

St. George Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT OF PALESTINE

Tone - 4 10th Matins Gospel {John 21:1-14}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

Greeters and Ushers: **Members of Teen SOYO**

Confessions

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom**, we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

Third Antiphon (during the Little Entrance)

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.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 4 (*same as above*)

إن تلميذات الرب تعلمن! من الملاك بشرى القيامة البهجة، و طرحن القضية الجدية و خاطبن الرسل مفتخراتٍ و قائلاتٍ قد سبي الموت و قام المسيح الإله مانحاً العالم الرحمة العظمى.

Troparion for St. Hilarion—Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Hilarion, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

لِلْبَرِّيَّةِ غَيْرِ الْمُثْمِرَةِ بِمَجَارِي دُمُوعِكَ أُمْرَعَتْ، وَبِالْتَّنَهُدَاتِ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأَعْمَاقِ أَثْمَرَتْ بِأَتْعَابِكَ إِلَى مِئَةِ ضَعْفٍ. فَصِرَتْ

كَوْكِباً لِلْمَسْكُونَةِ تَسْطَعُ بِالْعَجَائِبِ يَا أَبَانَا الْبَارَّ إِيْلَارِيُونَ. فَتَسْتَفَعُ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

Troparion for 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.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طبيب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Virgin Mary—Tone 2

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.

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير الخازية الوسيطة لدى الخالق غير المرذودة لا تعرضي عن اصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما انك صالحة، نحن الصارخين نحوك بايمان، بادري الى الشفاعة واسرعي في الطلبة يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً بمكرميك.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20 {21st Sunday after Pentecost}

Reader: **Amany Rishmawi**

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39 {6th Sunday of St. Luke}

Holy Bread Offerings

- Suheil and Abeer Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Rachel, Andrew**, and newborn **Laila Rose, Elias**, and the occasion of **George** and **Angel's** birthdays.
- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Michael** Farah (+September 14th, son of Sam and Tracy), **Hetty** Burnett (September 22nd, grandmother of Claire Saadeh), and **Carlos** David (October 12th, cousin of Laila Abud).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa and Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Laila** and **Sahar** Abdallah, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal** Abuaita, **Cesar** Banna, **Pamela Mary** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Vera** Farah, **Betty** Froberg, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nemer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Danny** Mortensen, **Heather** and **Karam** Nassar, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); **Luai**, **Rasha** and newborn **Joy** (September 20th) Abuaita.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, and **Karen** (Nicholas) Shaheen {Drs. Ron and Kathy's son}.

Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. *“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is not hosted today ☹️. Please offer a donation to help cover our costs, thank you!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th ~ sign-up poster and hosting information is in the Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, see Manal Abuaita. *During the Christmas Fast (November 15th - December 24th), no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, or their by-products are served.*

EXPLORING OUR FAITH We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month (this Tuesday, October 23rd from 6-8pm at St. George Church. This month’s topic is **Divine Providence** *God is active in every event in our lives always desiring that through things that happen to us, both good and bad, we would be constantly turning toward Him. Come and learn more about how we understand His constant presence and guidance in our lives as He provides opportunities for our salvation!* The intent of the series is to discover (or rediscover) various aspects of our Orthodox Faith so they might be of practical benefit to us on our life’s journey in Christ. All are invited to join! Any questions or if you would like more information, contact Protodeacon Michael Bassett frdnmike@gmail.com or 989-627-9580.

CHURCH SCHOOL THANKSGIVING IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH! Children ages Kindergarten - High School need to be at the church by 2pm to prepare the meal and do fun activities. Parents and preschoolers should be back and sit together as a family for Great Vespers beginning at 5pm. Starting today, your child is asked to donate \$5, to help offset the cost of the food items we need to purchase for them to prepare the meal. Please have your child give the \$5 to their teacher or stop by the Church School Office to make your donation. We also need 5 individuals to cook turkeys and bring them on Saturday. After Vespers, our PARISH FAMILY will all enjoy the meal the children helped prepare and, as in the past, we will be delivering meals to our shut-ins and the Soup Kitchen. Please contact Anaam or Janet Abueita with any questions.

Thank You! Janet Abueita, Church School Director

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please mark your calendars and come help feed the hungry during our once-a-month commitment at the Soup Kitchen this Tuesday, October 23rd from 9am-12:30pm. If you have questions or want to sign-up, please contact Goni Ishak (810-449-6599).

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS We can make donations and purchases by Credit or Debit Card. This can be done by coming to the office or calling 810-732-0720 during Office Hours (see below).

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On October 14th, our offerings were \$4,306, so we were short \$1,324 ☹️ If you have not already, please support God’s work at St. George!

COMING EVENTS

This Week	The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday.
TODAY	2nd and 3rd Grade Class with Fr. Joe
Monday	Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm Parish Council Nominee Seminar 7pm (<i>Let Fr. Joe know if you will be coming!</i>)
Tuesday	North End Soup Kitchen 9am-12:30pm Exploring our Faith 6-8pm
Wednesday	Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday	Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm

OCTOBER 21ST ~ VENERABLE HILARION THE GREAT OF PALESTINE

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There, he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great (January 17th), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert, the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting, and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer, Saint Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions, and other wild beasts. The monk perceived it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to leave their life of crime through the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to Saint Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace, he freed the bonds of many who were afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (Matthew 10:8). Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to Saint Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of Saint Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372), Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus where he lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.

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- If you know of a parishioner who has given birth, fallen ill, or admitted to the hospital, please call the church office or let Father Joe know.
- **OFFICE HOURS** Our secretary, Kelly Dotson, works on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays (10am-4pm); Tuesdays and Wednesdays (1pm-4pm). Kelly can be reached during office hours at 810-732-0720 or kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.” Is 40:8

To the Beloved Clergy and Laity of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I pray this letter finds you and your families in good health. For the past thirty-seven years, our teens have ministered to the athletes of Special Olympics. Through the power and joy of sports, Special Olympics transforms lives, both of the athletes and those who serve them. Once again this summer, our teens will have the blessing to host and serve at the 38th Special Olympics SOYO Sports Training Camp, providing – free of charge – a week of sports training for over 320 athletes and coaches.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide: “year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.” Our Lord taught: “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.” (Mathew 18:4-5). We can see that supporting our teens’ participation in this ministry is teaching them to do as Christ taught in a most profound and life-changing way. By our financial support, we also join our young people in this beautiful opportunity to show the love, service, and hospitality of our Antiochian Orthodox faithful.

As you leave Church this morning, the teens will offer you bookmark with an icon of the patron saint of SOYO, St. John Chrysostom, chosen to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of its North American Council. They offer this icon as an expression of their appreciation for your contribution and for you joining them in this sacred ministry. Your gift today will have a great impact on the lives of these athletes and the teens that minister to them.

Asking the Lord to bless this thirty-eighth year of our participation in Special Olympics as well as all of you and your loved ones, I remain,

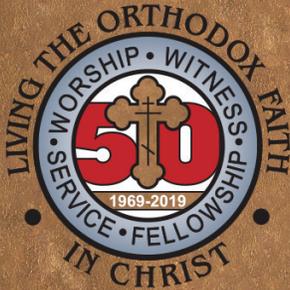
Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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Special Olympics AWARENESS DAY



Apolytikon of Saint John Chrysostom (Tone 8)

Patron Saint of SOYO

Grace shining forth from your mouth like a beacon has illumined the universe, and disclosed to the world treasures of un-covetousness, and shown us the heights of humility, but whilst instructing us by thy words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.



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NAC Teen SOYO
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Antiochian Orthodox Christian
Archdiocese of North America

As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to sponsor the 38th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Approximately 300 athletes and coaches participate in our camp each year. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: “Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Special Olympics Awareness Day is your opportunity to support this ministry and enrich the lives of our teens who participate in helping others. Your generosity makes this ministry possible.

Today, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 38th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in the summer of 2019.

As an expression of gratitude for your support of this ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint John Chrysostom, the Patron Saint of Teen SOYO. The Year 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the North American Council of Teen SOYO. For this reason our teens have chosen to honor their Patron Saint as an expression of love and gratitude for the multitude of blessings they have received over these 50 years.

Thank you for your financial support. Please make checks payable to your local teen SOYO group.

For More Information: <https://teensoyo.org/special-olympics>

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