

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
5	Diana Zakaib	5
6	Eisah Bahou	13
7	Marie Berbari	27
7	Elias Fahel	22
8	Hind Halabi	5
8	Eid Qaqish	50
8	Afa Saad	29
9	Hanna Bachir	23

- **Please**, pray for the health of the following parishioners: Ellen, Robert, Alex, Sam, Elias, Nassar, George, Nina, Sonia, George, Beshara, Irene, Nadia, Christine, Toni, George, Helena and Rami.
- **9 days memorial service** for **Huda Shleweet** offered by her children **Samer, Shadi Alfares** and their families. May her memory be eternal.
The coffee hour is offered today in loving memory of **Huda Shleweet** by her family.
- **9 days memorial service** for **Therese Toutoungi** offered by her nephew **George Homsy**. May her memory be eternal.

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **Dec 4:** For the good health of **Issa Bisharat and family**
- **Dec 11:** in loving memory of **Ernest and Yvonne Younes from their family**
- **Dec 25:** in loving memory of **Munir, Safwan, Khalil and Sarah Muasher from Shadia Muasher and family.**

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

- The humanitarian projects that St. George is sponsoring over the Advent season are all complete: over 100 shoes boxes were dropped off for delivery around the world; gifts for 22 Angels were purchased and delivered to children whose parent is imprisoned, and 505 bags full of loot were delivered to St. John the Compassionate Mission and their sister initiative, "Scarboro Good Neighbours Drop-in", which will be distributed to needy people in our city. A sincere thank you to everyone who supported these special projects both physically and financially and for showing God's love to these marginalized individuals and their families. We are still in need of donation to help cover the costs of these projects. Your cheques/cash donation can be given into the church office marked "Christmas Humanitarian Projects" or to Joanie Younes or Michelle Alexopoulos. Thank you and God bless.

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

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

CHRISTMAS CARD

- Christmas is just around the corner therefore we are now collecting names for the parish Christmas card. The cost per family is \$20. Cards are sent to all the parishioners who submit their names. Every year we send out this card and we would not have been successful without your generosity and love. Please see Mr. George Ghneim or call the office 905-731-7210.

FALAFEL LUNCHEON

- **On Sunday, Dec 11, 2022** following Divine Liturgy, **St. George Men Society** will be hosting a **Falafel Sandwiches Lunch** in the church basement. Please come downstairs and enjoy a hearty Falafel Sandwich with your family and friends. Please mark your calendar for the following Sundays: **Sunday Dec 18** (Foul).

HOMESCHOOLING GROUP

- St. Innocent Orthodox Christian Homeschool group (OCH) will hold bi-weekly meetings starting Thursday Sept. 15th from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. If you are homeschooling your children and would like to join us, please email ochstgeorge@gmail.com for more information.

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.**

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.**

FIRE ROUTE, HANDICAPPED PARKING, AND PARKING LINES

- Please make sure not to park on the side of the church or in front of the Fire hydrant, for this is a fire route. Also ensure not to park in the spots designated for handicapped parking. Anyone who parks and does not show a handicap permit on the window will be tagged.

TEEN SOYO

- **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

- **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)

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 4

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

VENERABLE DANIEL THE STYLITE; LUKE THE NEW STYLITE OF CHALCEDON

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 بُولُسَ وَالْمِطْرَانَ
يُوحَنَّا وَفَكَ أَسْرِهِمَا وَعَوْدَتَيْهِمَا 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 these hymns in the following order:*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION
IN TONE ONE**

طُرُوبَارِيَّةُ الْقِيَامَةِ بِاللَّحْنِ الْأَوَّلِ

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ
حَفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا
الْمُخَلِّصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّاتُ
السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَّفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَهَّابَ الْحَيَاةِ: الْمَجْدُ
لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ،
يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدِّكَ.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS
IN TONE TWO**

طُرُوبَارِيَّةُ الْأَجْدَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّانِي

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْأَبَاءَ الْقُدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ
فَحَطَبْتَ الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَّمِ، فَالْقَدِّيسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ
يَفْتَخِرُونَ، إِذْ مِنْ زَرْعِهِمْ أُيْنَعَتْ ثَمَرَةٌ حَسْبِيَّةٌ، وَهِيَ
الَّتِي وَلَدَتْكَ بَعِيرِ زَرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ
ارْحَمْنَا.

- *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*)**

قِنْدَاقُ تَقْدِمَةِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّلَاثِ

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

الْيَوْمِ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَ
الدُّهُورِ، وَوَلَادَةٌ لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَأَفْرَحِي أَيُّهَا

<p>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.</p>	<p>المَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعَتْ، وَمَجْدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الذِي سَيَطْهَرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ .</p>
<p>THE EPISTLE (For the Holy Forefathers)</p>	<p>الرسالة</p>
<p><i>Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.</i></p> <p>The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)</p> <p>Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.</p>	<p>مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا . لَأَنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا . فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى كُولُوسِّي .</p> <p>يَا إِخْوَةٌ، مَتَى ظَهَرَ الْمَسِيحُ الَّذِي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تَظْهَرُونَ حِينَئِذٍ مَعَهُ فِي الْمَجْدِ . فَأَمِيتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الرِّزْيَ، وَالتَّجَاسَةَ، وَالهَوَى، وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، وَالطَّمَعُ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةُ وَتَنٍ . لِأَنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ هَذِهِ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ العِصْيَانِ . وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكْتُمْ حِيناً إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا . أَمَّا الْآنَ، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً اطْرَحُوا الكُلَّ: العِصْيَانَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالخُبْنَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالكَلَامَ القَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ . وَلَا يُكْذِبُ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلِ اخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ . وَالْبَسُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الجَدِيدَ الَّذِي يَتَجَدَّدُ لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ عَلَى صُورَةِ خَالِقِهِ . حَيْثُ لَيْسَ يُونَانِيٌّ وَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ، لَا خِتَانٌ وَلَا قَلْفٌ، لَا بَرْبَرِيٌّ وَلَا اسْكِيثِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ .</p>
<p>THE GOSPEL (For the Holy Forefathers)</p>	<p>الإنجيل</p>
<p>The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)</p> <p>The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is</p>	<p>فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ البَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ .</p> <p>قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ صَنَعَ عَشَاءً عَظِيماً وَدَعَا كَثِيرِينَ . فَأَرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعَشَاءِ يَقُولُ لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ: تَعَالَوْا فَإِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ . فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ</p>

now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

وَاحِدٌ فَوَاحِدٌ يَسْتَعْفُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْأَوَّلُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلًا، وَلَا بُدَّ لِي أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَنْظُرَهُ، فَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَغْفِيَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ خَمْسَةَ فِدَادِينَ بَقَرٍ وَأَنَا مَاضٍ لِأَجْرِبَهَا، فَاسْأَلْكَ أَنْ تَغْفِيَنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً، فَلِذَلِكَ لَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَجِيءَ. فَأَتَى الْعَبْدُ وَأَخْبَرَ سَيِّدَهُ بِذَلِكَ. فَحِينئِذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أَخْرُجْ سَرِيعًا إِلَى شَوَارِعِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَرْقِطْهَا وَأَدْخِلِ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْجُدَعَ وَالْعُمْيَانَ وَالْعُرْجَ إِلَى هَهُنَا. فَقَالَ الْعَبْدُ: يَا سَيِّدُ، قَدْ قُضِيَ مَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ، وَيَبْقَى أَيْضًا مَحَلٌّ. فَقَالَ السَيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أَخْرُجْ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَالْأَسْجِجَةِ وَاضْطَرِّرْهُمْ إِلَى الدُّخُولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلِئَ بَيْتِي. فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَا يَذُوقُ عَشَائِي أَحَدٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاكَ الرِّجَالِ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ. لِأَنَّ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ كَثِيرُونَ وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ قَلِيلُونَ.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

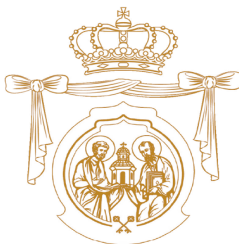
THE DISMISSAL

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;

الختم

الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أَمِّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّالِبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُخْيِي؛ وَبِطَلَبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمَكْرَمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ؛ وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانَ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَشْرِفِينَ الرُّسُلِ الْجَدِيرِينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ؛ وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوْحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْفَمِ 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

<p>of the Holy Forefathers of our Lord Jesus Christ; of our Venerable Fathers Daniel the Stylite; and Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon, 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>الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَه، يُوَاكِمَ وَحَنَّةً؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ أَجْدَادِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَأَبَوَيْنَا الْبَارِّينِ دَانِيَالَ الْعَمُودِيِّ وَلَوْقَا الْجَدِيدِ مِنْ خَلْقِيدُونِيَّةِ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذْكَارَهُمُ 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 upon us and save us.</p>	<p>الكَاهِن: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p>
<p>Choir: Amen.</p>	<p>الجوق: آمين.</p>
<p><i>These texts have been prepared by the Department of Liturgics of the Antiochian Archdiocese</i> 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>, <i>The Triodion-Holy Week</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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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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December 11, 2022

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-Loving Faithful,

On this holy Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ, I send warm greetings to you from His Beatitude Patriarch John X, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, father of fathers and shepherd of shepherds, in the name of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Today we gratefully recognize all our dedicated and faithful church musicians and take a moment to reflect on their essential contribution to our church life. The beauty and sweetness of their music carry our hearts beyond mundane preoccupations to the contemplation of heavenly and eternal truths. The spirit and strength of their singing fill us with zeal for God and boldness in seeking His Kingdom.

It is written in the Psalms, “Blessed is the people who know the festal shout. O Lord, they will walk in the light of Thy countenance and will exult in Thy name all day long and will be lifted up by Thy righteousness” (88:16–17). The hymns sung by our choirs and chanters are not merely pleasant tunes but festal shouts of courage and victory. As these hymns fill our hearts and our lives, they inspire us to live boldly for God in each moment, proclaiming our loyalty to Him without embarrassment and being led by Him into a life of holiness.

On this Musician Appreciation Sunday, we extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball and all the members of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music for their tireless efforts in support of this holy ministry. And we gratefully honor the dedication of all the choir directors, chanters, and choir members in parishes throughout the archdiocese, who faithfully present their time and talents, week after week, as priceless gifts to Christ and His Church.

Wishing you and your families—in the name of His Beatitude Patriarch John X and on my behalf—a blessed remainder of the fast and a joyous Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

✠Metropolitan ANTONIOS

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Help Give Bags of Blessings!!

- ❖ Our Church is again making “**Blessing Bags**” for people 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.*** This year the mission has indicated the need is far greater than normal. To help we are aiming to make: *150 bags for men, 80 for women & 275 for children.* Please help us make this year's goal 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:
Joanie Younes (joanieunis@hotmail.com) or Michelle Alexopoulos (m.alexopoulos@utoronto.ca)



**Services at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Toronto.
Month: December 2022**

Date	Time	Service
Thursday December 1 st	6:00 p.m.	Festal Orthros
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy: Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia
Saturday December 3 rd	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litia/Artoklasia: Great Martyr Barbara
Sunday December 4 th	9:00 a.m.	Orthros
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy: 10 th Sunday of Luke, Barbara the Great Martyr, John the Righteous of Damascus
Monday December 5 th	6:00 p.m.	Festal Orthros
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy: Nicholas the Wonderworker
Saturday December 10 th	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday December 11 th	9:00 a.m.	Orthros
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy: 11 th Sunday of Luke, Daniel the Stylite
Monday December 12 th	6:00 p.m.	Festal Orthros
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy: Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous
Saturday December 17 th	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday December 18 th	9:00 a.m.	Orthros
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy: Sunday before Nativity, Martyr Sebastian
Monday December 19 th	6:00 p.m.	Festal Orthros
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy: Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch
Friday December 23 rd	9:00 a.m.	Great (Royal) Hours
Saturday December 24 th CHRISTMAS EVE	9:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
	10:00 p.m.	Festal Orthros
	11:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy: Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
Monday December 26 th	6:00 p.m.	Festal Orthros
	7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy: Stephen Archdeacon & First Martyr
Saturday December 31 st	4:00 p.m.	Confessions
	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday January 1 st	9:00 a.m.	Festal Orthros
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy: Circumcision of Christ, Basil the Great

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DECEMBER

HOLY SERVICES SCHEDULE



THU 01 **FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 6:00 PM
7:00 PM
Porphyrios of Kavsoakalyvia

SAT 03 **CONFESSIONS
GREAT VESPERS
LITIA/ARTOKLASIA** 4:00 PM
5:00 PM
Great Martyr Barbara

SUN 04 **ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 9:00 AM
10:30 AM
*10th Sunday of Luke, Barbara
the Great Martyr, John the
Righteous of Damascus*

MON 05 **FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 6:00 PM
7:00 PM
Nicholas the Wonderworker

SAT 10 **CONFESSIONS
GREAT VESPERS** 4:00 PM
5:00 PM
Daniel the Stylite

SUN 11 **ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 9:00 AM
10:30 AM
*11th Sunday of Luke, Daniel
the Stylite*

MON 12 **FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 6:00 PM
7:00 PM
*Spyridon the Wonderworker of
Tymithous*

SAT 17 **CONFESSIONS
GREAT VESPERS** 4:00 PM
5:00 PM
Martyr Sebastian

SUN 18 **ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 9:00 AM
10:30 AM
*Sunday before Nativity,
Martyr Sebastian*

MON 19 **FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 6:00 PM
7:00 PM
*Ignatius the God-Bearer,
Bishop of Antioch*

FRI 23 **GREAT (ROYAL)
HOURS** 9:00 AM

SAT 24 **GREAT VESPERS
FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 9:00 PM
10:00 PM
11:00 PM
**CHRISTMAS
EVE** **Nativity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ**

MON 26 **FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 6:00 PM
7:00 PM
*Stephen Archdeacon & First
Martyr*

SAT 31 **CONFESSIONS
GREAT VESPERS** 4:00 PM
5:00 PM
*Circumcision of Our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ, Basil the Great*

SUN JAN 01 **FESTAL ORTHROS
DIVINE LITURGY** 9:00 AM
10:30 AM
*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 we 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 14-20, so please return your box to the church by November 13 if you wish for us to drop it off for you. Or you may also drop off your own box(es) at a drop off location near your home. <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/drop-off-locations/> *Please note that many locations are not open on the weekend.

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 20 children whose parent is imprisoned. The cost of the gift is approximately \$35. 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 280 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!



Welcome to
St. George
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Saturday
December 10

St George Banquet Hall



DJ Toni

Antipasto bar 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm

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