

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
8	Mitri Halagah	20
8	Sulaiman Kakish	21
8	Adele Khoury	20
9	Antoun A. Haddad	28
10	Marie Issa	2
12	Missadi Hourani	34
14	Lottie Mary Assaf	30

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **Apr 21:** for the good health of John & Carla Bisharat and their daughter.
In loving memory of Yousef & Sumayya Musallam from their family
- **Apr 28:** for the good health of Issa Bisharat and family
- **May 19:** In loving memory of Adel Younes from his family
- **June 2:** In loving memory of Ernest Younes from his family

- **Sunday, April 14 Ushers:** Raja Shnoudeh, George Boutros, Richard Smith, Wail Haddad
- **Sunday, April 21 Ushers:** Ramzi Shnoudeh, Jalal Qaqish, Wisam Henn, Jean Dahdaly
- **Sunday, April 28 Ushers:** Labib Chami, Colette El-Hajj, Ayoub Kakish, Maïen Kakish
- **Welcome to His Grace Bishop John Abdallah.**
- **Services for next week:** Monday at 7 PM Great Compline, Wednesday at 7 PM Pre-sanctified, Friday at 7 PM Small Compline with the Canon of St. Lazarus.
- **Lazarus Saturday:** Divine Liturgy at 10:30 followed by pancake breakfast.
- **Decorating the Bier of Christ** on Holy Friday April 26th: you are all invited to help in decorating the Bier of Christ after the Service of the Hours at around 12 PM.
- **Church Cleaning Day:** Next Friday at 9 AM. Please, come and help us clean the church.
- **Parish Life Conference** will be at our church between July 4-7 of this year. We will have a table set up soon to register and buy souvenir journal ads. For more information please see Sana Besharat, Richard Smith, or Samantha Nassar.
- **Adult Christian Education:** Roshan Carpenter is preparing some people for baptism every Sunday between 9:30 am to 10:15 am. If you are interested to learn more about our Faith, you can join him downstairs.
- Please, pray for the health of the following parishioners: Attiah, Ellen, Robert, Alex, Sam, Elias, Isabelle, Nassar, Adel and Valentine. If you have any names of people who need prayers, email them to father.
- If you are new to our parish or a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of the ushers and speak to Fr. George. We want to welcome you to our family of St. George. If you want to join our church, please speak to Father after Liturgy.
- **Donations for Lilies** and red flowers for Holy Friday and Pascha: Please, see George Ghaniem or William Besharat.
- **St. George Center:** Don't forget to book the center for all your events. Call Fouad Kodsi at 416/917-5457.
- **Graduates:** all high school and university graduates: please, give your names to Joanie Younes. Father would like to honor all our graduates one Sunday in June.
- **Pascha Celebration:** We will have a Pascha dinner offered at the centre on Sunday of Pascha after the Agapy Service. If you like to join us for the meal, please see Fouad Kodsi, or George Boutros.
- **Wine and Holy Bread Donations:** if you like to donate towards the wine or holy bread, please see the office. \$350 for Holy Bread, and \$300 for wine.
- **Lenten Luncheon:** Our Knights of St. George will be hosting a Lenten Luncheon every Sunday following Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar, **April 14 Foul Medemes.**

- **Young Adults Retreat** with the topic: "Forming Authentic Relationships in a Fallen World", May 3rd-May 5th. Visit www.stgeorgeworcester.org
- The General Assembly of our parish will be on Sunday June 9th, at 7 PM.
- At the directive of Metropolitan Joseph, the Feast of St. George will be celebrated on Monday of Bright week, April 29th, with Orthros at 9:30 AM followed by the Divine Liturgy. **PRISON MINISTRY:** On Friday, April 19th, a small group from St. George will be going to Toronto South Detention Centre to hand out Easter packages to the over 1,300 inmates. This will be our 16th annual visit to this maximum-security prison. Those who are interested in participating in this blessed ministry, please contact Diane Younes at 416-464-5908. Financial donations would be greatly appreciated.

THE 24th ANNUAL ST. GEORGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Our Annual St. George Golf Tournament is on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at **Emerald Hills Golf & Country Club, 14001 Warden Avenue (14001 Concession #5)**. Registration and Lunch at 11:30 am. Tee off time 1:00 pm, Dinner 6pm. The price for golfer including dinner is \$250. Our goal for the golf tournament this year is to raise \$100,000 so we need everyone's help to achieve that! If you choose to not play golf, we also offer dinner only, tickets for \$75. We need everyone's participation. A portion of the proceeds will be going to Autism Ontario (York Region Chapter).

Mark your calendar and reserve A.S.A.P. Please Fax or Email registration forms to aftim.nassar@gmail.com Aftim Nassar 416- 895-2767, Richard Smith 647-280-0883, John Younes 647-982-7645, Fax 416-743-6155 \ www.stgeorgeto.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR PALM SUNDAY AND THE HOLY WEEK

- Candles for your children will be available at the Church Vestibule, donation \$5.00 per candle
- During the Divine Liturgy and the procession, you are kindly requested to keep proper decorum, let us all behave in order, in discipline and in peace so that we can pray in one mind and one heart and that Our Lord may hear our supplications and bestow upon us His Blessings.
- All beloved parishioners are requested not to park their cars in the driveways. Procession will start from the outside main door of the Church, turn left on driveway behind the building into the parking lot, around the Church back to the main door and into the Church.

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| • Palm Sunday, April 21 | 9:00 am. | Matins Service. |
| | 10:30 am. | Divine Liturgy, blessings of Palms and Procession. |
| | 7:00 pm. | 1 st Bridegroom Service. |
| • Great Holy Monday, April 22 | 7:00 pm. | 2 nd Bridegroom Service. |
| • Great Holy Tuesday, April 23 | 7:00 pm. | 3 rd Bridegroom Service. |
| • Great Holy Wednesday, April 24 | 7:00 pm. | Holy oil Service. Anointing of the Faithful with Holy Oil. |
| • Great Holy Thursday, April 25 | 10:00 am. | Mystical Supper Liturgy. |
| | 7:00 pm. | Service of the Holy Passion Gospels of Crucifixion. |
| • Great Holy Friday, April 26 | 10:00 am. | Service of the Royal Hours. |

- 3:00 pm. Vespers and taking down of Christ Divine Body from the Cross.
 - 7:00 pm. Lamentation Service & Burial of our Lord.
- Great Holy Saturday, April 27
 - 10:00 am. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil.
 - 11:00 pm. The Rush Procession Service followed by Orthros, Divine Liturgy.
- **Potluck after in the basement, everyone is encouraged to bring non-Lenten food to share.**
- Great Holy Easter Sunday, April 28
 - 3:00 pm. Agape Vespers. The Baouth Service Followed by procession.
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The Church as the Hospital of the Soul

Our Orthodox Faith defines sin as an illness that is in need of healing, not as a crime that requires punishment. The Church is a hospital for the soul whose therapists (priests) first sought therapy and then became the therapists. As a healing institution the Church is the place for broken souls.

We come before Christ as tarnished images, far from that which God intended. Yet this very Creator God is patient and loving, quick to forgive. Our God invites us to holiness, to be made whole. His grace is sufficient to lift us up out of our mire and into the heights of a joy and gladness that is meant to be eternal. We need only to humble ourselves and ask for help and the Kingdom is ours.

Heaven and hell are not about location, but about relationship. All that is needed is our responsive word, followed by action. We say yes to God's invitation while seeking out the therapy that is ours within the life of the Church.

Wholeness (holiness) is ours through this relationship with Christ, Who's redemptive act upon the Cross, together with His having conquered death by death, delivers us from the depths of estrangement. We are lifted up to God, having been made whole, and eternal communion with God is our destiny. With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

THE SYNAXARION for Sunday April 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Aristarchos, Pudens and Trophymos of the Seventy; Martyr Thomais of Alexandria; and New-martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos.

On this same day, the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent, it was ordained that we make remembrance of our Godly Mother Mary of Egypt. Verses Spirit rose up, flesh melted away erewhile; hide, O earth, the worn bones of Mary's body. Once, during the Honorable Fast, the priest-monk Zosimus withdrew into the wilderness. He caught sight of a withered woman named Mary; her hair was white as snow. Mary then told Zosimus that she was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria for 17 years. One day, she went to Jerusalem to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross. However, some invisible force restrained her. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the Theotokos in the vestibule and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church, all the while confessing her sinfulness. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross she again entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest!" Mary left for the wilderness and remained there for 47 years in repentance. She bade Zosimus to come back in one year with Holy Communion, which he did. The following year, on Holy Thursday, April 1, 522, Zosimus discovered Mary's lifeless body, and buried her. Thus, the Lord glorifies penitent sinners. The Church exalts and exemplifies Mary to the faithful in Great Lent as an incentive for repentance that brings entry into the Heavenly Kingdom. Through her intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen