ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

DAY	NAME OF THE DEPARTED	ANNIVERSARY
20	Jabra Issa Fahel	39
20	Constandi Hinn	38
20	Hilda Sarraf	18
20	Anestas Hamawi	16
20	Salem Emdanat	16
21	Mary Kabi	44
21	Raefe Ibrahim	23
21	Linda Choueri	16
22	Linda Khoury	31
22	Najla Kort	28
23	Evelyn Chamandy	19
25	Hoda Haddad	7
25	James Hauraney	57
25	Najla Beidas	44
25	Helen Anki	27
26	Hannah Ansara	52

- <u>Please</u>, 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.
- 40 Days memorial service for Samer Zabana offered by his mother Ferial Zabana, his wife Rania Zabana, his sisters Rula, Ola and their families. May his memory be eternal.
- The coffee hour is offered today in loving memory of Samer Zabana by his family.

ETERNAL LIGHT

- September 26: For the good health of Issa Bisharat and his family.
- October 4: In loving memory of Munir Muasher from his family.
- November 20: For the good health Reem Shami from Adel Shami and family.
- November 29: For the good health Jean-Paul Shami from Adel Shami and family.
- Please join us on September 26 after church service for a Meet and Greet with Fr. George Mokbel and his family. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee sponsored by the ladies' organization of St. George venue will be determined based on the weather.

LIFE CHAIN

- The Annual Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 3, 2021, between 2:00-3:00 P.M. in front of our church. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of prolife. Everyone is invited to participate in the Life Chain, which involves concerned Canadians standing for one hour praying for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception.
- If you wish to get involved in your parish, a good start is to volunteer as an usher. We are constantly looking for volunteers, if you are interested please call Colette El-Hajj at 416-558-8665.
- 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

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 to register on EVENTBRITE. Please call Colette for any questions.

• 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 Click on *Donate*
- "e-transfer" 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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3 REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND THEOLOGIAN

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 أَجِلِ المِتْروبوليتِ بولُسَ والمطْرانِ يوحنا وفَكِ أَسْرِهِما وعَوْدَتِهِما سالِمَيْنِ، إلى الرَّبِ نَطْلُب.

• 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 FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

لِنُسبِّحْ نَحْنُ المُؤْمِنينَ ونَسْجُدْ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، المُساوِي لِلآبِ والروحِ في الأزَليَّةِ وعَدَمِ الابْتِداء، المَوْلودِ مِنَ العَذْراءِ لِخَلاصِنا، لأنَهُ سُرَّ بالجَسَدِ أَنْ يَعْلَوَ على الصليب، ويَحْتَمِلَ الموت، ويُنْهِضَ المَوْتى بِقِيامَتِهِ المَحدة.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST IN TONE TWO

O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and Great Mercy.

أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ المُتَكلِّمُ بِاللاَّهُوتِ، حَبيبُ المَسيحِ الإلهِ، أَسْرِعْ وَأَنْقِذْ شَعْباً لا عُذرَ له. لأنَّ الَّذي تَنازَلَ أَنْ تَتَكَيَّ عَلَى صَدْرِهِ يَقْبَلُكَ مُتَوَسِّلاً. فَابْتَهِلْ إليهِ أَنْ يُشَتِّتَ سَحَابةَ الشُرورِ والمِحَنِ، طَالباً لنَا السَلامةَ والرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمَى.

• 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.

يا شَفيعَةَ المَسيحيينَ غَيْرَ الخازِية، الوَسيطَةَ لَدَى الخالِقِ غَيْرَ المَرْدُودة، لا تُعْرِضِي عَنْ أَصْواتِ طَلِبَاتِنا نحْنُ الخَطَأَة، بَلْ تَدارَكينا بالمَعونَةِ بِما أَنَّكِ صالِحَة، نحْنُ الصارِخِينَ إليْكِ بإيمانٍ: بادِرِي إلَى الشَاكِة، نحْنُ الصارِخِينَ إليْكِ بإيمانٍ: بادِرِي إلَى الشَاكِة، يا والدَةَ الإله، الشَاكِة وأسرِعِي في الطِلْبَةِ، يا والدَةَ الإله، المُتَشَفِّعَةَ دائِمًا بمُكرّمِيكِ.

THE EPISTLE (For St. John the Evangelist)

His voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. John. (4:12-19)

Brethren, no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love which God has for us. God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; but he who fears is not perfected in love. We love God, because He first loved us.

إلى كُلِّ الأرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ. السَماواتُ تُذيعُ مَجْدَ الله. فَصْلُ مِنْ رسالةِ القِديسِ يوحنًا الرَسولِ الأولى الجامعة.

يا إِخْوَةُ، اللهُ لَمْ يعايِنْهُ أحدٌ قطُّ. إِنْ أَحْبَبْنا بَعْضَنا بَعْضَا يَثْبُتُ اللهُ فينا وتكونُ مَحَبَّتُهُ لنا كاملةً فينا. وبَهْذا نَعْلَمُ أَنَّا نَثْبُتُ فيهِ وهُوَ فينا، بِأَنَّهُ آتانا مِنْ وبِهَذا نَعْلَمُ أَنَّا نَثْبُتُ فيهِ وهُوَ فينا، بِأَنَّهُ آتانا مِنْ روحِهِ. ونَحْنُ قَدْ عَلِمْنا ونَشْهَدُ أَنَّ الآبَ قَدْ أَرْسَلَ الإبنَ مُخَلِّصاً لِلْعالَم. فكُلُّ مَنِ اعْتَرَفَ بأَنَّ يَسوعَ هُوَ ابنُ اللهِ، يَثْبُتُ فيهِ وَهُوَ في الله. ونحنُ قدْ عَرَفْنا وامَنَّا بالمَحَبَّةِ التي عِنْدِ الله لنا. اللهُ مَحَبَّةٌ، فَمَنْ ثَبَتَ في اللهِ والله فيه. بِهذا كَمُلَتِ في المُحَبَّةُ فينا حَتَّى تَكونَ لَنا ثِقَةٌ يَوْمَ الدينِ بِأَنْ نكونَ لما مُحَافَةً في المَحَبَّةِ، بَلِ المَحَبَّةُ الكامِلَةُ تَنْفي المَخافَةَ في المَحَبَّةِ، بَلِ المَحَبَّةُ الكامِلَةُ تَنْفي المَخافَةَ الى خارج. لأَنَّ المَخافَةَ لها عَذابٌ، فالخائِفُ غيرُ كامِلٍ في المَحَبَّة. المَحَبَّة المَحَبَّة المَا عَذابٌ، فالخائِفُ غيرُ كامِلٍ في المَحَبَّة. المَحَبَّة لها عَذابٌ، فالخائِفُ غيرُ كامِلٍ في المَحَبَّة. المَحَبَّة لئَالَةً لأَنَّهُ قَدْ أَحَبَّنا.

THE GOSPEL (For St. John the Evangelist)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (19:25-27; 21:24-25)

At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own. This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

فَصْلُ شَريفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدِّيسِ يوحَنَّا الإِنْجيلِيِّ البَشير والتِلْميذِ الطاهِر.

في ذلك الزَمانِ، كانَتْ واقَفِةٌ عِنْدَ صليبِ يسوعَ أُمُّهُ وأُخْتُ أُمِّهِ مَرْيَمُ التي لِكُلاوبا ومَرْيَمُ المَجْدَلِيَّة. فَلَمَّا رأى يسوعُ أُمَّهُ والتِلْميذُ الذي كانَ يُحِبُّهُ واقِفاً، قَلَمَّا رأى يسوعُ أُمَّهُ والتِلْميذُ الذي كانَ يُحِبُّهُ واقِفاً، قال لأمِّهِ: يا امْرَأَة، هُوَذا ابْنُكِ! ثُمَّ قال لِلْتِلميذِ: هُوَذا أُمُّكَ! ومِنْ تِلْكَ الساعَةِ أَخَذَها إلى خاصَّتِهِ. هُوَذا أُمُّكَ! ومِنْ تِلْكَ الساعَةِ أَخَذَها إلى خاصَّتِهِ. هذا هُوَ التِلْميذُ الشاهِدُ بِهَذِهِ الأُمورِ والكاتِبُ لها، وقَدْ عَلِمنا أَنَّ شَها هَدَتُهُ حَقِّ. وأَشْها عُتِبَتْ واحِدةً فَواحِدة، لَما طَنَنْتُ العالَمَ يَسَعُ الصُحُفَ المَكْتوبَة.

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual with the following variable.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

His sound hath gone forth into all the earth; and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

فِي كُلِّ الأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُ، وَالِّي أَقْصَى الْمَسْكُونَةِ كَلِمَاتُه. هَلِلوبيا.

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 alllaudable apostles; of our father among the saints John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and rightvictorious Martyrs; of our venerable and Godbearing 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 holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, 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.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

الكاهن: أيُها المَسيحُ إلهُنا الحَقيقي، يا مَنْ قامَ مِن بين الأموات، بشَفاعاتِ أُمِّكَ الكُلِّيَّةِ الطّهارة والبَربِئَة مِنْ كُلّ عَيْب؛ وبقُدْرة الصَالِيب الكَربِم المُحْدِي؛ وبطلبات القُوّات السَــماويَّة المُكَرَّمَة ادِ؛ والنّبيّ الكَريم السابِق المَجيدِ بوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدانِ؛ والقديسِّينَ الْمُشَـرَّفينَ الْرُّسُ الجَديرينَ بِكُلِّ مَديح؛ وَأَبِينَا الجَليلِ في الْقَدِّيْس يُوْحَنَّا الْذَهَبِيِّ الْفَمْ رَئيسِ أُسَـاقِفَةِ الْقَس كاتب هَذِه الخُدْمَة الشِّريفَة؛ والقدِّيسِينَ المَحيدينَ ــهـداء المُتَـأَلُّقينَ بِالظَّفَرِ ؛ وآبِائنا الأَبْرارِ إَ وَحامى (ــةٍ) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ المُقَدَّسة؛ يْنِ الصدِّيقَيْنِ جَدَّى المَسيحِ الإلهِ؛ والقدِّيسِ ولِ يُوحَنَّا الإِنْجِيليِّ المُتَكَلِّم بِاللَّاهُوتِ، الذينَ نُقيمُ تَذْكارَ رُقادِهِ اليَوْم؛ وجَميع قِدّيسيك، ارْحَمنا وخَلِّصْنا بما أنَّكَ صالِحٌ ومُحِبُّ لِلْبَشَر.

الكاهن: بِصَلُواتِ آبائِنا القِدّيسينَ، أَيُّها الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ المَسيحُ إلهُنا، ارْحَمْنا وخَلَّصْنا.

Choir: Amen. الجوقة: آمين.

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Canadian Abortion Facts

Law

- Canada has been without a law on abortion since 1988. Abortion is permitted throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, for any reason, up to the moment of birth. ¹
- In Canada, almost all abortions are funded by taxpayers even though polls reveal that a
 majority disagree with their money being used to kill unborn babies out of convenience.²
- In 2012, it was discovered that a form of infanticide is becoming commonplace in Canadian hospitals and private abortion facilities, with roughly 50 cases occurring annually. These take place where a child survives an abortion and is born alive. According to Canada's Criminal Code, once born, these survivors are to be accorded all legal rights, including medical treatment. However, a government report shows that these born children are either killed or left to die. When brought to the attention of the RCMP, the apparent homicides were ignored. ³

Statistics

- Over 100,000 abortions were committed in 2015, over 39,000 in Ontario alone. 18,491 of these abortions took place in hospitals, and 27,082 of these abortions took place in private clinics.⁴
- Since its legalization in 1969, over 4 million Canadians have died from surgical, elective abortion. Countless more chemical abortions occur annually with drugs like RU-486 (which is now an over the counter prescription in most provinces) and the "morning-after pill".
- Today, abortion is used as a "back-up" birth control method in more than 96% of the instances.⁵
- Less than 1% of abortions are for the so-called "hard cases" of rape and incest. Only 3% of all abortions are committed for the alleged hard case of "health risk to the mother". Today therefore, abortion is used primarily as birth control.⁶

¹ "Legal Abortion in Canada." National Abortion Federation - Canada. Accessed September 01, 2017. http://www.nafcanada.org/legal-abortion-ca.html

² "Http://ljournal.ru/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/d-2016-154.pdf," *Canadians' Attitude Towards Abortion*, October 2011, , accessed September 1, 2017, doi:10.18411/d-2016-154. http://www.lifecanada.org/images/LifeCanada%20Abortion%20Report%202011%20Final.pdf

³ Tristin Hopper, "Birth of a legal quandry: Live-birth abortions a perilous grey zone in Canada's criminal code," National Post, February 01, 2013, , accessed September 01, 2017,

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⁴ "Number of Abortion Services in Ontario for Fiscal Year 2014/15," Abortion Data, accessed September 01, 2017, https://drive.google.com/file/d/08_QDsYLWnw06QWs1NzAwY1NGWTg/view.

⁵ Robert Johnston, "Reasons Given For Having Abortions in the United States," Reasons given for having abortions in the United States, January 18, 2016, , accessed September 01, 2017, http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/abreasons.html.

- Nearly 1 in 4 pregnancies today result in abortion.⁷
- About half of women with an unplanned pregnancy choose abortion. The other half keeps the child. Less than 1% offers the baby for adoption.⁸
- There is a desperate shortage of newborn babies available for adoption in Canada. Couples suffering infertility can wait up to 10 years for a newborn to become available. Even international adoption can take up to 5 years.⁹
- As of 2015, within hospitals, those between the ages of 18–24 have the most reported induced abortions. Within clinics, almost half of the abortions were unreported, but women ages 25-29 were most reported. Following this statistic, women the ages of 25–29 have the second most reported induced abortions at 12,050 procedures.¹⁰
- The most common abortion procedure method is the "aspiration and curettage" abortion, in which vacuum or suction aspiration is used to remove uterine contents through the cervix. This procedure makes up 73.7% of all induced surgical methods of abortion. Canadian hospitals reported 17,362 of these procedures done.¹¹

Harm to Women

- In a study conducted by the *British Journal of Psychiatry* in 2011 of 877,181 women, of whom 163,831 had abortions, found women who **have** had an abortion have an 81 percent higher risk of subsequent mental health problems compared to women that have not.
 - higher rates of anxiety by 34%
 - o an increase of 37% for feelings of depression
 - o an increase of 110% in alcohol abuse
 - o an increase of 155% for suicidal behavior
- An authoritative Finnish government study found that the suicide rate associated with abortion is 10 times higher than the suicide rate associated with childbirth.¹²
- Increased risk of infertility and ectopic pregnancy.¹³

⁷ Smitha Mundasad, "Abortion Study: 25% of Pregnancies terminated, estimates suggest," BBC News, May 12, 2016, , accessed September 01, 2017, http://www.bbc.com/news/health-36266873.

http://www.americanadoptions.com/pregnant/deciding between abortion or adoption.

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