

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
28	Mary Hanna	35
28	Elias Khoury	14
28	Mary Michel	11
29	Michel Salim Tannous	1
29	Georges Stavro	48
29	Alexandre Sahli	19
30	Edward Deratnay	4
2	Wadia Issawi	10
2	Naziha Halaga	21
4	Sam Shallop	33
4	Elie Rebeiz	32
4	Munir Muasher	4

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **Oct 4:** In loving memory of **Munir Muasher** from his family
- **Oct 18:** In loving memory of **Yvonne Younes** from her family
- **Oct 25:** in loving memory of **Mitri Samaan** from Nabil Samaan & family.
  
- **Please**, pray for the health of the following parishioners: Ellen, Robert, Alex, Sam, Elias, Isabelle, Nassar, Valentine, George, Nina, Sonia, George, Elizabeth, Beshara and Toni. If you have any names of people who need prayers, email them to father.
  
- **6 Months memorial for Wafaa El Haddad** offered by El Haddad family, Abboud Family and Abou-Joudeh family. May her memory be eternal.
  
- **One-year memorial for Michel Tannous** offered by his brothers, may his memory be eternal.
  
- **2 Years memorial for Sarkis Boutros** offered by his wife Georgette, his children and their families. May his memory be eternal.
  
- **2 Years memorial for Munir Muasher** offered by Shadia Muasher and family. May his memory be eternal.
  
- **The coffee hour** is offered today in memory of **Wafaa El Haddad, Munir Muasher** and **Sarkis Boutros** by their families.
  
- **Memorials on Saturdays:** we can do memorials on Saturdays after or before Vespers. Please, consider doing your memorial for your loved one then specially if you are expecting 50 + people.
  
- **Ushers for Sunday, Oct 4:** Farouk AlKassam, Colette El-hajj, Majida Haddad and Naji El-Achhab
  
- **Life Chain:** This Sunday some of our parishioners will stand for life in front of the church from 2-3. If you and any parents would like to participate together with your children, you are welcome to join in.
  
- **New Parish Council members elected:** Congratulations to the following newly elected parish council (all elected are subject to Bishop Alexander blessing) Kevin Boon, Raed Dallal, Kathy Kakish, Mike Kakish.

- **A message from our Treasurer Mr. John Dahdaly: "I am happy to inform you that we have answered the call of our Metropolitan Joseph in raising Funds for our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. We were able to collect and transfer \$30,000 dollars for the Lebanon Relief Fund. Thank you all for your contribution and God bless."**
- **Young Adults:** the young adults will have a zoom meeting next Thursday with Fr. Ted Pulcini starting at 7:00 PM.
- **Canned Food Drive:** please bring non-perishable canned food to donate to the needy and place them in the box outside in the Narthex.
- **Vespers: Saturday, October 4 at 5 pm.**
- **Luncheon: Today, after the service we will be having a Falafel sandwiches. We wish to thank the Boutros family for sponsoring this lunch.**
- **Sunday School registration will start this Sunday **online**. First day of Sunday school starts September 13th on line. Please, check your emails. For any further assistance contact Amanda Qaqish at [orthodoxchristianeducation@gmail.com](mailto:orthodoxchristianeducation@gmail.com).**
- **MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY INSIDE THE CHURCH. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Please, don't call the office to reserve you seat for Sunday Liturgy, but go to Eventbrite to make your reservation. Thanks**
- **Church Website has been updated with sign up info using the EVENTBRITE Application for each Sunday's Liturgy. The church website is [www.https://www.stgeorgeto.org/](https://www.stgeorgeto.org/). You **MUST REGISTER** to attend liturgy as we still have to abide by the 30% capacity as per government guidelines. You can also cancel your attendance using the application if you are unable to attend after booking your spots. Thank you... For any inquiries or help using EVENTBRITE, please call Colette at 416-558-8665.**

## **Perfecting Holiness and Loving Our Enemies: Homily for the 2nd Sunday of Luke and the 17th Sunday After Pentecost in the Orthodox Church** [Fr. Philip LeMasters](#)



2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Luke 6:31-36

If it is hard for us to live faithfully as Christians in our time and place, imagine how difficult it was for the new Gentile converts in the Greek city of Corinth. They lived in a culture that was notoriously immoral and had themselves worshiped pagan gods before their baptism. There was so much corruption all around them that

they were surely constantly tempted to return to decadent ways of life. The outrageous problems that St. Paul had to correct in their congregation provide evidence that many of those converts still lived in worldly, as opposed to holy, ways. (If you ever start to think that our generation has invented new sins, just read his letters to the Corinthians and you will see that there is nothing new under the sun.)

He was not speaking here of cleanness according to the externals of the Jewish law, such as following kosher dietary practices. Instead, St. Paul called the Corinthians to turn away from everything that hindered their full participation in the healing and blessing of humanity that Jesus Christ makes possible for all who share in His life. Those who live according to their calling as God's temple and people must abandon both the sins that we associate with the body (such as sexual immorality or gluttony) and those that we associate with the spirit (such as pride or hatred). That is not due to some kind of legalism, but instead because all sins are incompatible with true holiness. As those created in the image and likeness of God, our calling is to become "partakers of the divine nature," to be transformed by personal union with the Lord such that His holiness becomes truly characteristic of us. We are to become living icons of His salvation to the depths of our being and to live out that identity in every thought, word, and deed.

That high calling ought to bring us all to our knees, for we all fall short of it in one way or another. If that is not clear, all that we have to do is to pay attention to Jesus Christ's teaching on loving our enemies. It is fairly easy to do good to those who do good to us. When we help someone with whom we have a good relationship, we can usually expect something positive in return. But it is quite hard to do good to those with whom we do not have a good relationship and from whom we can realistically expect nothing positive in return.

We may wonder why the Lord gave us such difficult teachings to follow as those as we find in today's gospel lesson. Be merciful even as your Father in heaven is merciful. Love your enemies. Do good to everyone; lend expecting nothing in return. Treat others as you wish to be treated. Christ Himself tells us that this is the difficult path of true holiness.

No matter whether we live in Corinth, Abilene, or elsewhere, we all struggle against the spiritual diseases that make it so hard to forgive, love, and serve those who have violated our pride by offending us or who will probably not respond in kind. We have these struggles because we have turned away collectively and individually from the truth that we are made for a common life in the image and likeness of God. We have forgotten that it is our very nature as persons to be united with one another in love as are the members of the Holy Trinity. When St. Paul wrote of Christians as the temple and people of God, he was pointing to the fulfillment of our calling as human beings by the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and our collective life.

It might be fairly easy to obey a set of religious or moral laws about this or that form of outward behavior, even though personal experience teaches that we often fall short of them. It is an entirely different thing, however, to acquire such purity of heart that we love, give, and forgive as God does to the ungrateful, the selfish, and to our enemies and nuisances. So instead of patting ourselves on the back that at least we are decent to those who love us, we should instead fall on our knees asking for mercy and strength to love those who hate, disregard, or simply ignore us.

Of course, it is much easier to recognize the flamboyant sins of the people of Corinth than it is to recognize how we ourselves fall short of "perfecting holiness in the fear of God." It is much easier to point our fingers at individuals and groups today who celebrate beliefs and behaviors contrary to the way of Christ. Yes, we like to praise ourselves and condemn others because we want to let ourselves off the hook, perhaps by saying that at least we go to church and lead fairly decent lives.

Maybe that would be enough if we were part of a religion that called only for superficial decency and did not condemn self-righteous judgment, but that is not the case for Orthodox Christians. God really does call us to become holy because we are His temple and people by the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and our collective life as Christ's Body, the Church. We are to be merciful, perfect, and holy like our Heavenly Father.

What is true of God by nature must become true of us by grace. That is what it means to become "partakers of the divine nature" as we participate in the eternal life of our Lord.

So when we refuse to show mercy and love toward difficult, annoying, and inconvenient people from whom we expect nothing in return, we turn away from our calling to be God's holy temple as surely as if we bowed down before an idol like the pagans of Corinth. For when we do so, we simply serve ourselves and disregard the calling that the Lord has given us all: to be so transformed by the mercy of our Father in heaven

that we exude that same mercy to others. For He is kind to the ungrateful and selfish and loves even those who reject Him, even those who killed His Son and the rest of us who reject Him so often in how we live. Still, He bestows countless blessings on us all. And through the Son whom He sent out of love for the world, He has made us His own sons and daughters.

How tragic, then, that we so often choose to make the same mistakes as the Corinthians and to live in ways that are really no different from the unholy and corrupt practices so dominant in our world. How sad that we so often prefer death to life, pain to joy, and the hollow victory of self-exaltation to the blessedness of growing in communion with one another and with the Lord Himself. And if we as Christians live this way, what hope is there for a world where helping our friends and cursing our enemies is just business as usual?

Jesus Christ is certainly the hope of both the Church and the world. He is our hope because He brought a new, blessed, and saving way for human beings to relate to others and to God. He died and rose again for those who rejected Him, who nailed Him to a cross and thought that He was demon-possessed. He not only healed His own people the Jews, but showed the same mercy to Gentiles, Samaritans, and even a Roman centurion, a foreign soldier who occupied His homeland. He was at times very frustrated with the disciples for their lack of faith; they largely abandoned Him at His arrest and crucifixion, but Christ still appeared to them after His resurrection and blessed them as the leaders of the Church.

Our Savior is the embodiment of mercy to everyone, for He came to save and transform the entire world and especially every human being. Even more amazing is the truth that we are able to participate in Him, to be nourished by His Body and Blood, the medicine of immortality and holiness in Holy Mystery of the Eucharist. And, yes, we really are able to become merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. By being filled and transformed by His grace, we may become living icons of the divine love and light even in our most difficult relationships.

In other words, what we do in this temple today is a crucial dimension of being His temple and people, of receiving the strength and power to turn away from all the sins that frustrate our growth in holiness and personal union with the Lord and one another. We are enabled to become like the Father by receiving the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. And then let us live as we have received, “cleans[ing] ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and mak[ing] holiness perfect in the fear of God.”

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2020**  
**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6; SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**

HIEROMARTYR HIEROTHEOS, BISHOP OF ATHENS; HIEROMARTYR PETER OF CAPITOLIA IN SYRIA; MARTYRS DOMNINA AND HER DAUGHTERS OF SYRIA; GURIOS, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF KAZAN AND BARSANOUPHIOS, BISHOP OF TVER; AND MARTYRS STEPHEN (STILJANOVICH) AND ELIZABETH OF SERBIA

**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 بُوئْسَ وَالْمِطْرَانِ  
يُوحَنَّا وَفَكِّ أَسْرِهِمَا وَعَوْدَتِهِمَا سَالِمِينَ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ  
نَطْلُبُ.

- *During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. Then, the following:*

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS**

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.

هَلِّمُوا لِنَسْجُدُ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلَّصْنَا يَا  
ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ.  
هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

انْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَنِّنٍ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ  
الْأَيَّامِ، لِكَيْ تُعْتِقَنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتِنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، يَا  
رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

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

**ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ الْغَيْرِ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى  
الْخَالِقِ غَيْرِ الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَنِ أَصْوَاتِ طَلِبَاتِنَا  
نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنَّكَ صَالِحَةٌ،  
نَحْنُ الصَّارِخِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بَادِرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ  
وَأَسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلِبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُتَشَفِّعَةَ دَائِمًا  
بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

**THE EPISTLE**

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا.  
اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا. إِسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلِ.

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى  
أَهْلِ كورِنْثُوسِ.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَنْتُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ "إِنِّي سَأَسْكُنُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَسِيرُ فِيهِمْ، وَأَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُمْ يَكُونُونَ لِي شَعْبًا" \* فَلِذَلِكَ أَخْرَجُوا مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ وَاعْتَزَلُوا " يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ "وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجَسًا" \* فَأَقْبَلُكُمْ وَأَكُونُ لَكُمْ أَبًا وَتَكُونُونَ أَنْتُمْ لِي بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ " \* وَإِذْ لَنَا هَذِهِ الْمَوَاعِدُ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ، فَلْنُطَهِّرْ أَنْفُسَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أَدْنَسِ الْجَسَدِ وَالرُّوحِ، وَنُكْمِلِ الْقَدَاسَةَ بِمَخَافَةِ اللَّهِ.

**THE GOSPEL**

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)**

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ  
وَالْتَلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: "كَمَا تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَفْعَلَ النَّاسُ بِكُمْ، كَذَلِكَ أَفْعَلُوا أَنْتُمْ بِهِمْ" \* فَإِنَّكُمْ إِنْ أَحْبَبْتُمْ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَكُمْ، فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يُحِبُّونَ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُمْ \* وَإِذَا أَحْسَنْتُمْ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُحْسِنُونَ إِلَيْكُمْ، فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا هَكَذَا يَصْنَعُونَ \* وَإِنْ أَقْرَضْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَرْجُونَ أَنْ تَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ، فَأَيَّةُ مِنَّةٍ لَكُمْ؟ فَإِنَّ الْخَطَاةَ أَيْضًا يُقْرِضُونَ الْخَطَاةَ لِكَيْ يَسْتَوْفُوا مِنْهُمْ الْمِثْلَ \* وَلَكِنْ، أَحْبَبُوا أَعْدَاءَكُمْ، وَأَحْسِنُوا وَأَقْرِضُوا غَيْرَ مُؤَمِّلِينَ شَيْئًا، فَيَكُونُ أَجْرُكُمْ كَثِيرًا، وَتَكُونُوا بَنِي الْعَلِيِّ. فَإِنَّهُ مُنْعِمٌ عَلَى غَيْرِ الشَّاكِرِينَ وَالْأَشْرَارِ \* فَكُونُوا رُحَمَاءَ كَمَا أَنَّ أَبَاكُمْ هُوَ رَحِيمٌ.

• *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

الكَاهِنُ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ  
الْأَمْوَاتِ لِأَجْلِ خَلَاصِنَا، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْقَدِيسَةِ

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 protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria; Gurius, first archbishop of Kazan and Barsanouphios, bishop of Tver; and Martyrs Stephen (Stiljanovich) and Elizabeth of Serbia, 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.

الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ  
الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛ وَبِطَلَبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَمَةِ  
الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا  
الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِيْنَ الْمَشْرَفِيْنَ الرَّسُلِ الْجَدِيرِيْنَ بِكُلِّ  
مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِيْنَ يُوْحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْفَمِ  
رَتِيْسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقِسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيْفَةِ؛  
وَالْقَدِيسِيْنَ الْمَجِيدِيْنَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِيْنَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا  
الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشِّحِيْنَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَانِ، فُلَانَةِ)  
شَفِيْعِ(ة) وَحَامِي(ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِيْنَ  
الصَّدِيْقِيْنَ يُوَاكِيْمَ وَحَنَّةَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيْحِ الْإِلَهِ؛ وَالشَّهِيدِ  
إِيْرُوْتَاوُسَ أَسْقَفِ أَتْنِيَا؛ وَالشَّهِيدِ بَطْرُسَ مِنْ كَابِيْتُوْلِيَا  
فِي سُوْرِيَا؛ وَالشَّهِيدَةَ دُوْمْنِيْنَا وَبَنَاتِيهَا مِنْ سُوْرِيَا؛  
غُوْرِيُسَ، أَوَّلِ رَتِيْسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ عَلٰى كَازَانَ؛ وَبَارْسَنُوْفِيُسَ  
أَسْقَفِ تَغْيِرِ؛ وَالشَّهِيدِيْنَ اسْتِفَانُسَ (سْتِيْلِفَانُوْفِتَشِ)  
وَالِيْزَابِيْتِ الصَّرْبِيِّيْنَ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيْمُ تَذَكَارَهُمُ الْيَوْمَ، وَجَمِيْعِ  
قَدِيسِيْكَ، اَرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَتَكَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ  
لِلْبَشَرِ.

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

الْكَاهِنُ: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِيْنَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوْعُ  
الْمَسِيْحُ إِلَهُنَا اَرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.

**Choir:** Amen.

الجوق: آمين.

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# Helping Our Neighbors in Need!



## ***Attention Parish Priests, Parish Councils & All Parishioners***

*For 37 Years we have pledged our support to help our hungry neighbors in need in our local communities between October and December.*

Our world now has been turned upside-down with the effects of Coronavirus. In some Parishes it is impossible to attend Liturgical services, and in others there is limited attendance. It is unfeasible to meet together except via internet.

Our West Coast is on fire, our East Coast and Gulf Coast have suffered dramatically from hurricanes and natural disasters. Thousands have lost their loved ones, their livelihoods and their homes.

But, we can still help our neighbors in need.

We can still feed the hungry, we can still help the homeless, and we can still offer aid to the afflicted.

Each Parish can reach out to their local community and Food Banks and see what is needed the most. We have been challenged in many ways this year, and with our Faith and commitment we will get through this together!



## **Most Needed Items To Donate:**

- Canned Soups (include a can opener)
- Pasta Meals & Canned Sauce
- Canned Meat & Fish
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Fresh Produce & Fruit
- Allergy Friendly Food Options
  - Gluten Free, Nut Free, Dairy Free
- Flour, Sugar, Cornmeal, Rice, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Crackers
- Shelf Stable Milk, Cereals, Cooking Oils
- Pancake & Muffin Mix that Only Require Water
- Baby Food, Juice Boxes, Apples Sauce & Granola Bars
- Baby Diapers & Wipes
- Socks & Underwear
- Household Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products
- Hygiene Products & Toiletries (Men & Women)



Please weigh your food. This can be done quite easily by totaling the amount of food weight listed on each can.

Each parish will distribute the **food to the needy in their local community**. Through this activity, people everywhere will be expressing their faith and sharing their love.

Please inform us of all your charitable activities. What are you doing to help our brothers and sisters in need? What else can we do to help those in need? We want to share this information with the entire Archdiocese!

In the United States, one in five people struggles with hunger, and many rely on food from local food banks to help feed their families. We're about to embark on the holiday season, which is an especially difficult time to live with food insecurity – that is, not knowing when you will get your next meal. You can help by supporting your local food pantry, food banks or shelters!

No one deserves to go to bed hungry!



## ***NEW GRANT PROGRAM***

Our new **GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION** to assist Parishes with their local charitable work is now available online on the Archdiocesan Website.

*“The merciful person is he who gives to others what he himself received from God, whether it be money, or food, or strength, a helpful word, a prayer, or anything else he has through which he can express his compassion for those in need.” –  
St. Peter of Damascus*



Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to assist the hungry, the homeless, the afflicted and the oppressed for over four decades. Through your love and concern, you have allowed us to care for the needs of those less fortunate.



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A NEWSLETTER BY THE ST GEORGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM  
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Prayer



Lord, thank you for the gift of this new day. Give me the courage to be honest, kind, and helpful to others. Fill my heart with love and joy.  
Amen.



## Did You Know?

We do not kneel in church on Sunday because it is the day of Christ's Resurrection!

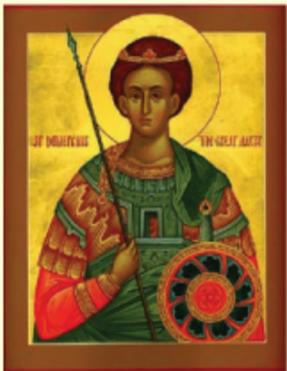
## What I've learned!



### JK students learned:

- 1- Friendship and how Jesus had a special friend named John the Apostle.
- 2- How we can be friends with Jesus' special friend as well by praying for ourselves and others.
- 3- The Lords Prayer and every part of it when it's being said during liturgy.

## Saint of the Month



### Holy, Glorious Demetrius the Myrrh-Gusher of Thessalonica Commemorated October 26

The Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-Gusher was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessalonica. The parents of Saint Demetrius were secretly Christians and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father's home.

After the death of Demetrius' father, Emperor Galerius Maximian was confident in Demetrius and appointed him to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. Upon returning to Thessalonica he confessed and glorified Jesus Christ and began teaching Christianity. When the emperor

learned of this, he was raged and decided to lead his army through Thessalonica and massacre the Christians. Learning of this Saint Demetrius began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom.

Maximian ordered St. Demetrius to be locked up in prison where an angel comforted and encouraged him. On October 26, 306 AD, soldiers entered the Saint's underground prison and he faced a horrible martyrdom. His holy body was secretly buried in the earth.

During the rule of Saint Constantine, a church was built over the grave of St. Demetrius. A hundred years later, during the construction of a new church over the original one, the incorrupt relics of the holy martyr were uncovered. Years later, miraculous fragrant myrrh was found beneath the crypt of the Great Martyr Demetrius, hence he is called "The Myrrh-Gusher".

Saint Demetrius is regarded as a protector of the young.

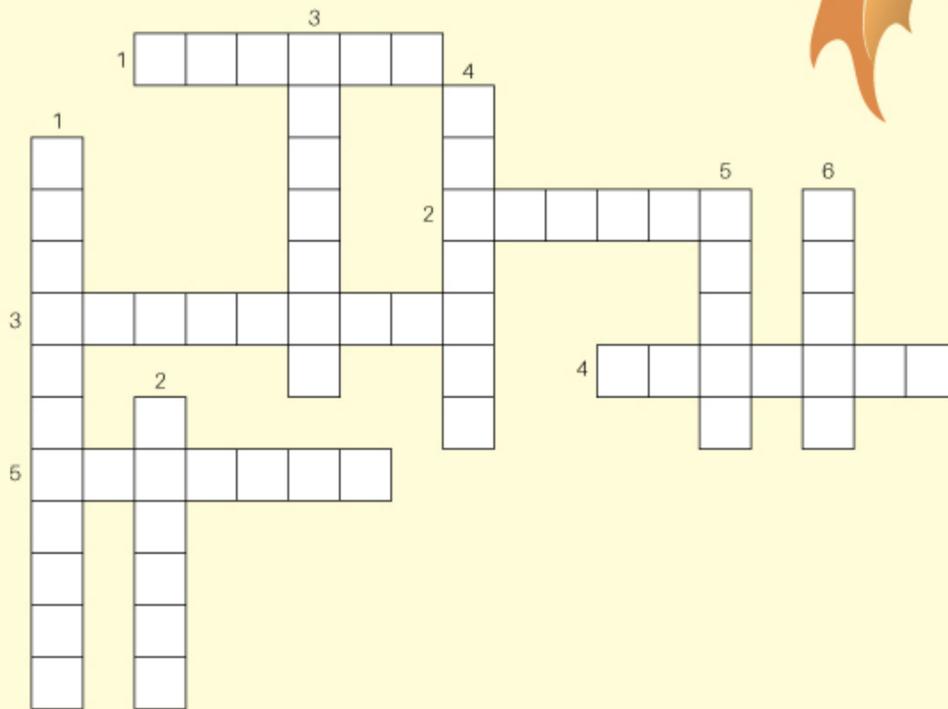
# Cross Word

## Across:

1. An island off Asia Minor, which Paul visited during his travels.
2. City in Greece which Paul visited during his travels.
3. The day when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Celebrated 50 days after Pascha.)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ means letter. The Apostles wrote \_\_\_\_\_ to teach us how to live God's way.
5. A person who is sent out to share the good news.

## Down:

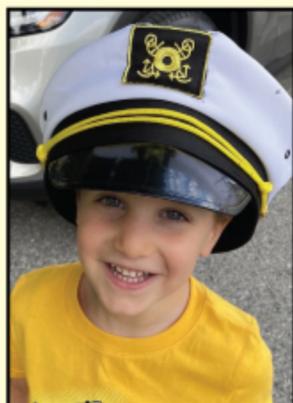
1. Sharing friendship and food with guests.
2. A special part of the Bible that tells us about the life of Jesus.
3. To feel a great joy.
4. A person who helps the priest by singing hymns.
5. A country that Paul visited during his travels.
6. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is believing that Jesus is our Savior and that He brings us closer to God.



# Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday  
Father George Dahdouh  
October 2



Happy Birthday  
Nicolas Botros Assaf  
September 28



Happy Birthday  
Natalie Petro  
October 12



Happy Birthday  
Victoria Bahou  
October 14



Happy Birthday  
George Elias  
September 29



Happy Birthday  
Lazaros Novratidis  
September 08

Happy Birthday  
Paul Petro  
September 05

Happy Birthday  
Boris Ivanov  
October 20

Happy Birthday  
John Dahdaly  
October 09

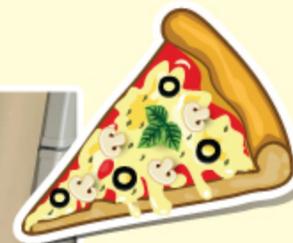


# Accomplishments

## Congratulations

### Johnny Tahhan - Grade 11

for getting the first place award in North York Music Festival competition in Grade 10 piano



## Congratulations

### Monty Junior Qaqish - Grade 4

learned how to bake and made home-made pizza and Zaatar on his own (with supervision)