

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
25	Artin adourian	9
26	Jabra Mansour	4
26	Rizk Shahin	5
26	Allan Philip David	29
27	George Kalouche	8
27	Ghosn Haddad	31
28	Sanjar Chammandy	59
28	George El Khass	19
29	Nicholas Yared	52
30	Adele Abboud	26

- **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.
- **3 and 9 Days memorial service for Salwa Saba Dabbagh** offered by her children **Suheil, Sufian and Saad and their families**. May her memory be eternal.
- **The coffee hour** is offered today in loving memory of **Salwa Saba Dabbagh** by her family.
- **5 years memorial service for Georgeta Nasta** offered by her daughter **Lucia Nasta and her family**. May her memory be eternal.

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **November 14:** in loving memory of Mitry, Violette and Stella Samaan from Nabil and Angel samaan.
- **November 20:** For the good health Reem Shami from Adel Shami and family.
- **November 21:** In loving memory of Azizeh Qaqish from her daughter Wafa Alchekh.
- **November 29:** For the good health 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.

- **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.

- **St George Church Summary of Fixed Expenses and Revenue for the month of September:**

Fixed Expenses: \$28,743.31

Donations Collected: \$19,785.84

Net Balance: -\$8,957.47

- **The YAM of St. George will be participating in a Retreat at St. KOSMAS AITOLOS GREEK ORTHODOX MONASTERY, Saturday, Nov 6, 2021. 9AM-2Pm. The Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is organizing the retreat, however they've made it open to any Orthodox young adults who would like to attend. Please see the attached flyer for the event.**
- **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

- **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 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, OCTOBER 31, 2021
TONE 2 / EOTHINON 8; NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

APOSTLES STACHIOS, APellos, AMPLIAS, URBAN, ARISTOBOULOS AND NARCISSOS OF THE SEVENTY;
MARTYR EPIMACHOS OF ALEXANDRIA; NEW-MARTYR NICHOLAS OF CHIOS

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.

الشَّماس: مِنْ أَجْلِ المِثْرُوبُولِيَّةِ بُولُسَ والمِطْرانِ
يُوحنا وَفَكَ اسْرِهِما وَعَوْدَتِهِما سَالِمِينَ، إِلَى الرَّبِّ
نَطْلِبُ.

- *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 TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

عِنْدَمَا انْحَدَرْتَ إِلَى المَوْتِ أَيُّهَا الحَيَاةُ الَّذِي لَا
يَمُوتُ، حِينَئِذٍ أَمَتَّ الجَحِيمَ بِبَرَقِ لاهوتِكَ. وَعِنْدَمَا
أَقَمْتَ الأَمْواتِ مِنْ تَحْتِ الثَّرَى، صَرَخَ نَحْوَكِ جَمِيعُ
القُوَّاتِ السَّماويِّينَ: أَيُّهَا المَسِيحُ الإِلهُ، مُعْطِي
الحَيَاةِ، المَجْدُ 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.

يا شَفِيعَةَ المَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرِ الخازِيَةِ، الوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى
الخالِقِ غَيْرِ المَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَن أَصْواتِ
طَلِباتِنَا نَحْنُ الخَطَاةُ، بَلْ تَدَارِكينا بِالمَعونَةِ بِما أَنَّكَ
صالِحَةٌ، نَحْنُ الصارِخِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإيمانٍ: بِادِرِي إِلَى
الشَّفاعةِ وَأَسرِعِي في الطَّلِبَةِ، يا وَالِدَةَ الإِلهِ،
المُتَشَفِّعَةَ دائِماً بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

THE EPISTLE (For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me severely.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of
St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)**

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is blessed for evermore, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the

قُوَّتِي وَتَسبِجَتِي الرَّبِّ. أَدباً أَدَّبَنِي الرَّبُّ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسالَةِ القَدِّيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسولِ الثَّانِيَةِ
إِلَى أَهْلِ كورنثوس.

يا إِخوَةٌ، قَدْ عَلِمَ اللهُ أَبُو رَبِّنا يَسوعَ المَسِيحِ، المُبَارَكُ
إِلَى الأَبَدِ أَنِّي لَا أَكْذِبُ. كانَ بِدِمَشقَ الحاكِمِ تَحْتِ

governor under Arétas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, willing to seize me, and through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body, I do not know, or whether out of the body, I do not know; God knows—who was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this man—whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which no person is allowed to utter. On behalf of this one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my infirmities. For if I would desire to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall speak the truth. But I refrain from it, lest anyone should think of me above that which he sees me to be, or hears from me. And to keep me from being exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to buffet me, to keep me from being exalted above measure. For this thing I beseeched the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Most gladly therefore will I rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

إِمْرَةَ الْمَلِكِ الْحَارِثِ، يَحْرُسُ مَدِينَةَ الدَّمَشْقِيِّينَ لِيَقْبِضَ عَلَيَّ. فَذَلَيْتُ مِنْ كُوَّةٍ فِي زَنْبِيلٍ مِنَ السُّورِ، وَنَجَوْتُ مِنْ يَدَيْهِ. إِنَّهُ لَا يُوَافِقُنِي أَنْ أَفْتَحِرَ، فَآتِي إِلَى رُؤْيِ الرَّبِّ وَإِعْلَانَاتِهِ. إِنِّي أَعْرِفُ إِنْسَانًا فِي الْمَسِيحِ مِنْذُ أَرْبَعِ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً (أَفِي الْجَسَدِ، لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُ، أَمْ خَارِجَ الْجَسَدِ لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُ، اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ) اخْتُطِفَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الثَّالِثَةِ. وَأَعْرِفُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانَ (أَفِي الْجَسَدِ أَمْ خَارِجَ الْجَسَدِ لَسْتُ أَعْلَمُ، اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ). اخْتُطِفَ إِلَى الْفِرْدَوْسِ، وَسَمِعَ كَلِمَاتٍ سَرِيَّةٍ لَا يَحِلُّ لِإِنْسَانٍ أَنْ يَنْطُقَ بِهَا. فَمِنْ جِهَةٍ هَذَا أَفْتَحِرُ، وَأَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةٍ نَفْسِي فَلَا أَفْتَحِرُ إِلَّا بِأَوْهَانِي. فَإِنِّي لَوْ أَرَدْتُ الْإِفْتِحَارَ، لَمْ أَكُنْ جَاهِلًا لِأَنِّي أَقُولُ الْحَقَّ، لَكِنِّي أَتَحَاشَى لِئَلَّا يَظُنَّ بِي أَحَدٌ فَوْقَ مَا يَرَانِي عَلَيْهِ أَوْ يَسْمَعُهُ مِنِّي. وَلِئَلَّا أُسْتَكْبِرُ بِفِرْطِ الْإِعْلَانَاتِ، أُعْطِيتُ شَوْكَةً فِي الْجَسَدِ، مَلَكَ الشَّيْطَانِ لِيَلْطِمَنِي لِئَلَّا أُسْتَكْبِرُ. وَلِهَذَا طَلَبْتُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ أَنْ تُفَارِقَنِي. فَقَالَ لِي "تَكْفِيكَ نِعْمَتِي، لِأَنَّ قُوَّتِي فِي الضَّعْفِ تَكْمُلُ." فَبِكُلِّ سُرُورٍ أَفْتَحِرُ بِالْحَرِيِّ بِأَوْهَانِي، لِتَسْتَقِرَّ فِي قُوَّةِ الْمَسِيحِ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ: كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الْأَرْجُوَانَ وَالْبَزَّ، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ تَتَعَمًّا فَاخِرًا. وَكَانَ مَسْكِينٌ اسْمُهُ لِعَازَرَ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ مُصَابًا بِالْقُرُوحِ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشَبَعَ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الَّذِي يَسْقُطُ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الْغَنِيِّ. بَلْ كَانَتْ الْكِلَابُ تَأْتِي وَتَلْحَسُ فُرُوحَهُ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْمَسْكِينُ، فَنَقَلَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمِ.

lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

ومات الغني أيضاً، فدُفِنَ فَرَفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ فِي الْجَحِيمِ وَهُوَ فِي الْعَذَابِ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ وَلَعَّازُ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى قَائِلاً: "يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمِ ارْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَّازَ لِيَعْمَسَ طَرْفَ إصْبَعِهِ فِي الْمَاءِ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُعَذَّبٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهْيَبِ." فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: "تَذَكَّرْ يَا ابْنِي أَنَّكَ نَلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَّازُ كَذَلِكَ بَلَايَاهُ. وَالآنَ فَهُوَ يَتَعَزَّى وَأَنْتَ تَتَعَذَّبُ. وَعَلَاوَةً عَلَى هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَبَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ قَدْ أُثْبِتَتْ، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا الَّذِينَ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَعْبرُوا إِلَيْنَا." فَقَالَ: "أَسْأَلُكَ إِذْنًا يَا أَبَتِ أَنْ تُرْسِلَهُ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي. فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ، حَتَّى يَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ لِكَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَوْضِعِ الْعَذَابِ هَذَا." فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: "إِنَّ عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءَ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا مِنْهُمْ." قَالَ: "لَا يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيمِ، بَلْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَتَوَبُّونَ." فَقَالَ لَهُ: "إِنَّ لَمْ يَسْمَعُوا مِنْ مُوسَى وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَا إِنْ قَامَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يُصَدِّقُونَهُ."

- *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

الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمَّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّالِبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛ وَبِطِبَابَاتِ الْقُوَاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمُشْرَفِينَ الرَّسُلِ، وَسَائِرِ الرَّسُلِ الْمُشْرَفِينَ الْجَدِيرِينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوْحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْقَمِ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ،

<p>Fathers, <i>of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community</i>; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy; Martyr Epimachos of Alexandria; and New-martyr Nicholas of Chios, 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>وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشِّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَان، فُلَانة) شَفِيعِ(ة) وَحَامِي(ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمَقْدَسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ؛ وَتَذَكَارِ الرُّسُلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ اسطَاشِيسَ، وَأَبِيلَسَ، وَأَمْبِلِيَّاسَ، وَأَرِسْتُوبُولُسَ، وَنَرْكِيئِسَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ السَّبْعِينَ؛ وَالشَّهِيدِ أَبِيْمَاخُسَ؛ وَالشَّهِيدِ الْجَدِيدِ نِيْقُولَاوَسَ الَّذِي مِنْ شِيُوسَ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذَكَارَهُمْ الْيَوْمَ؛ وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.</p>
<p>Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.</p>	<p>الكَاهِنُ: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُنَا، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p>
<p>Choir: 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 3rd 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; or Joanie Younes at 416-402-7424; joanieunis@hotmail.com. Thank you and God Bless You!