



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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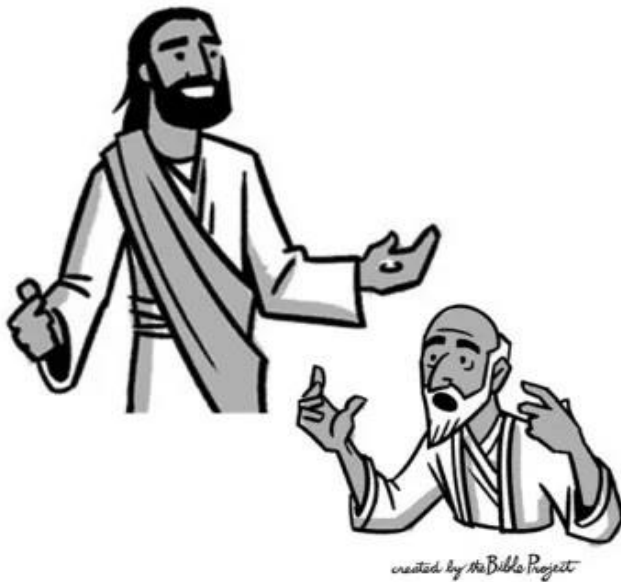
“Love, Pray, Repent”

Welcome All!

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

## 28 January 2024, Tone 1 / Eothinon 1

# Our Righteous Father Ephraim the Syrian



# JESUS

# SON OF DAVID

# HAVE MERCY ON ME!

Luke 18:35-43

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

#### Elected / Appointed Members

George Nimee, *Chair & Antiochian Men*

Melanie Thompson, *Treasurer*

Rdr Michael Baum, *Ecclesiarch*

Wayne Sanders, *Vice-Chair*

Nicholas Schaefer, *Secretary & Youth*

Sbdn David Anderson, *Sunday School*

#### Organization Representatives

Genie Sanders, *Chanters/Choir*

Nicholas Medawar, *Order of St Ignatius*

Robert Abraham, *Facilities*

Ruth Baum, *Antiochian Women*

Maxwell Colby, *Young Adults*

### Our Parish Mission

Called by Christ to provide hope to the world, we serve people seeking truth with a loving community and the worship of the original Christian church.

### Our Parish Vision

St George strives to be a growing community of believers of all ages, sharing frequent worship services, Christian education, a culture of giving and stewardship, and support to our neighbors.

## BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

**WORSHIP** On Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy\\_\\_6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA)  
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2024

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 27, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

January 28, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Deacon's Typika, 11:15 am Fellowship, 11:45 am Annual Parish Meeting**

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February 4, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 am Fellowship**

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February 10, Saturday, **5:30 pm Vespers**

February 11, Sunday, **8:45 am Matins, 10 am Worship, 11:15 am Fellowship,**

February 13, Tuesday, **2 pm Senior Share** (Social, Education, Table Games)

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### JANUARY-FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 31 – Wayne Sanders

Feb. 1 – Kyle Thompson, Cathy Cox

Feb. 3 – Bob Abraham, Elias Kapetaneas,  
Dara Desai

Feb. 5 – Wayne and Genie Sanders (anniv)

Feb. 6 – Patrice Nimee

Feb. 7 – Mary Majerus

Feb. 8 – David Anderson

Feb 12 –Evangline Panizzi, Nick Medawar

Feb. 13 – Mike and John Bachio

Feb. 18 – Maxwell Colby

Feb. 24 – Brianna Kaleel

Feb 25–Kenneth Welgatt, Hillary Thompson

Feb. 27 – Harrison David Leonard

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### CHURCH FINANCES

#### December 2023 Income-Expense

Total December Income: \$12,361.76

Total December Expenses: \$5,393.01

Net Income December: \$6,968.75

#### January-December 2023 Totals

Total Year Income: \$ 92,568.85

Total Year Expense: \$91,443.89

Total Year Net Income: \$1,124.96

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## BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP

- The “Glory” hymn at the end of Matins:

### THE FIRST EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE ONE:

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

As the disciples were hastening to the mountain, the Lord came to them that He might raise them from things earthly; and they worshipped Him and learned of the power given to Him in every place. They were sent forth to every land under heaven to preach the Resurrection from the dead and the restoration to the Heavens. He that cannot lie promised also that He would be with them forever, even Christ God, the Savior of our souls.

*Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

### THE GREAT DOXOLOGY

Glory to Thee, who hast shown us the Light! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord, heavenly King, God

the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; O Thou who takest away the sins of the world. Receive our prayer, O Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen. Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy name forever. Amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes. (3 times) Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee. Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light. O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (3 times) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

### THE TROPARION:

Today is Salvation come into the world. Let us sing praises to Him who arose from the grave, the Author of our life; for having by death destroyed death, He hath given us victory and great mercy.

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### • The Hymns of the Day during the Deacon's Typika with Communion:

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

**All:** Amen.

### THE GREAT LITANY:

**Deacon:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. (*Repeat this after each petition.*)

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**Deacon:** Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

**All:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

**All:** Amen.

### THE FIRST ANTIPHON:

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. (*Thrice*)

### THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE SECOND ANTIPHON:

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee.

**Alleluia.** (*Thrice*) *Vs.* Glory... Both now... O Only-begotten Son and Word of God, Who art immortal, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, and without change became man, and was crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled down death by death, Who art one of the holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

## **THE LITTLE LITANY AND THE THIRD ANTIPHON - THE BEATITUDES:**

In Thy kingdom, remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile ye, and persecute ye, and say all manner of evil against ye falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

### **EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) on Sundays:**

*Deacon:* Wisdom! Let us attend!

*Choir:* 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.

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• *After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia 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 SAINT EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN IN TONE THREE:**

Out of Paradise, a river floweth, \* flooding all the earth with joy unending, \* cheering souls with compunction and saving fear: \* Ephraim, the wine bowl of gladness inspired of God, \* from all eternity chosen to light the Church \* with his sacred hymns, his sermons, his shining canticles, \* whereby he filleth faithful souls with godliness.

### **APOLYTIKION OF SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR:**

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of the captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for the kings, O great among martyrs, thou victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

### **KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE:**

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as it meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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### **THE TRISAGION HYMN**

- The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:

**THE EPISTLE (For the Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost):**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Clergy:** Peace be to thee, who readest.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Chanter:** God gives vengeance unto me and subdues people under me. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

**All:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL (Fourteenth Sunday of Luke):**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. (18:35-43)**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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**The Homily-Sermon**

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**LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION:**

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy. **All:** Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan N. and for our brethren: the priests, deacons, monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for the servants of God we remember today: [NAMES OF THE LIVING], and all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and for the departed servants of God, [NAMES OF THE DEPARTED] all our fathers and brethren departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

**All:** Amen.

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### TROPARIA BEFORE THE CREED (Plain Reading):

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** Come unto him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader:** The choir of holy angels and archangels, with all the powers of heaven, singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader:** *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

### THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED:

**All:** 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 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, the Giver of life, Who procedeth 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.

**Deacon:** Forgive, remit, pardon, O God, our sins, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and in word, in knowledge or in ignorance, committed by night or by day, in mind and in thought. Forgive us them all, for thou art good and lovest mankind.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**All:** 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.

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

**All:** Amen.

### THE MORNING LITANY:

**Deacon:** Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Deacon:** An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Deacon:** All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Deacon:** That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Deacon:** A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless and peaceful; and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask.

**All:** Grant this, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life to Christ our God.

**All:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

**All:** Amen.

**Deacon:** O all-holy Trinity, consubstantial might, Kingdom undivided and source of all good: Be gracious to me, a sinner, establish and give understanding to my heart, and take away from me every defilement. Enlighten my mind, that I may continually glorify, hymn, and worship Thee, and say: One is holy, one is the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. *The Deacon now enters the altar, prepares the elements of Holy Communion, partakes himself and prepares the chalice for the people during:*

• Sing “One is Holy, One is Lord...”, say “I Believe O Lord and I Confess”, then:

### **THE ORDINARY KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN):**

Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Alleluia.

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**Deacon:** With the fear of God, in faith and love draw near!

**Choir:** Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has revealed Himself to us.

*The Deacon serves Holy Communion to the people. Chanters sing Communion Hymns.*

**Deacon:** O God, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

**Choir:** We have seen the true Light, we have received the Heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith, worshipping the Undivided Trinity, for He hath saved us.

### **PSALM 33: THANKSGIVING PSALM**

**All:** Blessed be the name of the Lord: henceforth, and forevermore! (*Thrice*)

**Reader:** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your

faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. Evil shall slay the wicked; and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**All:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL:**

**Choir:** It is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, the ever-blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: We magnify thee.

**Deacon:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

**All:** Amen.

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**BULLETIN PART THREE – MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO**

<b>Offering Schedule</b>	<b>Holy Bread &amp; Food</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>**Everyone, Please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas**</b>		
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	Potluck, Annual Parish Assembly	Rdr Mike Baum
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	?	?

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Council nominees Michael Baum & Mark Kerasotes at Annual Parish Assembly Today

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**Ephrem the Syrian** (c. 306 – 373) was a Syriac Christian deacon and a prolific (Aramaic Dialect) Syriac-language hymnographer and theologian. Ephrem was born in the city of Nisibis (now Nusaybin in Turkey). Both his parents were part of the growing Christian community in the city. Jacob, the second bishop of Nisibis, was appointed in 308, and Ephrem grew up under his leadership, who a signatory at the First Council of Nicea in 325. After a ten-year residency in Edessa, in his sixties, Ephrem succumbed to the plague as he ministered to its victims. Over four hundred hymns composed by Ephrem still exist. The church historian Sozomen credits Ephrem with having written over three million lines. The best known of these writings is the Prayer of Saint Ephrem, which is recited at every service during Great Lent and other fasting periods in Eastern Christianity.