

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

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- **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.

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **November 7:** For the good health of Dany & Matthew Besharat
- **November 14:** in loving memory of Mitry, Violette and Stella Samaan from Nabil and Angel samaan.
- **November 20:** For the good health of Reem Shami from Adel Shami 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 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.
- **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.

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

Saturday, November 6: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 7: Orthros 9:00 am and Divine Liturgy 10:30 am

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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

- 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, NOVEMBER 07, 2021

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

VENERABLE LAZARUS THE WONDERWORKER OF MAGNESIA

THE THIRTY-THREE MARTYRS OF MELITENE

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 بُوَيْسَ 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 THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوِيَّاتُ وَتَبْتَهِجِ الْأَرْضِيَّاتُ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ
صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَوَطِئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَصَارَ
بُكَرَ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأَنْقَذَنَا مِنْ جَوْفِ الْجَحِيمِ، وَمَنْحَ
العَالَمِ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. LAZARUS OF MAGNESIA IN TONE EIGHT

In thy vigilant prayers, thou didst drench thy pillar with streams of tears; by thy sightings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou becamest a shepherd, granting forgiveness to them that came to thee, O our righteous Father Lazarus. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

قَدْ بَلَّلْتَ الْعَمُودَ بِسَوَاقِي دُمُوعِكَ فِي صَلَوَاتِكَ اللَّيْلِيَّةِ،
يَا أَبَانَا الْبَارَّ لِعَازَرَ، وَبِتَنْهَدَاتِكَ مِنْ صَمِيمِ الْفُؤَادِ
أَثْمَرْتَ أَتْعَابِكَ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ، فَأَضْبَحْتَ رَاعِيًا تَمْنَحُ
الْغُفْرَانَ لِلْمُلْتَجِبِينَ إِلَيْكَ. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي
خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

- *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

يَا شَفِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ غَيْرَ الْخَازِيَةِ، الْوَسِيطَةَ لَدَى
الْخَالِقِ غَيْرَ الْمَرْدُودَةِ، لَا تُعْرِضِي عَن أَصْوَاتِ
طَلِبَاتِنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ، بَلْ تَدَارِكِينَا بِالْمَعُونَةِ بِمَا أَنْكَ

unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

صَالِحَةً، نَحْنُ الصَّارِحِينَ إِلَيْكَ بِإِيمَانٍ: بِأَدْرِي إِلَى الشَّفَاعَةِ وَأُسْرِعِي فِي الطَّلْبَةِ، يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ، الْمُنَشَّقَةَ دَائِمًا بِمُكْرَمِيكَ.

THE EPISTLE (For the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

*O chant unto our God, chant ye.
Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

رَتِّلُوا لِإِلَهِنَا رَتِّلُوا. يَا جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ صَفِّقُوا بِالْأَيْدِي.
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ.

يَا إِخْوَةٌ، أَعْلَمُكُمْ أَنَّ الْإِنْجِيلَ الَّذِي بَشَّرْتُ بِهِ، لَيْسَ بِحَسَبِ الْإِنْسَانِ. لِأَنِّي لَمْ أَتَسَلَّمْهُ أَوْ أَتَعَلَّمْهُ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، بَلْ بِإِعْلَانِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. فَإِنَّكُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِسِيرَتِي قَدِيمًا فِي مِلَّةِ الْيَهُودِ أَنِّي كُنْتُ أَضْطَهْدُ كَنِيسَةَ اللَّهِ بِإِفْرَاطٍ وَأُدْمِرُهَا. وَأَزِيدُ تَقَدُّمًا فِي مِلَّةِ الْيَهُودِ عَلَى كَثِيرِينَ مِنْ أَتْرَابِي فِي جِنْسِي، بِكُونِي أَوْفَرَ مِنْهُمْ غَيْرَةً عَلَى تَقْلِيدَاتِ آبَائِي. فَلَمَّا ارْتَضَى اللَّهُ، الَّذِي أَفْرَزَنِي مِنْ جَوْفِ أُمِّي وَدَعَانِي بِنِعْمَتِهِ. أَنْ يُعْلِنَ ابْنَهُ فِيَّ لِأَبَشِّرَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْأُمَمِ، لِسَاعَتِي لَمْ أَصْغِ إِلَى لَحْمٍ وَدَمٍ. وَلَا صَعِدْتُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ إِلَى الرُّسُلِ الَّذِينَ قَبْلِي، بَلْ انْطَلَقْتُ إِلَى دِيَارِ الْعَرَبِ، وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ رَجَعْتُ إِلَى دِمَشْقَ. ثُمَّ إِنِّي بَعْدَ ثَلَاثِ سِنِينَ، صَعِدْتُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ لِأَزُورَ بَطْرُسَ، فَأَقَمْتُ عِنْدَهُ خَمْسَةَ عَشَرَ يَوْمًا. وَلَمْ أَرْ غَيْرَهُ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ سِوَى يَعْقُوبَ أَخِي الرَّبِّ.

THE GOSPEL (For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ
الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ اسْمُهُ يَائِرُسَ، وَهُوَ رَئِيسٌ لِلْمَجْمَعِ، وَخَرَّ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ، وَطَلَبَ

Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. لِأَنَّ لَهُ ابْنَةً وَحِيدَةً لَهَا نَحْوُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً قَدْ أَشْرَفَتْ عَلَى الْمَوْتِ. وَبَيْنَمَا هُوَ مُنْطَلِقٌ، كَانَ الْجُمُوعُ يَزْحَمُونَهُ. وَإِنَّ امْرَأَةً بِهَا نَزْفٌ دَمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وَكَانَتْ قَدْ أَنْفَقَتْ مَعِيشَتَهَا كُلَّهَا عَلَى الْأَطِبَّاءِ وَلَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيَهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ خَلْفِهِ وَمَسَّتْ هُدْبَ ثَوْبِهِ، وَلِلْوَقْتِ وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دَمِهَا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟" وَإِذْ أَنْكَرَ جَمِيعُهُمْ، قَالَ بُطْرُسُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، إِنَّ الْجُمُوعَ يُضَاقِقُونَكَ وَيَزْحَمُونَكَ، وَتَقُولُ، مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟" فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّهُ قَدْ لَمَسَنِي وَاحِدٌ. لِأَنِّي عَلِمْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي." فَلَمَّا رَأَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ أَنَّهَا لَمْ تَخَفْ، جَاءَتْ مُرْتِعِدَةً وَخَرَّتْ لَهُ، وَأَخْبَرَتْ أَمَامَ كُلِّ الشَّعْبِ لِأَيَّةِ عِلَّةٍ لَمَسَتْهُ، وَكَيْفَ بَرِنَتْ لِلْوَقْتِ. فَقَالَ لَهَا: "بَقِي يَا ابْنَةُ. إِيمَانُكَ أَبْرَأُكَ، فَادْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ." وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، جَاءَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ ذَوِي رَنِيْسِ الْمَجْمَعِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "إِنَّ ابْنَتَكَ قَدْ مَاتَتْ، فَلَا تُتْعِبِ الْمُعَلِّمَ." فَسَمِعَ يَسُوعُ، فَأَجَابَهُ قَائِلًا: "لَا تَخَفْ. آمِنْ فَقَطْ فَتَبْرَأَ هِيَ." وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ، لَمْ يَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَدْخُلُ إِلَّا بُطْرُسَ، وَيَعْقُوبَ، وَيُوحَنَّا وَأَبَا الصَّبِيَّةِ وَأُمَّهَا. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَبْكُونَ وَيَلْطَمُونَ عَلَيْهَا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لَا تَبْكُوا. إِنَّهَا لَمْ تَمُتْ وَلَكِنَّهَا نَائِمَةٌ." فَضَحِكُوا عَلَيْهِ لِعِلْمِهِمْ بِأَنَّهَا قَدْ مَاتَتْ. فَأَمْسَكَ بِيَدِهَا وَنَادَى قَائِلًا: "يَا صَبِيَّةُ قُومِي." فَرَجَعَتْ رُوحُهَا وَقَامَتْ فِي الْحَالِ. فَأَمَرَ أَنْ تُعْطَى لِتَأْكُلَ. فَدَهَشَ أَبَوَاهَا، فَأَوْصَاهُمَا أَنْ لَا يَقُولَا لِأَحَدٍ مَا جَرَى.

• 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 protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; **of the Venerable Lazarus the wonderworker of Magnesia; and the Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene**, 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.

الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمَّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيئَةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِثَدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛ وَبِطَلْبَاتِ الْقُوَاتِ السَّمَاويَّةِ الْمُكْرَمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛ 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؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (تِه) (فُلَانِ، فُلَانَةِ) شَفِيعِ(تِه) وَحَامِي(تِه) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهُ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْبَارَّ الْعَازَرَ الْعَجَائِبِيِّ، وَالشُّهَدَاءِ الثَّلَاثَةَ وَالثَّلَاثِينَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ مِلَّتَيْنِ، الَّذِينَ نَقِيمُ تَذَكَارَهُمْ الْيَوْمَ؛ وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ .

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

الكاهن: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.

Choir: Amen.

الجوق: آمين.

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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!