

## ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
10	Edward Assaf	50
10	Semaan Mckarris	31
11	Saad Dabous	55
14	Rita Qaqish	6
14	Hanneh Khalilieh	10
14	Jerjes Barghout	19

- **Please**, pray for the health of the following parishioners: Ellen, Robert, Alex, Sam, Elias, Nassar, George, Nina, Sonia, George, Beshara, Irene, Nadia, Mona, Christine, Toni, George and Helena.
- **Memorial:** if you are planning on doing a memorial for a loved one and you are expecting more than 15-20 people, please consider doing it on a Saturday due to the limited **permitted numbers for Sunday**. Thank you.

- **40 Days memorial service for Laila Al-Khoury** offered by Alexi & Jumana Al Hinn (Sister) and family. May her memory be eternal.  
**The coffee hour** is offered today in loving memory of **Laila Al-Khoury** by her family.

- **Congratulations:** Holy Bread is offered for the good health of the Newlyweds **Helen & Roger Kodsi** on the occasion of **their Removal of Crowns**.

## ETERNAL LIGHT

- **November 14:** in loving memory of Mitry, Violette and Stella Samaan from Nabil and Angel samaan.
- **November 14:** For the good health of John Bisharat, his daughter and family
- **November 14:** For the good health of Konstantin and family
- **November 20:** For the good health of Reem Shami from Adel Shami and family.
- **November 21:** For the good health of Konstantin and family
- **November 21:** In loving memory of Azizeh Qaqish from her daughter Wafa Alchekh.
- **November 28:** In loving memory of Omar Zarifeh from Edgar & Souad Zarifeh
- **November 28:** For the good health of Issa & Feryal Bisharat and their family
- **November 29:** For the good health of Jean-Paul Shami from Adel Shami and family.
- **December 5:** In loving memory of Yvonne & Ernest Younes from their family.
- **Maintaining Silence During the service:** The congregation is expected to actively participate in worship. However, God's house is a place for reverence and worship, not loud and idle conversations (between each other or on cell phones). Please, turn off cell phones and any other devices when you are attending the Liturgy. If you have a situation that requires you to speak to other parishioners, please do that quietly outside the church or downstairs in the basement. Thank you.

- **St. George Ladies' organization cordially invites all ladies to join their general meeting on November 21 at 1:00pm in the Choir loft upstairs. All ladies are encouraged to attend and participate in planning future events.**
- **Registration is Mandatory to attend Sunday's Liturgies. An email will be sent out on a weekly basis with the EVENTBRITE invite so all parishioners must register with their number of family members. Maximum allowed capacity is 50% of permitted numbers. If you do not receive an email, you can go to the parish's website [www.stgeorgeto.org](http://www.stgeorgeto.org) to register on EVENTBRITE. Please call Colette for any questions.**

- **Schedule of services for the month of November:**

**Friday, November 12: Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm (St. John Chrysostom)**

**Saturday, November 13: Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, November 14: Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:30 am**

**Friday, November 19: 7:00 pm Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday, November 20: Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, November 21: Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:30 am**

**(The Entrance of the THEOTOKOS Into the Temple)**

**Tuesday, November 23: Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm (Catherine the Great Martyr)**

**Saturday, November 27: Great Vespers 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, November 28: Orthros 9:00 pm and Divine Liturgy 10:30 am**

- **SOYO = Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations We are a dynamic group of Orthodox Christians that provides teens the opportunity to grow spiritually with fellow SOYO members within the community.**

**We focus on Spiritual, Fundraising, and Bonding Activities for ages 13-18**

**Are you between the ages of 13-18?**

**Do you want to get involved?**

**Do you want to see behind the scene photos?**

**Do you have any questions?**

**Join our WhatsApp group for direct communication for all our events.**

**Contact your Youth Advisors!**

**Angela Ghazal: (416) 720-0308 Or Fady Freiga: (647) 892-6136**

**You can also find us on...**

**Facebook @ St. George Toronto Teen SOYO**

**Instagram @ toronto.soyo**

**Email @ [toronto.soyo@gmail.com](mailto:toronto.soyo@gmail.com)**

- **Sunday school has now begun. Classes begin immediately following communion every Sunday. We are in person in the church basement.**

**If you would like to register for Sunday school please do so by clicking on the following link:**

**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CLSiTwh8sSQAzxbMCKaakUzjCG2sdCI9TxS0kbtMeuk/edit>**

- ***Safety Protocols:***

**Abide by the provincial safety regulations, (sanitize your hands upon entering, wait for volunteers to seat you, always wear your mask in church and respect social distancing)**

**Masks can only be taken off when taking communions, you must put your mask on when you are returning to your seats**

**We rely on your kind cooperation. If you are not able to come, please cancel your registration.**

**Looking forward to praying with you.**

- **Kindly Submit your Contribution through the Following Methods: Connect to the Church Website [www.stgeorgeto.org](http://www.stgeorgeto.org) Click on *Donate***

- **“e-transfer” [info@stgeorgeantiochianchurch.org](mailto:info@stgeorgeantiochianchurch.org) Account Name: St. George Church**

- **PayPal, or send your Cheque by Mail to: St. George Antiochian Church, 9116 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill ON, L4B 3M9**

**Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. (Psalm 112:5)**

- **Bookstore: New icons have just arrived in our bookstore. The Bookstore is located in the church’s basement. Icons are great gifts for newborn, new home, your car or your children, and Christmas gifts. Please see Colette El-Hajj or Odette Boutros to see these new icons.**

- **Canned Food Drive: please bring non-perishable canned food to donate to the needy and place them in the box outside in the Narthex.**

## DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

### TONE 4 / EOTHINON 10

#### THE HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP & EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

GREGORY PALAMAS, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA; NEW-MARTYR CONSTANTINE OF HYDRA;  
JUSTINIAN THE EMPEROR AND HIS WIFE THEODORA

*NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.*

**Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.**

الشماس: مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَثْرُوبُولِيَّةِ بُولُسَ وَالْمِطْرَانَ  
يُوحَنَّا وَفَكَ أَسْرِهِمَا وَعَوْدَتِهِمَا سَالِمِينَ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ  
نَطْلُبُ.

- *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, chant the apolytikia in the following order:*

#### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

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 تَلْمِيذَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْكَرَزَةِ بِالْقِيَامَةِ  
الْبَهْجِ، وَطَرَحْنَ الْقَضَاءَ الْجَدِّيَّ، وَخَاطَبْنَ الرَّسُلَ  
مُفْتَخِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ: سُبِّحَ الْمَوْتُ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ،  
وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

#### APOLYTIKION OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle Philip, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ فِيلِبُّسَ، تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْإِلَهِ الرَّحِيمِ أَنْ يَمْنَحَ  
عُفْرَانَ الزَّلَّاتِ لِنُفُوسِنَا.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

#### KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

*(\*\*Thou Who wast raised up\*\*)*

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, \* the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, \* the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, \* into the House of the Lord \* on this day is brought forward \* and bringeth with herself the grace \* of the Most Divine Spirit; \* her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, \* for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

الْيَوْمَ الْهَيْكَلُ الَّذِي لِلْمُخَلَّصِ، الْكَلْبِيُّ النَّقَاءِ، الْعَذْرَاءُ  
الْخِذْرُ ذُو الثَّمَنِ الْجَزِيلِ، وَهِيَ الْكَنْزُ الطَّاهِرُ لِمَجْدِ  
الْإِلَهِ، إِذْ تَدْخُلُ بَيْتَ الرَّبِّ، تَدْخُلُ نِعْمَةَ الرُّوحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ  
مَعَهَا. فَلْتَسَبِّحْهَا مَلَائِكَةُ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّهَا الْمِظْلَةُ السَّمَاوِيَّةُ.

## THE EPISTLE (For St. Philip the Apostle)

*His voice has gone out into all the earth.*

*The heavens declare the glory of God.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)**

Brethren, God has revealed us, the apostles, last of all, as those appointed to death; for we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are glorified, but we are dishonored. Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst; we are naked, and are buffeted, and are restless; and we labor, working with our own hands. While reviled, we bless; while persecuted, we endure; while blasphemed, we exhort; we have become the filth of the world and the off-scouring of all things, even until now. I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children; for though you have a myriad of tutors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for I begat you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.

إِلَى كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ.

السَّمَاوَاتُ تُذَيِّعُ مَجْدَ اللَّهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسِ الرَّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى  
أَهْلِ كورنثوس.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَبْرَزَنَا نَحْنُ الرُّسُلَ آخِرِي النَّاسِ، كَأَنَّا مَجْعُولُونَ لِلْمَوْتِ. لِأَنَّا قَدْ صِرْنَا مَشْهَدًا لِلْعَالَمِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْبَشَرِ. نَحْنُ جُهَالٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَحُكَمَاءُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ. نَحْنُ ضِعْفَاءُ، وَأَنْتُمْ أَقْوِيَاءُ. أَنْتُمْ مُكْرَمُونَ، وَنَحْنُ مُهَانُونَ. وَإِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ نَحْنُ نَجُوعٌ وَنَعَطَشٌ وَنَعْرَى وَنُلْطَمُ وَلَا قَرَارَ لَنَا. وَنَتَعَبُ عَامِلِينَ. نُسْتَمُّ، فَتُبَارِكُ. نُضْطَهَدُ، فَتَحْتَمِلُ. يُشْنَعُ عَلَيْنَا، فَتَنْتَضِرُ. قَدْ صِرْنَا كَأَقْدَارِ الْعَالَمِ وَكَأَوْسَاحِ يَسْتَحْبِبُهَا الْجَمِيعُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَسْتُ لِأُخْجِلَكُمُ أَكْتُبُ هَذَا، وَإِنَّمَا أَعْظَمُكُمْ كَأَوْلَادِي الْأَحِبَّاءِ. لِأَنَّهُ وَلَوْ كَانَ لَكُمْ رِبْوَةٌ مِنَ الْمُرْشِدِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لَيْسَ لَكُمْ آبَاءٌ كَثِيرُونَ. لِأَنِّي أَنَا وَلدْتُكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِالْإِنْجِيلِ. فَاطْلُبْ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونُوا مُفْتَدِينَ بِي.

## THE GOSPEL (For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ

الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ نَامُوسِيٌّ وَقَالَ، مُجْرِبًا لَهُ: يَا مُعَلِّمُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأَرِثَ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: مَاذَا كُتِبَ فِي النَّامُوسِ؟ كَيْفَ تَقْرَأُ؟ فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: أَحْبِبِ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكَ مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكَ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ نَفْسِكَ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ قُدْرَتِكَ، وَمِنْ كُلِّ ذَهْنِكَ، وَقَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ: بِالصَّوَابِ أَجَبْتَ. إِعْمَلْ ذَلِكَ فَتَحْيَا. فَأَرَادَ أَنْ يُرَكِّي نَفْسَهُ فَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: وَمَنْ قَرِيبِي؟

Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

فَعَادَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مُنْحَدِرًا مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ إِلَى أَرِيحَا، فَوَقَعَ بَيْنَ لُصُوصٍ. فَعَرَّوهُ وَجَرَّحُوهُ وَتَرَكُوهُ بَيْنَ حَيٍّ وَمَيِّتٍ. فَاتَّقَى أَنْ كَاهِنًا كَانَ مُنْحَدِرًا فِي ذَلِكَ الطَّرِيقِ، فَأَبْصَرَهُ وَجَارَ مِنْ أَمَامِهِ. وَكَذَلِكَ لَاحِظًا، وَأَتَى إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، فَأَبْصَرَهُ وَجَارَ مِنْ أَمَامِهِ. ثُمَّ إِنَّ سَامِرِيًّا مُسَافِرًا مَرَّ بِهِ، فَلَمَّا رَأَهُ تَحَنَّنَ. فَدَنَا إِلَيْهِ وَضَمَدَ جِرَاحَاتِهِ، وَصَبَّ عَلَيْهَا زَيْتًا وَخَمْرًا، وَحَمَلَهُ عَلَى دَابَّتِهِ، وَأَتَى بِهِ إِلَى فُنْدُقٍ، وَاعْتَنَى بِأَمْرِهِ. وَفِي الْعَدِ، فِيمَا هُوَ خَارِجٌ، أَخْرَجَ دِينَارَيْنِ وَأَعْطَاهُمَا لِصَاحِبِ الْفُنْدُقِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: اعْتَنِ بِأَمْرِهِ، وَمَهْمَا تَنَفَّقَ فَوْقَ هَذَا فَأَنَا أَدْفَعُهُ لَكَ عِنْدَ عَوْدَتِي. فَأَيُّ هَؤُلَاءِ الثَّلَاثَةِ تَحْسَبُ صَارَ قَرِيبًا لِلَّذِي وَقَعَ بَيْنَ اللَّصُوصِ؟ قَالَ: الَّذِي صَنَعَ إِلَيْهِ الرَّحْمَةَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: امْضِ فَاصْنَعْ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا كَذَلِكَ.

• *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

### THE DISMISSAL

**Priest:** May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saint N., the patron and

الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْكُلِّيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيئَةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُخْيِي؛ وَبِطِلْبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانَ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمُشْرَفِينَ الرَّسُلِ، وَسَائِرِ الرَّسُلِ الْمُشْرَفِينَ الْجَدِيرِينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوْحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْقَمِّ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ، وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشِّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛

<p>protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; <b>of the Apostle Philip, Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica, New-martyr Constantine of Hydra, Justinian the Emperor and his wife Theodora</b>, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.</p>	<p>وَالْقَدِّيسِ (ة) (فُلَان، فُلَانَة) شَفِيعِ (ة) وَحَامِي (ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِّيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهِ؛ وَالْقَدِّيسِ فِيلُبُّسَ الرَّسُولِ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِّيسِينَ غَرِيغُورِيُوسَ بِالَامَاسِ الْعَجَائِبِيِّ، رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ سَالُونِيكَ؛ وَالشَّهِيدِ الْجَدِيدِ قَسْطَنْطِينِ؛ وَالْإِمْبْرَاطُورِ جُسْتِنْيَانَ وَرَوْجَتِهِ ثِيُودُورَا، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذَكَارَهُمُ الْيَوْمَ؛ وَجَمِيعِ قَدِّيسِيكَ، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.</p>
<p><b>Priest:</b> Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.</p>	<p>الكَاهِنُ: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِّيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p>
<p><b>Choir:</b> Amen.</p>	<p>الجوق: آمين.</p>

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# Christmas begins with Christ



With the Advent Season fast approaching, St. George Church is once again participating in several humanitarian projects whereby our community can provide assistance to Men, Women and Children in need. Our Lord has blessed us with so much – it is truly a blessing for us to be able to give back in some small way.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** is a program run by Samaritan's Purse Canada. Operation Christmas Child allows individuals an opportunity to give boys and girls in need around the world a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox. Shoeboxes are available downstairs. Simply decide whether you would like to pack for a boy or girl and then choose an age category – 2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs or 10-14 years. Instructions and labels for download can be found by visiting <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/pack-a-shoebox>. DO NOT include any liquids or glass items, nor any toys that could be considered a weapon. DO include some toiletries such as bar of soap, a toothbrush, a comb and/or brush, as well as a variety of small toys including puzzles, colouring/painting, school supplies etc. Also, please include \$10 to cover shipping charges. Remember to say a prayer for the child and his/her family who will be receiving your gift. National Collection Week is November 15-21, so please return your box to the church by November 14 if you wish for us to drop it off for you. You may also drop off your own box(es) at a drop off location near your home - <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/drop-off-locations/>

**PRISON MINISTRY ANGEL TREE PROGRAM** – Every year, hundreds of thousands of children spend Christmas without their mom or dad due to parental incarceration. Angel Tree invites you to reach out to these children with the love of Jesus Christ; to transform what may be a painful season for them to a joyful and memorable one.

Angel Tree Christmas is a program of Prison Fellowship Canada (PFC) that connects church communities and individuals with the families of prisoners through the delivery of a Christmas gift on behalf of the incarcerated parent. Children have the excitement of receiving a gift, but more importantly it tells them that mom or dad is thinking about them at Christmas time. For prisoners, your support helps them experience the love of God during a time marked by guilt and loneliness. By strengthening their family ties, it also reduces their probability of re-offending when released.

We have agreed to sponsor 30 children whose parent is imprisoned. The cost of each gift is approximately \$35. If \$35 is not within your budget, we would appreciate any amount which can be put towards the purchase and/or shipping of the gifts. Angels will be available, God-willing, the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in November.

**LOOT BAGS FOR ST. JOHN THE COMPASSIONATE MISSION** - Once again, we are privileged to be able to offer special Christmas loot bags to the needy people who frequent St. John the Compassionate Mission. We will be filling 150 bags for men, 75 for women and 80 for children. Included will be the usual items such as socks, hats and gloves, as well as many personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc. We will be packing the bags late November, so if you would like to help please let us know.

For all of these programs, we need your financial support! Donations may be made directly to the church, but please be sure to identify your donation for one/all of our humanitarian projects. If you have questions or would like to get more involved, please contact Michelle Alexopoulos at: 416-831-3813; [m.alexopoulos@utoronto.ca](mailto:m.alexopoulos@utoronto.ca); or Joanie Younes at 416-402-7424; [joanieunis@hotmail.com](mailto:joanieunis@hotmail.com). Thank you and God Bless You!





# Help Give Bags of Blessings!!

- ❖ Our Church is making “**Blessing Bags**” for adults and children in need. The bags will be distributed during this Christmas season through St. John the Compassionate Mission.
- ❖ Each bag will contain: Toiletries, Socks, Hats & Gloves, and an extra Christmas treat/gift. Samples of the bags are shown below.



**This small gesture will make someone's Christmas a little brighter and remind them of God's love!!**

Jesus teaches us that ***It is more blessed to give than to receive.*** Please help us make as many bags as possible and give generously.

Donations can be made to the Church. Please write on the cheque, or note on the online donation, that the funds are for **Blessing Bags**.

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