

**2026 - Holy Week Schedule**

**April 4 - Lazarus Saturday**

- 9 AM - Orthros
- 10 AM - Divine Liturgy
- 5 PM - Great Vespers of Palm Sunday

**April 5 - Palm Sunday**

- 9 AM - Orthros
- 10 AM - Divine Liturgy
- 5 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday

**April 6 - Holy Monday**

- 9 AM - Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- 5 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Tuesday

**April 7 - Holy Tuesday**

- 9 AM - Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- 5 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday

**April 8 - Holy Wednesday**

- 9 AM - Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- 5 PM - Sacrament of Holy Unction

**April 9 - Holy Thursday**

- 9 AM - Vespers Divine Liturgy of St Basil
- 5 PM - Matins of Great & Holy Friday (12 Passion Gospels)

**April 10 - Great & Holy Friday**

- 9 AM - Royal Hours
- 3 PM - Vespers of Great & Holy Friday
- 5 PM - Matins of Great & Holy Saturday (Lamentations)

**April 11 - Great & Holy Saturday**

- 9 AM - Vespers Liturgy of St Basil
- 10 PM - Rush Service, Paschal Orthros & Paschal Divine Liturgy

**April 12 - Pascha**

- 1 PM - Agape Vespers



**Great Lent Reflection**

The season of Great Lent is the Church's sacred time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a spiritual journey that reflects the meaning of our entire Christian life, our desire to rise with Christ from death to life.

Great Lent calls us to renewed devotion through prayer, fasting, repentance, and almsgiving. It is a season of real renewal, of our mind, heart, and deeds, so that we may return to the Gospel and to the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor.

In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent is not meant to be a season of gloom, but a time of joyful purification. We are called to "cleanse our bodies as we cleanse our souls," beginning the fast not with sadness, but with hope. As the Church hymns remind us: "Let us begin the Lenten season with delight, fasting from passions as we fast from food."

God does not desire despair, but repentance. We may sorrow for our sins, yet we do so in the light of God's mercy, preparing ourselves for the joy of Pascha. Therefore, let us make good use of this holy season, taking advantage of the many opportunities for worship, learning, service, and fellowship within our parish family.

May the Lord bless your spiritual efforts during this season, and grant us all a joyful Lent and a radiant Pascha.

Fr. Habib



**St. GEORGE**

**Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church**  
**كنيسة القديس جاورجيوس الانطاكية الارثوذكسية**

*Est. 1927 - Preparing for Our Centennial 2027*

**THE PHARISEE & THE PUBLICAN - LUKE 18:10-14**

**"GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER!"**



Today's Gospel reminds us: Holiness begins with humility.  
 God does not seek proud words - He receives the broken and repentant heart

**"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."  
 (Luke 18:14)**

**WELCOME! (Ahlan wa Sahlan!) أهلاً وسهلاً!**

*We are blessed to have you with us today. Whether this your first visit or your hundredth, you are part of our family in Christ. In the Orthodox tradition, only Baptized & Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may receive Holy Communion. All are warmly invited to share in the blessed bread (Antidoron) and the love of our parish.*

**"Welcome to St. George - May you find here a home of faith, hope and love."**

**Jurisdiction**  
 A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

- His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
- Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Archiepiscopal Vicar for Toledo and the Midwest

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**Services**

- 6:00 PM Saturday Great Vespers
- 9:00 AM Sunday Matins Orthros
- 10:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

**Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Fr. Habib will hear Confession by appointment

For urgent pastoral needs outside these hours, please contact Fr. Habib directly.

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**Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 1, 2026 - Tone 1 / Eothinon 1**

Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican & Forefeast of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

·During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” After the Little Entrance, sing these hymns in the following order:

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE ONE**

The Heavens’ choir looked down from the vaults of the Heavens, \* and gazing on the earth, they beheld with amazement \* the First-born of all creation brought forth as a suckling babe \* to the Temple by a pure and virginal mother; \* and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Forefeast, \* astonished and full of awe.

**POLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR**

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 to save our souls.

**KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

On this day doth Simeon \* receive with gladness \* God, the giver of the Law; \* and he doth cry to Him in fear: \* Let me depart now, O Master Christ, \* for I have seen Thee, the glory of Israel.

**THE EPISTLE**

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)**

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**St. GEORGE - PARISH CALENDAR**

Sun	Feb 1, 2026	9 / 10 AM 12 PM	9 AM - Orthros / 10 AM Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: <b>TRIODION BEGINS TODAY</b> <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
Mon	Feb 2, 2026	6 PM	Ladies Society Meeting in Church Hall
Sat & Sun	Feb 7, 2026	All day 6 PM	Visit of Archimandrite Jeremy Davis, Archbishopial Vicar for Toledo and the Midwest 6 PM - Great Vespers
Sun	Feb 8, 2026	9 / 10 AM	9 AM - Orthros 10 AM - Divine Liturgy 10 AM - Sunday of the the Prodigal Son.
Sat	Feb 14, 2026	9 AM 5 & 6 PM	Saturday of Souls 5 PM - Vesper / 6 PM - Orthodoxy: The Way to the Kingdom
Sun	Feb 15, 2026	9 AM 10 AM 12 PM	9 AM - Orthros 10 AM - Divine Liturgy 10 AM - Meat Fare Sunday - Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) 12 PM Valentines Day Luncheon
Sat	Feb 21, 2026	5 PM 6 PM	5 PM - Vesper & 6 PM - Orthodoxy: The Way to the Kingdom
Sun	Feb 22, 2026	9 AM 10 AM	9 AM - Orthros 10 AM - Divine Liturgy - Cheese Fare Sunday - <b>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</b> . Mon Feb 23 Start of Lent (Clean Monday)
Fri	Feb 27, 2026	5 PM	Little Compline with Akathist Hymn (1)
Sat	Feb 28, 2026	5 PM 6 PM	5 PM - Vesper 6 PM - Orthodoxy: The Way to the Kingdom
Sun	Mar 1, 2026	9 AM 10 AM 5 PM	9 AM - Orthro 10 AM - Divine liturgy Sunday of Orthodoxy 5 PM Vespers (Sunday of Orthodoxy) at St. George 10748 E. 116th Street, Fishers, IN. Bishop John (Antiochian Archdiocese) is the Homilist.
Fri	Mar 6, 2026	5 PM	Little Compline with Akathist Hymn (2)
Fri	Mar 13, 2026	5 PM	Little Compline with Akathist Hymn (3)
Fri	Mar 20, 2026	5 PM	Little Compline with Akathist Hymn (4)
Fri	Mar 27, 2026	5 PM	Little Compline with Akathist Hymn (5)
Sat	Apr 4, 2026	9 AM 10 AM 5 PM	9 AM - Orthros 10 AM - Divine Liturgy - Lazarus Saturday Great Vespers of Palm Sunday
Sun	Apr 5, 2026	9 AM 10 AM	9 AM - Orthros 10 AM - Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday
Sun	Apr 5, 2026	5 PM	Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday
Mon	Apr 6, 2026	9 AM 5 PM	9 AM - Holy Monday - Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 5 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday
Tue	Apr 7, 2026	9 AM 5 PM	9 AM - Holy Tuesday - Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 5 PM - Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday
Wed	Apr 8, 2026	9 AM 5 PM	9 AM - Holy Wednesday - Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 5 PM - Sacrament of Holy Unction
Thu	Apr 9, 2026	9 AM 5 PM	9 AM - Holy Thursday - Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil 5 PM - Matins of Great & Holy Friday (12 Passion Gospels)
Fri	Apr 9, 2026	9AM/3PM/5PM	9 PM - Royal Hours / 3 PM - Vespers of Great & Holy Friday / 5 PM - Matins of Great & Holy Saturday (Lamentations)
Sat	Apr 11, 2026	9 AM / 10 PM	9 AM - Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil / 10 PM - Rush Service, Paschal Orthros & Paschal Divine Liturgy
Sun	Apr 12, 2026	1 PM	Agape Vespers (reading of the Gospel in various languages)
Sun	May 17, 2026	12 PM	Mediterranean Festival



All are invited to join us on February 7-8, 2026  
 as we welcome  
**Archimandrite Jeremy Davis**  
 Archbishopal Vicar for Toledo & the Midwest to  
**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**Please join us as we rediscover, rebuild, and return home. COME and SEE!**

Everyone is welcome to  
**Orthodoxy: The Way to the Kingdom**  
 A call rediscover, rebuild, and return home, a  
 journey for all who seek Christ!  
**Saturdays at 7:00 PM**

**HOLY OBLATION - Offered this Sunday by: The Tanoos Family -  
 Mary Ann's 40 days memorial - DIPTYCHS**

**Living**

- Tony,
- Michel,
- William,
- Katie,
- Jack,
- Nora,
- Anthony,
- Bre,
- Gabriella,
- Wanda,
- Danny,
- Claudia,
- Daniel,
- Ashlee,
- Preston,
- Mila,
- Pete,
- Tammy

- Jacob,
- Peter,
- Alec,
- Ezekial,
- T. J.,
- Christopher,
- Iliana
- Anthony III
- Tommy Lou
- all members of the Tanoos,  
 Haddad, Nasser & Starkey  
 families
- all of the St. George  
 parishioners, board members,  
 choir, Chanters and that serve  
 in this Holy Temple.
- All the People suffering in  
 the world

**Departed**

- Marry Ann,
- Tommy,
- Pete & Bundar,
- Tom & Hend,
- Rose,
- Joe,
- Sadie,
- Rachael,
- George,
- Dickie,
- Louis,
- Shamieh,
- Mary,
- Norma,
- Bill,
- Judy,
- Matt and

- all members of the  
 Tanoos & Nasser  
 families
- Our fathers, forefathers,  
 founder of this Holy  
 Temple
- All the Orthodox  
 departed in the world.  
 May the Lord remember  
 them in His heavenly  
 Kingdom.



*From the Desk of Fr. Habib*  
*Living the Gospel with Sophia*



Beloved in Christ,

In today's Gospel (Luke 18:10-14), our Lord gives us one of the most powerful lessons of the spiritual life: **God is not impressed by appearances, He receives humility.**

The Pharisee's prayer sounded "religious," yet it was filled with pride. He did not stand before God with repentance, but with comparison. The tax collector, however, did not defend himself or point to his accomplishments. He simply cried from the depths of his heart:

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

And Christ tells us plainly: that man went down to his house justified.

This is the message for every one of us, cradle Orthodox, catechumen, or visitor: the safest place to stand is not in self-confidence, but in **repentance**. The beginning of renewal, personal renewal, family renewal, and parish renewal, starts the moment we stop justifying ourselves and begin returning to Christ with a soft heart.

As we continue our parish journey toward the Centennial (1927–2027), let us remember that true growth does not begin in pride or performance, but in **humility, prayer, and the mercy of God.**

May the Lord grant us the spirit of the Publican: **simplicity, honesty, and repentance.**

With love in Christ,  
 Fr. Habib A. Ghantous



- No Fast
- No Fast
- No Fast
- No Meat

**February Fellowship by:**

- Feb 1 - Tanoos - Mary Ann 40 days Memorial
- Feb 8 - Drs. Steve & Jamie Maynard - FHO Steven
- Feb 15 - SOIL - Valentines Day Luncheon
- Feb 22 - Kal & Christy Ellis - Kal's 63 birthday

**March Fellowship by:**

- Abstain From Meat Fish Dairy Eggs
- Mar 1 - Fr. Habib & Kh. Norma Ghantous & Family
- Mar 8 - Lynn Shahadey - Kadin's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Mar 15 - Turner Family - Jeremiah's Birthday
- Mar 22 - Bocard Family - Illiana's 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday
- Mar 29 - Zack Kassis - Zack's 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday

No Meat, Fish, Dairy, Eggs

No Fast

**April Fellowship by:**

- Apr 5 - Ladies Society - Palm Sunday
- Apr 11 - Mary Helen Ellis
- Apr 12 - Easter
- Apr 19 - Not Assigned
- Apr 26 - Cache & Trent

**Baptisms & Chrismation**



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**



- Madeleine Abdayem
- Betty Azar
- Dan Hester
- Kalea Ellis

- Tiah & Baby
- Tory & Baby
- Carl Ellis
- Salwa Nasser

- Denise Issa
- Amy Issa
- Jacque Davis
- Naime

- Keisha

**Birthdays**

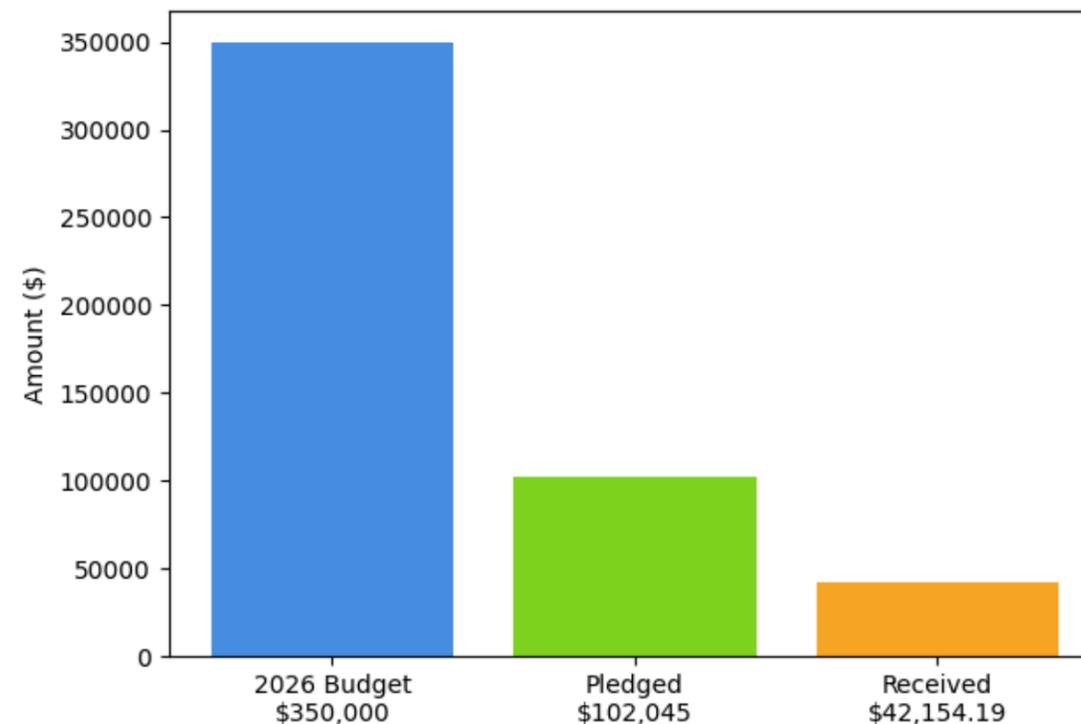
- Feb 02 - Courtney Lake
- Feb 02 - Christina Issa
- Feb 02 - Kensington Cook
- Feb 02 - Sophia Davis
- Feb 02 - Crew Davis
- Feb 08 - Ian Neice
- Feb 12 - Linda Shahadey
- Feb 22 - Kyle Ellis
- Feb 27 - Kaleel Ellis

- Mar 03 - Lisa Zeck
- Mar 09 - Kadin Bell
- Mar 15 - Jeremiah Turner
- Mar 19 - Marha Polit
- Mar 19 - Joanna Dailey
- Mar 21 - Chris Ellis
- Mar 23 - Noble Corey
- Mar 24 - Alec Tanoos
- Mar 27 - Iliana Bocard
- Mar 27 - Susan Hester
- Mar 29 - Salwa Nasser
- Mar 30 - Zack Nasser

- Apr 02 - Elias Azar
- Apr 04 - Mila Tanoos
- Apr 04 - Dr. Tony K. Nasser
- Apr 06 - Mary Helen Ellis
- Apr 09 - Esther Simbol
- Apr 11 - Adelle Watts
- Apr 12 - Denise Corey
- Apr 14 - Michael T. Ellis
- Apr 17 - Peter Tanoos
- Apr 21 - Michael A. Tom
- Apr 22 - Tim Curley
- Apr 22 - Frank Shahadey
- Apr 23 - Jaime Ellis
- Apr 24 - Jonathan Ellis
- Apr 25 - Juddie Ashcraft
- Apr 26 - Jacob Tanoos
- Apr 29 - Jensen Turner

**2026 Pledge Summary**

As of 01/27/2026



Every pledge is an act of faith.

It is not about figures on a chart, but about offering what we have so the Church may continue to pray, serve, teach, and welcome all who come.

If you have not yet submitted a 2026 pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Together, we build not only a budget - but a living parish in Christ.

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PLEDGERS**

- Mary Helen Ellis
- Esther Simbol
- Sandy Kassis
- Patti Maloof
- Michael & Mary Jo Tom
- Ray & Renee Azar
- Maria David
- Raoul David
- Justin & Teresa Lockhart
- Preston & Gina White
- Michael C. Ellis
- Alissa McKinney
- Vikki Sordean
- Mary Ann Simbol
- Zackory & Kendra Bailey
- Stacey & Brent Bocard
- Gary & Adelle Watts
- George & Cathy Azar
- Aaron Wisbey
- Michael A. Tom
- Adam & Stephanie Azar
- Zack & Denise Kassis
- Frank Shahadey
- Kaleel & Christy Ellis
- Dr. Joseph & Eva Abdayem
- Michael Thomas Ellis
- Karah & Josh Ellis-Winters
- Aric Wisbey
- Mounir Ghantous
- Grant Ellis
- Elias Ghantous
- Jonathan Ellis
- Alex Wisbey
- Kalea Ellis
- Christian & Tory Ellis
- Giana White
- Mary Abdayem
- Naya Abdayem
- Christopher Kaleel Ellis
- Subdeacon Chuckie Shahadey
- Nick & Bre Dickerson

**PLEASE REMIT YOUR 2026 FORMS - BY 02/08/2026**