

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u> | <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> |
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| 24 | Fayzeh Jamil Safadi | 1 |
| 24 | Linda Kerba | 32 |
| 24 | Said Bosada | 69 |
| 27 | Jon Samuel Haick | 48 |
| 28 | Edith Mitchel | 62 |
| 28 | Farideh Qaqish | 19 |
| 28 | Fred Hanna | 14 |
| 28 | Naim Hinnawi | 11 |
| 29 | Hanni Bahou | 14 |
| 30 | Alice Bookalam | 51 |

- **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.

SUNDAY, JAN 30 2022

- **40 Days Memorial** Service for Najla Bachir offered by her **children and their families**. May her memory be eternal.

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **January 30:** For the good health of Evangeline Nassar from her family
- **February 20:** in loving memory of Adel Younes from his family
- **March 13:** in loving memory of Yvonne Younes from her family

YEAR OF THE YOUTH

- The final “Year of the Youth” Townhall will take place on Wednesday, February 23 at 8:00 PM EST (7:00 PM CST, 5:00 PM PST) for anyone 18 and under. This Townhall is national in nature. His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will be attending and would like you to promote the attached poster to as many of your people - especially youth - as possible. It is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to spend some time with our hierarchs virtually. The link to register is: assemblyofbishops.org/ministries/youth/register

- St George Church Summary of Expenses and Revenue for the month of **December 2021**:

Debit (Expenses): \$66,926.73
 Credit (Revenue): \$106,022.80
 Net Balance: \$39,096.07

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| January 2022 Major Expenses: | Archdiocese dues | \$29,510 |
| | Air-Conditioning down payment | \$25,000 |
| | Total Expenses: | \$54,510 |

PLEDGE FORM 2022

- Please fill your pledge form if you have not done so as to allow us to budget for 2022. Please see attached pledge form. Thank you

ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

- Please make sure to pick up your 2022 donation envelopes, and 2022 church calendar at the back of the church. Have a blessed year.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Saturday January 29, 2022: Confessions: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday January 30, 2022: (Synaxis of the 3 Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom) Orthros: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:30 a.m.

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.**
- **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 30% 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 Richard Smith 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

- **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 FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 10

THE THREE GREAT HIERARCHS AND ECUMENICAL TEACHERS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM & FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (“ZACCHAEUS”)

HIEROMARTYR HIPPOLYTOS, POPE OF ROME; VIRGIN-MARTYR CHRISSE OF ROME;
NEW-MARTYR THEODORE OF MITYLENE; JULIAN, PRIEST OF AEGINA

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 بُولُسَ وَالْمِطْرَانِ
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 SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلَابِيكَ الْمَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصِّ الْفِرْدَوْسَ،
وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ
يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، مَانِحًا
الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE THREE HIERARCHS IN TONE ONE

*(**The original melody**)*

The three most great luminaries of the Three Sun Divinity * have illumined all of the world with the rays of doctrines divine and true; * they are the sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, * who with godly knowledge * have watered all creation in clear and mighty streams: * The great and sacred Basil, and the Theologian, wise Gregory, * together with the renowned John, * the famed Chrysostom of golden speech. * Let us all who love their divinely-wise words * come together, honoring them with hymns; * for ceaselessly they offer entreaty for us to the Trinity.

هَلُمُّوا نَلْتَمِّمْ جَمِيعًا، وَنُكْرِّمُ بِالْمَدَائِحِ * الْكُوكِبِ
الثَّلَاثَةِ الْعَظِيمَةِ لِأَلْهُوتِ الْمُثَلَّثِ الشَّمُوسِ. * الَّذِينَ
أَنَارُوا الْمَسْكُونَةَ بِأَشْعَةِ الْعَقَائِدِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ. * أَنهَارَ
الْحِكْمَةِ الْجَارِيَةِ عَسَلًا، * الَّذِينَ رَوَّوْا الْكَنِيسَةَ
بِسَوَاقِي الْمَعْرِفَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ. * أَعْنِي بِهِمْ بِاسِيلْيُوسَ
الْعَظِيمِ، وَغْرِغُورِيُوسَ الْلَاهُوتِيِّ، * وَيُوحَنَّا الْمَجِيدَ
الذَّهَبِيِّ اللِّسَانِ، * لِأَنَّهُمْ يَتَشَفَّعُونَ دَائِمًا إِلَى الثَّلَاثِ
مِنْ أَجْلِنَا * نَحْنُ الْمُحِبِّينَ أَقْوَالَهُمْ.

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

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، يَا مَنْ بِمَوْلِدِهِ قَدَّسَ
الْمُسْتَوْدَعَ الْبَتُولِيِّ، وَبَارَكَ يَدَيَّ سِمْعَانَ كَمَا

bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

لاق، وأدركنا الآن وخلصنا؛ احفظ رعيتك بسلام في الحروب، وأيد الملوك الذين أحببتهم، بما أنك وحدك محب للبشر.

THE EPISTLE (For the three Hierarchs)

*Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

إلى كل الأرض حرج صوتهم.

السموات تذيع مجد الله.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى
العبرانيين.

يا إخوة، اذكروا مدبريكم الذين كلموكم بكلمة الله. تأملوا في عاقبة تصرفهم واقفدوا بإيمانهم. إن يسوع المسيح هو هو، أمس واليوم وإلى مدى الدهر. لا تنقادوا لتعاليم متنوعة غريبة. فإنه يحسن أن ينبت القلب بالنعمة لا بالأطعمة التي لم ينفع الذين تعاطوها. إن لنا مذبحاً، لا سلطان للذين يخدمون المسكن أن يأكلوا منه. لأن الحيوانات التي يدخل بدمها عن الخطيئة إلى الأقداس بيد رئيس الكهنة، تحرق أجسامها خارج المحلة. فلذلك يسوع أيضاً تألم خارج الباب ليقدم الشعب بدم نفسه. فلنخرج إذن إليه، إلى خارج المحلة، حاملين عاره. لأنه ليس لنا ههنا مدينة باقية، بل نطلب الآتية. فلنقرب به إذن ذبيحة التسبيح كل حين، وهي تمر شفاه معترفة لاسمه. لا تنسوا الإحسان والمؤاساة، فإن الله يرتضي مثل هذه الذبائح.

THE GOSPEL (For the Fifteenth Sunday of Luke – “Zacchaeus”)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيلي
البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

في ذلك الزمان، فيما يسوع مجتاز في أريحا، إذا برجل اسمه زكا كان رئيساً على العشارين، وكان

not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

غَنِيًّا وَكَانَ يَلْتَمِسُ أَنْ يَرَى يَسُوعَ مِنْ هُوَ، فَلَمْ يَكُنْ
يَسْتَطِيعُ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ فَتَقَدَّمَ
مُسْرِعًا، وَصَعِدَ إِلَى جُمَيْرَةٍ لِيَنْظُرَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا
أَنْ يَجْتَازَ بِهَا فَلَمَّا انْتَهَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَوْضِعِ، رَفَعَ
طَرْفَهُ فَرَأَهُ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: يَا زَكََّا أَسْرِعِ انْزِلْ، فَالْيَوْمَ يَتَّبِعُنِي
لِي أَنْ أَمْكُثَ فِي بَيْتِكَ فَأَسْرِعْ وَنَزَلْ وَقَبِلْهُ فَرِحًا. فَلَمَّا
رَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ تَذَمَّرُوا قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّهُ دَخَلَ لِيَحِلَّ عِنْدَ
رَجُلٍ خَاطِيٍّ. "فَوَقَّفَ زَكََّا وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ: هَاءَنْدَا، يَا
رَبِّ، أُعْطِيَ الْمَسَاكِينَ نِصْفَ أَمْوَالِي. وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ
غَبَنْتُ أَحَدًا فِي شَيْءٍ، أَرُدُّ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ فَقَالَ لَهُ
يَسُوعُ: الْيَوْمَ قَدْ حَصَلَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ
أَيْضًا ابْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْبَشَرِ إِنَّمَا أَتَى لِيَطْلُبَ
وَيُخَلِّصَ مَا قَدْ هَلَكَ.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual. The remaining variable is the koinonikon (communion hymn).*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE HIERARCHS IN TONE EIGHT

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.

فِي كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ خَرَجَ صَوْتُهُمْ، وَفِي أَقْطَارِ الْمَسْكُونَةِ
انْبَثَّ كَلَامُهُمْ. هَلْلُوبِيَا.

THE DISMISSAL

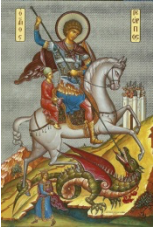
Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our fathers among the saints, the three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers: Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, and Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople, whose memory we now

الكَاهِنُ: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ
بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمِّكَ الْكَلْبِيَّةِ الطَّاهِرَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ
مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛
وَبِطَلَبَاتِ الْقُوَاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَّمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛
وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانِ؛
وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمُشْرَفِينَ الرُّسُلِ الْجَدِيرِينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛
وَأَبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ وَمُعَلِّمِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ
الْمُعْظَمِينَ بَاسِيلْيُوسَ الْكَبِيرِ، وَغَرِيغُورِيُوسَ
الْلاهُوتِي، وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوْحَنَّا الدَّهَبِيِّ
الْقَمِّ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، وَكَاتِبِ هَذِهِ

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| <p>celebrate, and John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose memory and Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing 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 Hieromartyr Hippolytos, pope of Rome; Virgin-martyr Chrissa of Rome; New-martyr Theodore of Mitylene; and Julian, priest of Aegina, whose memory we celebrate, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.</p> | <p>الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذَكَارَهُمُ الْيَوْمَ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءَ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفْرِ؛ وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشِّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ (فُلَانِ)، صَاحِبِ وَشَفِيعِ هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهَ يُوَاكِمِ وَحَنَّةً؛ وَالْقَدِيسِ الشَّهِيدِ فِي الْكَهَنَةِ هَيْبُولِيْتُوسَ أَبَا رُومِيَّةَ، الشَّهِيدَةَ الْعُذْرَاءِ كُرَيْسَا الرُّومِيَّةَ، الشَّهِيدِ الْجَدِيدِ ثِيُودُورُوسَ الَّذِي مِنْ مِيتِيلِينَ، وَإِلْيَانَ كَاهِنِ إِيْنَا الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذَكَارَهُمُ الْيَوْمَ، وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، ارْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا بِمَا أَنْكَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.</p> |
| <p>Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.</p> | <p>الْكَاهِنُ: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهْنَا ارْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p> |
| <p>Choir: Amen.</p> | <p>الجوق: آمين.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">These texts have been prepared by the Department of Liturgics of the Antiochian Archdiocese</p> <p>Portions of the Archdiocesan Service Texts include texts from <i>The Menaion</i>, <i>The Great Horologion</i>, <i>The Pentecostarion</i>, <i>The Octoechos</i>, and <i>The Psalter of the Seventy</i>, which are Copyright © Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, Massachusetts, and are used with permission. All rights reserved. These works may not be further reproduced, beyond printing out a single copy for personal non-commercial use, without the prior written authorization of Holy Transfiguration Monastery.</p> | |
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**Services in St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Toronto.
Month: February 2022**

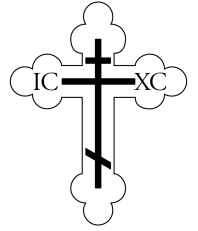
| Date | Time | Service |
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| Tuesday February 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Orthros |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple |
| Saturday February 5 | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday February 6 | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| Wednesday February 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday February 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday February 13 | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee |
| Wednesday February 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday February 19 | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday February 20 | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Prodigal Son |
| Saturday February 26 | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy Saturday of Souls |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday February 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday) |



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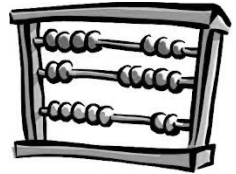
2022 ANNUAL DONATION PLEDGE FORM



“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

“Honour the Lord from your righteous labors, and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of your righteousness.” Proverbs 3:9

St. George needs your help. The cost to operate and maintain our church is going up and your financial pledge allows us to budget effectively.



FAMILY INFORMATION (Please complete a separate form for each tax contributor)

Name: _____

Address: _____

TEL: _____

Email: _____

By providing my email address I agree to receive emails from St George Antiochian Orthodox Church. You can withdraw from such emails at any time.

Why Pledge?

- It is a way of offering thanks to God from the fruits of our labours
- So the church can manage a budget
- To be able to vote

In thanks for all the many blessings God has bestowed upon me, and my family, I pledge to make the below annual donation.

(A) Archdiocese dues:

(# of baptised household members ____ x \$35) (A) \$ _____

(B) Donation to St George Antiochian Orthodox Church:

Small weekly amounts make donations easier:

\$10 / week = \$520 annually; \$20 / week = \$1,040 annually;

\$50 / week = \$2,600 annually; \$100 / week = \$5,200 annually;

10% of your income or what you can afford as thanks to God (B) \$ _____

Total Annual Pledge (add (A) + (B)) (A + B) \$ _____

Your pledge can be paid through your church envelopes, in a single lump sum payment or in multiple payments. Cheques should be made payable to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church.

We thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.

This form is for annual donations but covers multiple years, not just the current year. You may increase or decrease your pledge at any time by completing a new form or by contacting the church office.

Signed

Date

Frequently Asked Questions About Pledging

1) Do I get to vote at the annual parish meeting?

As per church constitution, only those who have completed a pledge form and fulfilled their pledge are eligible to vote at the annual parish meeting.

2) Why is St. George asking for pledges instead of just tray offerings?

Largely this is so that we can effectively plan and budget expenditures based on cash flows. Just like in your own household where you need to budget and time your expenses with your cash inflows to ensure you have money on hand, the church also needs to do the same to pay its bills. Pledges help us to do that.

3) Why do I have to commit to a dollar amount?

Knowing what each parishioner will pledge permits the creation of a proper budget.

4) Is there a minimum dollar amount I have to pledge?

No, there is no minimum. The church only asks that you give God a priority in your life. Remember that all you have is the result of God's blessings upon you. Giving back to God is a way of honouring Him and thanking Him for all of those blessings.

5) How often do I have to make payments towards my pledge?

The church will accept whatever frequency you can manage but the more often they are made the more cash flow the church has on hand to meet its regular expenses. Payments can be made through your church envelope, a single lump sum payment or multiple payments. The examples on the form show how even small weekly amounts can make pledging easier.

6) What if my circumstances change and I cannot financially fulfill my pledge?

That is okay. The church understands that circumstances change. No one will come to collect money from you although we may mail a general reminder notice regarding pledge payments. The church only asks that you give God a priority in your life.

7) Does this pledge cover this calendar year only?

No, while you are pledging an annual amount, this is a perpetual pledge that carries over year to year. That way you do not have to keep filling out this form each year.

8) What if I want to change my pledge amount?

You can increase or decrease your pledge amount by simply completing a new pledge form or by contacting the church office.

Only those who have completed a pledge form and fulfilled their pledge are eligible to vote at the annual parish meeting as required by our church constitution.