



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter By The St George Sunday School Administrative Team
Orthodox Christian Education

Prayer



Lord Jesus Christ, our God, who art the source of life and peace in heaven and on earth, pour out the grace of your peace on a world troubled by war and hatred.

Extinguish the differences and enmity between humans and pour into the hearts of all humility, peace, and goodness. Calm the warriors and give them wisdom.

Give help to the suffering, protection to the refugees or homeless, comfort to the alienated and sorrowful, and give us all the will and strength to help, with all our hearts, our brothers and sisters who suffer from war.

You said: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Teach us to seek to acquire peace of heart and peace among men and peoples, for, in the heart in which peace is found, there is no longer enmity, love of dominion or fear, but the consolation of the Holy Spirit, love of God and love of our neighbors.

For this we humbly pray to You, O Christ our God, for peace among men in every country, for peace among peoples, and for the welfare of the whole world, that we may live in harmony and may work without hindrance deeds pleasing to You, glorifying the philanthropic love of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Happy Birthday to



Rayan Jinbaz
Sep 10



Mia Musharbash
Sep 21



Luke Qubti
Oct 7



Natalie Petro
Oct 10



Victoria Bahou
Oct 14



Tymur Mikaberidze
Oct 16



Elias Obeid
Oct 19



Rodi Hantoush
Oct 26



Rakan Wahab
Oct 28



Alfred Saker
Nov 2



Anthony Assaf
Nov 3



Jad Alawabdah
Nov 4



Tawfik Shnoudeh
Nov 6



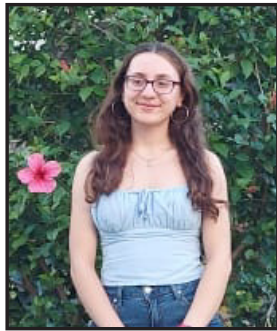
Serena Hantoush
Nov 7



Nicole Farah
Nov 15



Hanna Al Dahoul
Nov 22



Sophia Shahine
Nov 24



Peter Novratidis
Nov 25



Jean Paul Shami
Nov 29



Emma Shaheen
Nov 29

The Nativity Fast

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said "Let there be light"; and there was light.. (Genesis 1:1-3)

Unlike the Canadian culture, which celebrates from now until Christmas, with celebrations ending promptly on December 26, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Nativity throughout the year. Our joyful part of the celebration in this season is supposed to be from December 25 through January 7. November 15 through December 24 is a period of fasting and reflective preparation. The focus is neither shopping nor decorating, but meditating on the awesome miracle of the Son of God taking on flesh and becoming one of us. This is why we call the holiday either the Nativity (to commemorate an historical event) or the Incarnation (to recognize the spiritual significance of the Nativity). Each day of the forty day fast, we can examine the scriptures of the Nativity and attend church services in a prayerful and purposeful way. As we begin our journey to the Nativity, remember these three things—God made us in His image and likeness; we fell through sin; and through the Incarnation (which begins the earthly ministry of Christ that culminates in His Passion and Resurrection from the dead), we are reunited with Christ, as the Creator comes to live among His creation and redeem us from our sins.



Happy Birthday to



Christina Gostanian
Dec 1



Katrina Hallak
Dec 2



Jack Hallak
Dec 10



Cynthia Alawabdeh
Dec 12



Nicole Alnaser
Dec 20



Martin Sheikhalshabab
Dec 24



Daniel Madanat
Dec 30



Stephan Assaf
Dec 31

