



# St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Sunday, December 9, 2018



**The Most Reverend Metropolitan  
JOSEPH**, *Primate Antiochian Orthodox  
Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

**The Right Reverend Bishop  
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*Every Sunday:  
Matins 9:30 AM*

*Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM*

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**Please open the book at page 92 to follow the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.**

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST" / "HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE"  
THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 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. Neither unto judgment nor unto condemnation, be my partaking of Thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

**Holy Bread Of Oblation for Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by:**

- Alex Kincaid & Wendy Simon for the health of Samantha on the occasion of her birthday
- Elias & Rima Elsoury in Memory of their son Georgio Elsoury (13 years)
- Atef & Teresa Haddad and Family
- Olga Yogmour
- Walid & Victoria Qaqish Family

**Holy Remembrances are offered for the health of:**

Christian Simon, Margaux Yerian, Frank & Gladys Chirakos, Edmund & Geri Farris, Dawn Shaheen, Wafiga Zawahri Family, Karen Horattas, Rosemary McLaughlin, John & Joyce Simon, Sophia Massouh, David Pilversack, Regina Salloum, Hnayneh Jabbour, Nicholas Devlin, Paul Maghes, Van Alexander, Don Jones, Bonnie Dallas, Alexandra Eid, Afaf Halasa, Sandy Mahshie, Bryan Caley & Lamia Harb.

**(Quiet prayer at the altar) Holy Remembrances at the Table of Oblation for the health of**

George Tebcherani, Karen Horattas, Samir Bakhos, Giovanni Albanna, David Welling, Shaun Curley, Micheline Debs, Rose Farah, Susan Hanna, Fadia Albanna, Elie Eid, Deacon Joe Harb Family, Helen Dadas, Freda Corbin, Ethan Wernecke, Mary Smolinski, George & Georgette Zabaneh Family, Paul Megois, Richard Morrow, Marsha Lindsay, Tony Jaber, Celia Kulmala, Sophia Britton, Kristen Sage, David & Mary Pilversack, Elie Cherfan, Daisy Salem, Jihan & Hamodeh Albanna, Atty. George Mallo, Rachel D'Fantis, Madeleine Khoueiry, Kelsey Thompson, Sandra Shofani, Peter George, Landon Skidmore, Sabrina M., Matthew Hallowell, Susan Bogunovich, Tina Gmerek, John Bourjaily, Larry Ciavarella, Josephine Katzbach, Becky Burtoff, Brianne Dishong, Wilma Seely, John Stevens, Johnny Bennett Stevens, Kory Wiita, Mildred Halamay, Norma Kakish, Botros Kerro, Elie Sherfan, John Mashni, Helen Zimmerman, Kathy Curley, Issam Halasa, Sadie Kannam, Marie Saidy, Carl Moore, Habouba Rahbani, Greg Kattouf, Wagdi Anton, Antoine Aramouni, Gerald Hanna, Jackie Wilson, Ralph & Rosalie Yerian, Vincent & Eleanor Alexander, Antoinette Jabbour, June Denios, Isaac & Gamalat Gaid, Ghassan & Mona Ashkar, Romeo Jajju, Jackie Shama, Larry Kobbs, Dr. Richard Esper, Amanda Hagger, Pat Magette, Jordan Miller, Bob & Flo Howell, Bentley Licitiri, Kathy Velikoff, Jan Kattouf, Mike Shuman Shawns, Neda Zawahri Serhan, David Aramouni, Dr. Tom Shaheen, Patty Sue Jones, Inyas Markarian, Violet Carey, Patricia Hanna & Jim Hanna.

**Holy Remembrances are offered for the Repose of the Souls of:**

Nick Shaheen, George Ostich, Norman Elias Sr, Adele Eid, Anne Sayre, William Moore, Kh. Theodora Mary Kobbs, Gloria Hackim and Carmine DiGrande.

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### APOLYTIKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA IN TONE FOUR

Today have the bonds of barrenness been loosened; God, having heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna, promised them openly that they should give birth, beyond hope, to the Maiden of God, from whom He, the infinite One was to be born, becoming man, commanding the angel to shout to her: Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

### TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE

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 soul's salvation.

### KONTAKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA IN TONE FOUR

All the world doth celebrate Anna's conception on this day with festive joy, because it came to pass through God; for by divine grace she hath conceived her that beyond words conceiveth the Word of God.

### *Extend a Christmas Greeting through the St. George Christmas Card*

*Sponsored by the Teen SOYO*

*Forms are available in the Hall*

*Donation \$10.00*

*See: Lalli Scalera, Lydia Boyce and Kendall Anenson*



### **Acme Community Cash Back August 10, thru December 30, 2018**

Earn 5% on Acme Fresh Market Store Brands

*They will only accept Acme Fresh Market Store Brands.*

A container will be on the candle stand or give to Mary Lou

**SAVE YOUR ACME RECEIPTS AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE  
ST. GEORGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

### **Monthly drawing was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the winners are:**

#34	Corlaine Mitola	\$200	#35	Alice Elias	\$50
#20	Dawn Shaheen	\$100	#150	Dr. Nabil & May Manneh	\$50

## THE EPISTLE

**For the Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna)**  
*God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)**

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married. **Amen**

## THE GOSPEL

*(For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him. **(Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee)**

## NOTIFICATIONS...

- \* Please make sure to return Parish Council Election Ballots by Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>
- \* 2019 Ecclesiastical Calendars have arrived and are located on the candle stand.
- \* The offering envelopes boxes for the year 2019 are available in Alphabetical order for the parishioners in the lobby. If you haven't been assigned an envelope box and you would like to have one, please contact Fr. John or the office at 330-666-7116.

## CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b> Sun., Dec., 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir &amp; Chanter Appreciation Sunday (check letter page 10)</li> <li>• The Antiochian Women Christmas Bake Sale after Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• Pictures with St. Nicholas during Sunday School</li> </ul>
Mon., Dec., 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COCA meeting at our church @ 7pm</li> </ul>
Tues., Dec., 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Council meeting @ 7:30pm</li> </ul>
Sun., Dec., 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for donating food and coats</li> <li>• Sunday School Christmas Program following Divine Liturgy</li> <li>• Building fund luncheon sponsored by the Zawahri families</li> </ul>
Sun., Dec., 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday before the Nativity</li> </ul>
Mon., Dec., 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christmas Eve Service</b> - Matins @ 6:00 PM - Divine Liturgy @ 7:00 PM</li> </ul>
Tues., Dec., 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! Christ is born! Glorify him!</b></li> <li>• Church Office Closed</li> </ul>
Mon., Dec., 31 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Year's Eve Party 7 PM-1 AM (check flyer on church bulletin board)</li> </ul>
Tues., Jan., 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!</b> Church Office Closed</li> </ul>
<b>Sun., Jan., 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST</b> The Blessing of the Waters following Divine Liturgy</li> </ul>
Jan., 18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Midwest Basketball Tournament @ St. George, Canton (check flyer on church bulletin board)</li> </ul>

## DONATIONS

### Sunday School

\$100	Elias & Rima Elsoury in Memory of their son Georgio & for the health of Maria & Angelo
\$100	David & Ghada Aramouni in Memory of their Nephew Georgio Elsoury & for the health of Carla, Caren, Simon & Melissa

### Building Fund

\$100	Carl & Cheryl Massouh in Memory of Kh. Theodora Mary Kobbs
\$50	John & Karen Dodovich in Memory of Kh. Theodora Mary Kobbs
\$50	John & Karen Dodovich in Memory of Angie Tulley

### Foundation Fund

\$100	Anonymous for the health of all Church Family
\$100	John & Joyce Simon for the health of the newborn Jacquelyn Rose Stanley

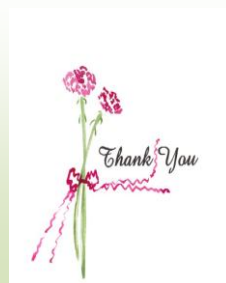
### Needy Fund

\$100	Carl & Josephine Moore for the health of their grandson Bryan Caley
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## A BIG THANK YOU FOR:

- **DAVID & CINDY ESBER** for the donation of cleaning the carpet in the Family Centre.
- **EDMUND & GERI FARRIS** and their daughter **SHERRI** for donating & putting up the Christmas trees inside the church and in the church entrance. You put us all in the Christmas Spirit.

**MAY GOD THE LORD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!**



**Congratulations** to Adam and Celo Stanley of California on the birth of their new baby girl Jacquelyn Rose on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. She weighs 6 lbs 4oz. She is the grand child of Rick and Jackie Stanley and the 9th great grand child of John and Joyce Simon.

**May God Grant Her Many Years**



## CHRISTMAS CHARITY ACTIVITIES...2018

*Our Church is collecting Canned & Non Perishable Food Drive November through December, 2018 as requested by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.*

**1-NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**

**2-COAT DRIVE (used or new)**

**Thank you all for your help!**



## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

**Join TLC Catering, Inc, at St. George Family Centre**

Tickets are \$50 per person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Church Camp Fund. Contact the church office at 330-666-7116 or [mail@stgeorgeakron.com](mailto:mail@stgeorgeakron.com) to make reservations.

For more information check flyer on the church bulletin board.



# St. George Building Fund Luncheon

**SUNDAY, DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Following Divine Liturgy

**Sponsored by the Zawahri Families**

**Sausage**

**Hummus**

**Labneh**

**Hash Brown**

**Potatoes**

**Zaatar Bread**

**Egg Casserole**

**Vegetables**

**Cheese**

**Olives**

**Fruits**

**Dessert**

**Free Will offering**



**50" SMART TV**

## Join us **TODAY** for:

- Pictures with **SAINT NICHOLAS** (Santa) during Sunday School.
- Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women's **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE** after Divine Liturgy.2018



**Thank you very much  
For your support!**

## **(The Healing of the Bent and Burdened Woman)**

### **In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit - Amen**

Have you ever woken up on a Sunday morning and absolutely had no desire to go to the church? For whatever reason, you just didn't want to go. I know, I have that too. And the funny thing is, it's always easy to find excuses – a headache, or a long night on Saturday, or a long work week, or a hard week coming up, or simply laziness, laziness to do anything on an off-day.

On a Saturday Christ, as all other righteous Jews, was in the synagogue. Among the crowd was a sick woman. As you can imagine there are always sick people in the church, but this particular woman stood out because she was crippled – she was bent over. As St Luke tells us, she had this sickness because of the spirit of infirmity that was torturing her for 18 years. Yet she was in church. And I am sure that in her condition, the road to church itself must have been a grind. Yet she came, and she was probably coming to the synagogue for all these 18 years, and Who do you think she met on that Saturday? Christ! Can you believe her luck? Now imagine on that particular Saturday she decided to stay at home, to rest, after all, she had a very good excuse to do so. Forget about attending church, in her condition, it would be painful to do just about anything – move, stand still, lie down. your whims and wishes. Christ is, thus, convinced that you indeed seek salvation. And He grants you spiritual awareness whereby you experience salvation. And while you are touching and feeling your own barrenness, at the same time you have a sense of being touched by this awareness, the divine grace, this supernatural spiritual reality within you.

When you believe this way, simply and truly, then you stop doing things Christ does not want. Spontaneously, you strive eagerly to please God. But she was in church, and Christ saw her, Christ Himself came up to her, and Christ Himself healed her. How does one get the spirit of infirmity? ... For any kind of spirit to enter into us, to have control over us, we have to let it in. The spirit of infirmity is clearly a bad spirit. Bad spirits enter into us when we turn away from God, and we turn away from God by sinning. Any sin puts us further away from God. Like the crippled woman, we are broken, bent over, by the weight of this life – its cares, sorrows, pressures, temptations, infirmities, and so on. All of us, at some time, felt the crushing weight bending us down.

Unfortunately, we are much more sensitive to the physical and material disorder than we are to the spiritual disorder. We panick when we get physically sick. We become paranoid when we perceive that we are not making it out financially.



But when we get stuck in sin – when judging or hating becomes normal, when agitation and anger, especially at our family members, is an everyday occurrence, when viewing inappropriate, explicit websites or movies does not shame us – when things like these happen, we barely worry about it. All it shows is that there is some serious spiritual decay.

Not every sin cripples us, at least not physically. But spiritually, yes, sin degrades our soul. How do we get out of this? How do we get rid of our own spirit of infirmity? Do we wait and hope for some kind of miraculous luck? That the crippled woman met Christ in synagogue on that Saturday may or may not have been luck. We simply don't know. But hoping for luck in our case would, at best, be foolish. Christ, through His Holy Church, provides everything for us. For example, confession is not simply some kind of a ritual, which absolves us of our sins. Confession is rightly called second baptism because it reconciles us with God, it reunites us with Him. Sin pulls us away from God, confession breaks Satan's bonds over us.

After telling the woman that she is freed from her infirmity, Christ laid His hands upon her and she was made straight. He physically touched her. We have heard Him touching people when healing or resurrecting them quite a few times in the last couple of months. He was touched by hemorrhaging woman, who was healed. He took dead daughter of Jairus by the hand and she came back to life. He touched the casket of the dead son of the widow in Nain and he resurrected.

Do you get the theme? Our God is a physical God. He likes to use His divine hands, so to speak. And our faith is physical. We don't come to church to relax, we come here to pray. Prayer is an action. We pray standing or sitting or kneeling. We pray by singing or reading, we pray both with the brain and the heart. And confession is a physical act. We *stand* before the Cross and the Gospel, and we *speak* aloud. And the priest puts his stole over our head to read the absolution prayer after confession.

And then there is Holy Communion, where we, again, physically partake of Body and Blood of Christ. It's not some spiritual magic, but physical miracle. Jesus touched people to heal and resurrect them, and He continues to touch us, even more, He enters into us to heal us.

The crippled woman was healed because she was where she was supposed to be, not because she was at the right time, at the right place. As right-believing people, as faithful Christians, we are also where we are supposed to be, and that is in the House of God.

Come in faith to God, and let Him touch us, let Him renew us, let Him heal us...in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Fr. John**

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE  
OF NORTH AMERICA**

December 9, 2018

**Choir and Chanter Appreciation Sunday**

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-loving Faithful of our Archdiocese:

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray you and your families are well as we prepare to receive the incarnate Lord in our midst and in our hearts.

As we make our way through this beautiful season of fasting and preparation for the Nativity of our Lord in the flesh, we cannot but feel inspired by the beautiful hymns of our Church that are an integral part of this season. The Christmas Canon, "Christ is Born, glorify Him!" and the beautiful Kontakion of this holy period, "Today the Virgin comes unto the cave" are but two of many such hymns that we love to sing and hear. For us as Orthodox Christians, these hymns give depth and meaning to the season and to what we believe about the God-man.

As we listen to these hymns and others throughout the Church year, we are so grateful to our choirs and chanters, and especially to those who lead them. The work and effort they put into preparing for the services is a labor of love. On the archdiocesan level, we have promoted the continued education of these leaders through our Sacred Music Institute so that they can become more and more educated in the music and traditions of our Church. Through such institutes and workshops, they are also able to share their experiences with others so that, together, we can build strong choirs and chanters throughout the archdiocese. To this end, we are grateful to our department chairman, Mr. Paul Jabara, and all who help him in the Department of Sacred Music.

With that in mind, we set aside one Sunday in December each year to honor our choirs and chanters. This year, that day is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Let us use this day to honor them and say thank you for their effort to enrich our worship through the proper singing of our sacred music throughout the year. May God grant them many years!

Wishing you all a blessed remainder of the Fast and, in advance, a blessed feast, 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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His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend  
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and  
Metropolitan of  
All North America

Diocese of Toledo and  
The Midwest

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Dear Father and Esteemed Members of the Parish Council,

As you heard at the Parish Life Conference this past June, a new Midwest Diocese Chancery was purchased and His Grace Bishop Anthony moved in this past August. The Chancery sits in a charming neighborhood in Toledo, Ohio and we are happy to share the news that much progress has been made to turn a lovely, older family home into a fully functional and beautiful Diocesan Chancery. Our Diocesan Cathedral of St. George, led by Father Michael Shaheen and Mr. John Ellis, Chairman of the Chancery Committee, have worked hard to complete some initial renovations with existing funds. They have also developed plans for the rest of the needed renovations, as well as its full decoration and furnishing, which have been approved by our Diocesan Council. These plans include modest quarters appropriate to the dignity of both our Metropolitan when he visits and our Diocesan Bishop, as well as all those who will succeed him in coming generations. The Chancery also includes an office, a reception area for welcoming official visitors to the Diocese, meeting space and a Chapel. The Chancery is much more than a home for any particular Bishop. It is *our* home, the home of *our Diocese*.

The Archdiocese has paid the bulk of the cost for the purchase of the Chancery and will fund the annual expenses and upkeep. Now, it is not only our Diocese's responsibility, but our *privilege* to raise the funds needed to make the plans mentioned above a reality. Our Diocesan Council has discussed a variety of methods to raise the necessary funds, but has settled on one simple method: appealing to you, our steadfast Clergy and Faithful, to come together in support of our Diocesan home.

The total budgeted cost for the renovations and furnishing is approximately \$250,000. This is a large sum. In the past, we would assess each church something like the following schedule:

\$10,000 from our large parishes (10)	\$100,000
\$ 5,000 from our middle sized parishes (25)	\$125,000
\$ 2,500 from our small parishes (11)	\$ 27,500
<u>\$ 1,000 from our mission parishes (6)</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$258,000</b>

Instead, we believe a grassroots effort lead by the parishes would yield these results or better, so let's see what we can do together, parish by parish. There are more than 50 parishes in our Diocese, *so together*, this is very achievable.

Some parishes may choose to take up collections or hold fundraisers while others may seek donations from individuals or from the parish's general fund. Still others will use all of the above methods. No matter which way your parish chooses to be supportive, we will be appreciative of your enthusiastic effort to complete this important project in the life of our Diocese.

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

Midwest Diocesan Chancery  
5549 Ginger Tree  
Toledo, OH 43623

Though we are spreading out the appeal over two years to make this effort easier, recognize that we will only do the work and purchase the furnishings, as the money is available. In other words, the sooner the better...we will be thrilled for any money that will be sent in advance of two years. Therefore, we ask all parishes do the following:

1. By your November Parish Council meeting, identify a dollar amount you plan to send (see below) over a two-year period.
2. Estimate what you will be able to send by March 31, 2019.
3. Fill out the attached form and return with any amount you are able as a first installment in November 2018.

We stand ready with answers to any questions you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us. May God bless our efforts as we take this next step in the growth of our Diocese.

Yours in His Service,



Mrs. Cindy Karos  
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V. Rev. Michael Nasser  
Secretary, Diocesan Council  
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#### MIDWEST CHANCERY FUND

PARISH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, ST/PR: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount we intend to raise: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included in this first installment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount intended by March 2019: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with checks payable to "Midwest Diocese" to:  
Mrs. Lynn Simon, Diocesan Treasurer  
7289 Old Lantern Dr. SE  
Caledonia, MI 49316

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## MIDWEST DIOCESE CHANCERY FUNDRAISER

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to **St. George  
Antiochian Orthodox Church** with a note in the memo area

**"Midwest Diocese Chancery"**

**A COPY OF THE DONORS NAMES AND AMOUNT WILL BE SENT TO HIS  
GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY**

**Thank you and May God Bless you always**