

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
22	Azizeh Qaqish	4
22	Gholamreza Moradi Bakht	9
22	Ferris Frank Haddad	23
22	Aida Salib	18
22	Mary Raines	15
22	Margaret Zakka	13
23	Tawfiq Dahdah	51
24	John Shaheen	56
24	Robert Bechbache	20
25	Khristo Annouza	20
26	Adele Haydamous	34
26	Abdul-Massih El-Ajie	31
26	Elie Nassif	26
26	Charles Cordahi	19
27	Helmi Awad	11
28	Nickolas Abraham	50
28	Michael Aziz	66

- **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.
- **2 Years memorial service for Omar Zarifeh** offered by his parents Edgar and Suad Zarifeh and family. May his memory be eternal.

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- **One-year memorial service for Isabelle Younes** offered by her children and their families. May her memory be eternal.

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **November 28:** In loving memory of Omar Zarifeh from Edgar & Souad Zarifeh
For the good health of Issa & Feryal Bisharat and their family
For the good health of Rami Haddad from William & Lucy Besharat.
- **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.
In loving memory of Isabelle Younes from Rami & Joanie Younes
For the good health of Rami Haddad from William & Lucy Besharat.
- **December 12:** For the good health of Rami Haddad from William & Lucy Besharat.
- **December 19:** For the good health of Rami Haddad from William & Lucy Besharat.
- **December 26:** For the good health of Rami Haddad from William & Lucy Besharat.

CHURCH OFFICE

- **Anyone wishing to church a child, removal of crowns, have a memorial service, or would like Fr. George to give communion or visit their loved sick ones, should contact the church office ahead of time (905) 731-7210. In case of emergency, call Fr. Georges Mokbel (416) 725-2888.**

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

- **We are in need of Poinsettia flowers to decorate the Altar. If you wish to make a donation, please see Mr. George Ghneim or call the office 905-731-7210.**

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

- **Lenten Luncheons:** Our Knights of St. George will be hosting a Falafel Luncheon every Sunday following Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar. **We would like to thank Raed & Regina Touma and their family for sponsoring the Luncheon for this Sunday.**

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

- **Respectfully, Please, note that New Year's party will be held at the banquet hall in the centre. Tickets are on sale now for \$90/person and \$30/Child. The party will have a live DJ, Open Buffet, Appetizers, and a lot more. Kids will have babysitting and will have the gym as their designated area. Please, note capacity is limited and tickets will be sold on first come first serve basis. Once we get to the maximum capacity allowed by law under the covid-19 act and regulations we will not be able to sell or fit anymore people. Accordingly, there will be no tickets sold at the door. For ticket purchase please contact: Ra'ed Touma: 647-648-2037 or Ra'ed Dallal: 416-576-3232**

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

- **Next Sunday December 5th.** The holy bread will be offered for the good health of Grace Barbara and Nicole Dahdaly on their name's day sake. We wish to thank the Dahdaly family for sponsoring this feast, and serving the traditional Ulbe on this occasion.

- **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.
- **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>

TEEN SOYO UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday December 3 = 7:00pm-10:00pm**
*Intro to SOYO (Fun-Social)
@ Church Basement/Centre's Gym
- **Friday December 10 = 7:00pm-10:00pm**
*Spiritual talk with Abouna (Spiritual-Social) @ Church Basement/Centre's Gym
- **Friday December 17 = 7:00pm-10:00pm**
*Decorating GingerbreadHouses (Fun-Social) @ Church Basement/Centre's Gym
- **Monday to Tuesday December 27-28**
*SOYO Sleepover!! (Fun-Social-Spiritual) @ Church Basement/Centre's Gym
- **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

- ***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 28, 2021
TONE 6 / EOTHINON 1; TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
VENERABLE-MARTYR STEPHEN THE NEW
 MARTYR IRINARCHOS OF SEBASTIA AND THOSE WITH HIM

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 الْمَثْرُوبُولِيَّتِ بُوْئْسَ وَالْمِطْرَانِ
 يُوْحَنَّا 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 SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ الْقُوَّاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ،
 وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرِيْمَ وَقَفْتَ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ
 طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَيْتِ الْجَحِيْمَ وَلَمْ تُجْرَبْ
 مِنْهَا، وَصَادَقْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ
 مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE NEW IN TONE FOUR

(***Thou who wast raised up***)

Trained on the mountain in ascetical-labors, * with the whole armor of the Cross thou didst vanquish * the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; * and when thou hadst stripped thyself * with great courage for contest, * thou didst slay Copronymus * with the sword of the true Faith. * For both these things hast thou been crowned by God, * O righteous Martyr, blest Stephen of great renown.

سَبَقْتَ فَرَوَّضْتَ ذَاتَكَ فِي الْجَبَلِ بِالرِّيَاضَاتِ
 النُّسْكِيَّةِ، وَبَدَدْتَ مُوَكِبَ الْأَعْدَاءِ الْعَقْلِيِّينَ بِالسِّلَاحِ
 الْكَامِلِ، أَيِ سِلَاحِ الصَّلِيبِ. ثُمَّ بَرَزْتَ مُتَجَرِّداً
 بِشَجَاعَةٍ إِلَى الْجِهَادِ، وَقَتَلْتَ الزَّنْبَلِيَّ الْإِسْمَ بِسَيْفِ
 الْإِيمَانِ. وَفِي الْحَالَتَيْنِ تَوَجَّكَ اللَّهُ، أَيُّهَا الشَّهِيدُ الْبَارُّ
 اسْتَفْنَأَسَ الذَّائِعَ الذِّكْرَ.

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

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

(***The original melody***)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on

الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَ
 الدُّهُورِ، وَوِلَادَةٌ لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَافْرَحِي أَيُّهَا

hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

المَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعَتْ، وَمَجْدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ،
الذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي
قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ .

THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved—and raised us up together with Him, and made us to sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

حَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاثَكَ .

إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ، إِلَهِي .

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ
أَفَسُسِ .

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ لِكُونِهِ غَنِيًّا بِالرَّحْمَةِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ كَثْرَةِ
مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا. حِينَ كُنَّا أَمْوَاتًا بِالزَّلَّاتِ،
أَحْيَانَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ - فَإِنَّكُمْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ -
وَأَقَامَنَا مَعَهُ، وَأَجَلَسْنَا مَعَهُ فِي السَّمَاوِيَّاتِ فِي
الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الدُّهُورِ الْمُسْتَقْبَلَةِ قُرْطَ
غَنَى نِعْمَتِهِ بِاللُّطْفِ بِنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنَّكُمْ
بِالنِّعْمَةِ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ. وَذَلِكَ لَيْسَ
مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّمَا هُوَ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَيْسَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ لِيَلَّا
يَفْتَخَرَ أَحَدٌ. لِأَنَّا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، مَخْلُوقِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ
يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا
لِنَسْلُكِ فِيهَا.

THE GOSPEL (For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ
الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ .

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ مُجَرِّباً لَهُ
وَقَائِلاً: "أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأُرِثَ
الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي
صَالِحاً؟ وَمَا صَالِحٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ. إِنَّكَ تَعْرِفُ
الْوَصَايَا: لَا تَزْنِ. لَا تَقْتُلْ. لَا تَسْرِقْ. لَا تَشْهَدُ
بِالزُّورِ. أَكْرِمِ أَبَاكَ وَأُمَّكَ." فَقَالَ: "كُلُّ هَذَا قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُ

observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

مُنْذُ صِبَائِي. " فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ، قَالَ لَهُ: "وَاحِدَةً تَعْوِزُكَ بَعْدُ. بَعِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ وَوَزِعْهُ عَلَى الْمَسَاكِينِ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَتَعَالَ اتَّبِعْنِي." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ ذَلِكَ، حَزَنَ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ غَنِيًّا جِدًّا. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ قَدْ حَزَنَ، قَالَ: "مَا أَعْسَرَ عَلَى نَوِي الْأَمْوَالِ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ. إِنَّهُ لِأَسْهَلُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَمَلُ فِي ثَقْبِ الْإِبْرَةِ مِنْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ غَنِيٌّ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ." فَقَالَ السَّامِعُونَ: "فَمَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ إِذَنْ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟" فَقَالَ: "مَا لَا يُسْتَطَاعُ عِنْدَ النَّاسِ، مُسْتَطَاعٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ."

- *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-martyr Stephen the New; and Martyr Irinarchos of Sebastia and those with him,** 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 الْهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْكُلِّيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛ وَبِطِلْبَاتِ 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 الْفَمِّ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفَرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشَّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَانِ، فُلَانَةَ) شَفِيعِ(ة) وَحَامِي(ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِيِّ؛ وَالشُّهِيدِ اسْتِفَانُسَ الْجَدِيدِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ ايرِنَارْحُسَ الشُّهِيدِ الَّذِي مِنْ سِبَسْطِيَّةِ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذْكَارَهُمْ الْيَوْمَ؛ وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنْتَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

<p>Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.</p>	<p>الكاهن: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِّيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p>
<p>Choir: Amen.</p>	<p>الجوق: آمين.</p>
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- Saturday December 4, 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Barbara the Great Martyr, John the Righteous of Damascus)
- Saturday December 4, 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers
- Sunday December 5, 9:00 a.m.: Orthros, 10:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (10th Sunday of Luke, Sabbas the Sanctified, Holy Martyr Diogenes)
- Sunday December 5, 7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and Artoklasia (Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra)
- Wednesday December 8, 7:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos)
- Saturday December 11, 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers
- Sunday December 12, 9:00 a.m.: Orthros, 10:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (11th Sunday of Luke, Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous)
- Thursday December 16, 7:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Daniel the Prophet & Ananias, Azarias, & Misail, the Three Holy Youths)
- Saturday December 18, 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers
- Sunday December 19, 9:00 a.m.: Orthros, 10:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Sunday before Nativity)
- Sunday December 19, 7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers (Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch, Forefeast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ)
- Friday December 24, 9:00 a.m.: Great (Royal) Hours and Typika, 11:00 a.m.: Vesperal Divine Liturgy.
- Friday December 24, 10:00 p.m.: Festal Orthros, 11:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ)
- Sunday December 26, 9:00 a.m.: Orthros, 10:30 a.m.: Divine Liturgy (Sunday after Nativity, Afterfeast of the Nativity, Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos)
- Sunday December 26, 7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers (Stephen, Archdeacon & First Martyr)
- Friday December 31, 4:30 p.m.: Great Vespers, 5:30 p.m.: Orthros, 6:30 p.m.: Divine Liturgy (Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Basil the Great)

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!



Help Give Bags of Blessings!!

- ❖ Our Church is making “**Blessing Bags**” for adults and children in need. The bags will be distributed during this Christmas season through St. John the Compassionate Mission.
- ❖ Each bag will contain: Toiletries, Socks, Hats & Gloves, and an extra Christmas treat/gift. Samples of the bags are shown below.



This small gesture will make someone's Christmas a little brighter and remind them of God's love!!

Jesus teaches us that ***It is more blessed to give than to receive.*** Please help us make as many bags as possible and give generously.

Donations can be made to the Church. Please write on the cheque, or note on the online donation, that the funds are for **Blessing Bags**.

For more information, or to get involved in packing/distributing, please contact:

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