، كما اتفقت آراء المسكونة معاً، كما أشرقت النعمة، كما اتضح الحق، كما انطرد الكذب، كما استعلنت الحكمة، كما جاد المسيح بالجوائز، هكذا نعتقد، هكذا نتكلم، هكذا نكرز، مُنذرين بالمسيح إلهنا المسكونة. "الحقيقي، ونكرم قديسيه، بالأقوال والتأليفات والمعاني والضحايا والهيكل والأيقونات. فأما المسيح فنسجد له كسيد واله، ونعبده، وأما القديسون فنكرمهم لأجل السيد العمومي، كخدام له أخصاء، ونقدم لهم السجود بحسب النسبة.  
هذا إيمان الرسل، هذا إيمان الأباء، هذا إيمان المستقيمي الرأي، هذا الإيمان قد وطد المسكونة.

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## OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannan (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
1st Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 9th</b>	 <b>SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY</b> Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 16th</b>	 <b>ST GREGORY PALAMAS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 23rd</b>	 <b>VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!
4th Sunday of Lent <b>MARCH 30th</b>	 <b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 6th</b>	 <b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 13th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 18th</b>	 <b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>APRIL 20th</b> NO FASTING!	 <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

**We will be selling Palm Sunday tickets starting next Sunday, March 16.**

**We will be hosting the Presanctified Liturgy on March 26.**  
Please see or contact  
Kh. Mira or Mary Hilaneh  
if you are able to help with the dinner. Sign up for a side dish such as vegetables, fruit or dessert.  
Monetary donations are also welcome to offset the cost of the main dishes.





Sunday School Families and Friends are invited to the  
**Phoenician Club Kids' Party!**  
**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (10am-12pm)**

**North Canton Skate and Entertainment Center, 5475 Whipple Ave, North Canton**

Roller Skating, Lazer Tag, Rock Wall, Bumper Cars, Jump Shot Basketball, Lazer Maze, Arcade games

No Charge for Phoenician Kids, Sunday School, and Friends

We've rented the whole facility (not open to general public)

**OCW Lenten Retreat** (Sarah Byrne-Martelli)

*Sorrow Into Joy: Encountering Christ in our Paschal Lives*

**Saturday, March 29, 2025, 9:30am-3:00pm**

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 129 S. Union Street, Akron, OH 44304**

*\$20 Includes Continental Breakfast and Luncheon,*

**Make checks payable to OCW and remit to: Susan Evanoff**

404 – 19th Street NE, Massillon, Ohio 44646

**RSVP by Friday, March 21, 2025 ALL ARE WELCOME -MEN AND WOMEN**

Dr Byrne-Martelli is an Orthodox Christian board-certified chaplain and bereavement counselor. Sarah received a Bachelor of Arts from Haverford College, a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry from St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. She serves on the Executive Board of the Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion. Her recent book, Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians, was published in 2022.



St. George Pascha Card

If you would like your name printed in the Pascha Card that is sent out, please fill out and send the form located below along with a \$10 donation to: St. George Church, 1118 Cherry Ave NE, Canton, 44704 or use the special offering envelope provided in your weekly contribution box and place in the Sunday collection tray. Deadline: April 9.

Make checks payable to: St. George Church. (ST. GEORGE PASCHA CARD)

Clearly print name exactly as you want it to appear on the card.

Sunday School Confessions Schedule - These classes will stay after church on the following days for confession.

March 16: Grades 3-5      March 30: Grades 6-12



Ladies of St George are participating in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Orthodox Baby Shower. This year we will be collecting diapers of all sizes (larger sizes are the greatest need) for the Crisis Pregnancy and Parenting Center in Canton. Diapers can be dropped off in the vestibule of the social hall throughout the Lenten period. Thank you in advance for your caring and support!

The Ladies are collecting donations for the 2025 AOCWNA Project - The Widowed Celery Wives Fund.

Sunday, March 23

Special presentation during coffee hour. Dr. Najeeb Haddad will introduce us to his work with OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) and on his recent trip to Kenya and Tanzania.

*Catechism Class*



Are you interested in learning more about our faith?  
You are welcome to join our Catechism class.

**Next Catechism class, March 13, 5:30pm, Church Lower Level**  
Come join us and bring a friend!

## CREATIVE ARTS 2025



Mark your calendars-submissions are due: **SUN., MARCH 16, 2025**  
The theme for 2025 is: **"Behold the maidservant of the Lord!  
Let it be to me according to your word." +Luke 1:38**  
If you have any questions, please see Liz.



Creative Festivals 2025

**Bible Bowl - Gospel of St. Luke**

**Midwest Parish Life Conference: June 18-21, Louisville KY**

**Oratorical - "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." +Luke 1:38**

**Archdiocese Convention ([www.ac2025chicago.org](http://www.ac2025chicago.org)) July 21-26, Chicago IL**



The Archbishop Michael Shaheen Educational and Charitable Fund is once again offering scholarships to 2025 high school graduates who are furthering their education through college, university or technical training. Since 1994, 87 scholarships have been distributed. These scholarships are awarded as a recognition of the student's good standing with the Antiochian Orthodox Church and as an incentive to continue to grow. Scholarship applications may be obtained by contacting Stevie Abraham beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. They are to be returned to Milia Durkin by June 30, 2025 for review. (Late/incomplete applications cannot be considered.) This scholarship honors both student accomplishment and also, the memory of the late Archbishop Michael.

## SERVICES / EVENTS

*You may come to confession after any of the Lenten services or by appointment during the day.*

**Sunday, March 9 Sunday of Orthodoxy:** Matins 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am Procession with Holy Icons, Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodox Vespers, 5pm, St. George Serbian Church

**Monday, March 10:** Great Compline 6:30pm

**Tuesday, March 11:** Parish Council Meeting, 5:30pm; Great Compline 6:30pm

**Wednesday, March 12:** Bible Study 11am, Library Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30pm, St. Haralambos

**Thursday, March 13:** Catechism Class, 5:30pm Church Lower Level Great Compline 6:30pm

**Friday, March 14:** Little Compline and Akathist Hymn (Madayeh) 6:30pm

**Saturday, March 15:** Kids Skate Party 10am-12pm, North Canton Skate Center; Great Vespers 5pm

**Sunday, March 16 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas:** Matins 9am; Divine Liturgy 10am; Lenten Vespers, 6:30pm

**Monday, March 17:** Great Compline 6:30pm

**Tuesday, March 18:** Great Compline 6:30pm

**Wednesday, March 19:** Bible Study 11am, Library; Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30pm, Holy Trinity

**Thursday, March 20:** Great Compline 6:30pm

**Friday, March 21:** Little Compline and Akathist Hymn (Madayeh)

## HOLY BREAD/COFFEE HOUR

### March 16 (Lenten)

Holy Bread & Coffee Hour  
Walid & Brittany Bardawil

### March 23 (Lenten)

Holy Bread & Coffee Hour  
Hilaneh & Macris Families

### March 30 (Lenten)

Holy Bread & Coffee Hour -  
Sponsor Needed

### April 6 (Lenten)

Holy Bread & Coffee Hour -  
Andria Michael

### April 13 (Lenten)

Holy Bread - Sponsor Needed  
Palm Sunday Luncheon

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## THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In English and Phonetic Arabic)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

A-BA-NAL LA-THEE FIS-SA-MA-WAT; LEE-YA-TA-KAD-DAS IS-MUK;  
LEE-YA`-TEE MA-LA-KU-TUK; LEE-TA-KUN MA-SHEE-A-TUK;  
KA-MA FES-SA-MA` KA-THA-LEE-KA AA-LAL ARD;  
KHUB-ZA-NAL JOW-HA-REE AA-TEE-NAL YAWM  
WAT-RUK LA-NA MA AA-LAY-NA;  
KA-MA NAT-RU-KU NAH-NU LEE-MAN LA-NA AA-LAY;  
WA-LA TUD-KHIL-NA FEE TAJ-RI-BAH;  
LA-KIN NAJ-JEE-NA MIN-ASH SHIR-REAR

## PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions, both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom.

Not unto judgement nor unto condemnation, be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.