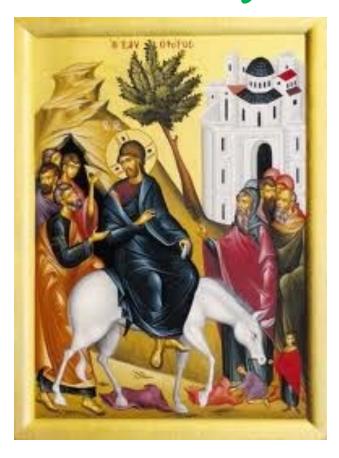
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 $\label{eq:matins} \textbf{Matins} \sim 9{:}00~\text{AM}$ $\label{eq:decomposition} \textbf{Divine Liturgy} \sim 10{:}00~\text{AM}$

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HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION-SUNDAY APRIL 28TH

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by:

1. Clemance Hanania and family

For the health and well being of her children and their families . Many years!

2. Helen Tannous and family

For the health and well being of her husband, Atallah Tannous (*in honor of his birthday.*) Many years!



3. Abla Al Hirsh and family

In memory of Louie and Ahlam Al Hirsh. May their memory be eternal!

4. Suad Yacoub Bateh and Family

In memory of Jack and John Bateh. May their memory be eternal!

5. Issa and Afaf Kassis and family

For the health and well being of Their children and grand children. Many Years!



PALM SUNDAY أحد الشعانين

Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass. He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm

trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today. The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord!

Announcements

Wednesday April 24th at 7PM: Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday April 26th at 5:00 PM (Sharp) "Easter Egg Hunt" for our young children ages 2-10yrs.— Hosted by our Sunday School

Friday April 26th at 6:30PM: Lenten Recital Performance

No Evening Service on Friday April 26th

"Lazarus Saturday" Saturday April 27th Morning Divine Liturgy at 9AM

At 10 AM a memorial service will be held for **Nahida Dabit** offered by her family in Jacksonville, *Victor and Lamis Anki, Ramez and Sanaa Anki and Madleine Haddad* and they will be accepting condolences in the church.

At 11AM: A Lenten Potluck Lunch and gathering to make Palm Crosses.

Making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday procession.

Calling all our Church families and Organizations, Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Amen, and Young Adult (YAF) members to participate.

Remember:

Please bring a Lenten Covered Dish to share with others.

Please note: There is <u>No Memorial Service</u> (9Day, 40Day, 6month & 1year) to be held between April 28th (Palm Sunday) and May 12th (New Sunday, St. Thomas Sunday).

There will be **NO Sunday School classes** on Sunday **April 28th (Palm Sunday)** and **Sunday May 5th (Easter)**. Classes resume back on Sunday May 12, 2024





2024 Holy Week Schedule

Sunday April 28th

"PALM SUNDAY"

أحد الشعانين

Divine Liturgy begins at **10**:**00** AM Followed by procession with Palms

Monday April 29 @ 7PM

صَلاة الخَتَن الثانية ... Great and Holy Monday- 2nd Bridegroom Service

Tuesday April 30 @ 7PM

صَلاة الخَتَن الثالثة . Great and Holy Tuesday - 3rd Bridegroom Service

Wednesday May 1st @ 7PM

Holy Unction Service

صلاة الزّيت المقدّس: السابعة مساءً

Thursday May 2nd (Holy Thursday)

القداس الإلهي: صباحاً « Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great @ 8:30M

Holy Passion Service (12 Gospels) @ 7PM فدمة أناجيل الآلام: السابعة مساءً

Friday May 3rd (Good Friday)

صلاة جناز السيد المسيح: السابعة مساءً . Lamentations Service @ 7PM

Saturday May 4th

Morning Service -Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 8:30AM القداس الإلهي

Easter night service (Al Hajmeh) - Paschal Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00pm خدمة عيد الفصح - العاشرة مساءً

Rush Hour Service begins at 10:20pm. Christ Is Risen!

Followed by Easter breakfast at 1:00 am in the church hall



Please save the Date for Monday May 6th

Celebration of the Feast **of Great Martyr George,** patron Saint of our beloved church

Evening Divine Liturgy at 7 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food for the Hungry program

It is time now to <u>return</u> your box to the church office, <u>or</u> you may make a donation instead by writing a check payable to St. George Church/Memo: "Food for the Hungry" and mail it to the church office before <u>April 30th or give it to Khourieh Ranwa</u>.

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End Year of Sunday School and Party: Sunday May 19, 2024



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings to all members of our community,

We are pleased to share the latest updates and progress on the various projects and improvements the Parish Council has undertaken. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing the functionality and aesthetics of our church facilities, ensuring they meet the needs of our congregation and visitors. Below, I've included detailed information on the recent maintenance efforts, capital improvements, and other significant developments. We are grateful for our parish members' continued support and involvement as we work together to maintain and enrich our spiritual home.

Maintenance

- 1. The facility recently underwent a thorough pressure washing, significantly enhancing its overall appearance. We have also completed repainting the columns along the church walkway, a change that has already garnered positive feedback from many community members. We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Concrete Masters** for their generous donation of materials and labor.
- 2. Moving forward, we will begin a project to repair the siding and fascia around the roof perimeter of both buildings. This will include replacing the stained roof panels under the covered walkway to improve our facilities' aesthetics and durability.

Capital Improvements

The Parish Council has recently reviewed and approved bids for constructing a new parking lot behind the church. This development will introduce **60** additional parking spaces, enhanced lighting, improved landscaping, and new walkways. Once the contract is finalized and the necessary permits secured, we anticipate completing this project within 90-120 days. Thank you to **Mr. Sam Mousa**, our Building Committee Chairman, for his efforts on this project."

In addition, we are currently in the design and bidding phase of a project to remodel four bathrooms: two in the church hall, one in the hall kitchen, and one in the church itself. This remodel will feature upgraded designs, new tiles, fresh paint, and modern appliances. We aim to decide on this project before the summer, with construction slated to begin in **September**.

Facilities

- 1. We have contracted a new cleaning company known for its reliability and efficiency. You may have already noticed an improvement in the cleanliness of our church facilities. This company also offers pre-event and post-event cleanup services, alleviating the burden on our members to stay late for cleaning after community events. This enhanced service will make our rental program more attractive to potential renters.
- 2. Additionally, we are in the process of upgrading our alarm system and installing new fire key boxes. Our current alarm system, being 15 years old, is being replaced with the latest technology, including remote access and video monitoring capabilities. We are also updating our compliance with the Jacksonville Fire Department to ensure quick and easy access to our building in an emergency.
- 3. The audio/visual sound system and projectors in our church hall are due for a major upgrade. As we host more events and rentals, these enhancements will provide significant benefits. On particularly busy Sundays, we will also be able to display the church service in the hall, thanks to these updates.
- 4. In the fall, when the time changes, we will add lights to the playground and basket-ball court to ensure they are well lit at night.

Upcoming Events

- 1. With these facility upgrades, we are excited to revitalize our rental program, offering an excellent location and space for our members to host events such as birthday celebrations, graduation parties, and more. We will announce a special rental package for our members before the summer. These enhancements include remote building access, automated alarm controls, a clean and welcoming environment, and comprehensive postevent cleaning services. Additional attractions like our playground, basketball court, new bathrooms, and picturesque outdoor areas are designed to make our facility an appealing choice for your events.
- 2. The Parish Council is also delighted to invite you to the Annual Easter Breakfast, scheduled for **Saturday May 5th at 1:00am**, following the Easter service. Please join us in the celebration.
- 3. Please stay tuned for our first Parish Council Enhanced Family Night, scheduled to be hosted in **June**.

Please mark your calendars for our **Annual Fundraiser** on **September 28, 2024**. Due to renovations at the Ramallah Club, we will be hosting this event in our church hall. The upgrades we are implementing will enhance your experience at this important gathering.

We hope this report provides a clear and comprehensive overview of the ongoing efforts of the Parish Council. Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Bateh, Parish Council chairman



Thank you to the following families for their donations for Palm Sunday, Holy week and Easter.

Altar items

Altar Charcoal (1Case \$250)- "Anonymous" - For the health and well-being of their family. Many years!

Special Altar Candles (2 Cases - \$200 each) 100% Bee wax

For the health and well -being of **Abla Bateh**, her children and grand children. Many years!

Simon Newey-For the health and well-being of his brother, Sam Newey and in honor of his 100th birthday. Many years!

Altar Votive Candles

Suad Akel and family-for the health and well-being of her children and grandchildren . Many Years!

Palm Sunday (Palms, Flowers & Crosses)

Palms- Donated by **Aileen Farhat** and family -In memory of beloved husband, **Bader Farhat**. Memory Eternal!

Palm Sunday Crosses and Holy Week (2)-Donated by:

Bertha Deeb and Betty Fares and their families -In memory of their beloved mother Violet Banat. Memory Eternal!

Palm Sunday Arrangements and Holy Week (2)- Donated by:

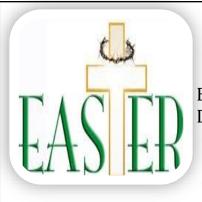
Beverly Michael- In memory of her beloved mother Nadia Michael. Memory Eternal!

Kathy Kassees-In memory of her beloved mother Knou Kassees. Memory Eternal!

Holy Thursday Crown

Red Roses Crown – Donated by **Widad Zacharia** and family-In memory of beloved son and husband, **Tarek and Yousef Zacharia**. Memory Eternal!

Items needed for Holy Week and Easter



Good Friday

Bier of Christ—Decorating the tomb with flowers and Greenery – Donated by **Sam and Pam Newey**

(in honor of Sam's 100th birthday. Many years!)

&

(in memory of Julienne Newey- Memory Eternal!)

300 Carnations for Good Friday Blessings-Donated by Najah El Abu -For the health and well-being of Najah El Abu, her children and their families; George, Ramey and Mary El Abu and Vinna and Kamal Fakhouri. Many Years!

Processional Good Friday Cross –Donated by **Abla Al Hirsh** and family - In memory of Louie and Ahlam Al Hirsh- Memory Eternal!

Pascha (Easter Items)

Royal Door Easter Arrangements:

Hanan Salem and family - In memory of beloved husband, Sam Salem. Memory Eternal!

For the health and well-being of **Anne Salem,** her brother and sister and their families. Many years!

For the health and well- being of **Zarifeh** , **Jad and Christina Hanania** and family. Many years!

For the health and well- being of **Nadya Fuad Farah**, her children, and grandchildren. Many years!

White Lily Easter 18" Wreath

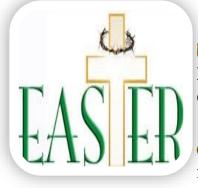
For the heath and well being of **Chafic and Gidah Hawa** and family. Many Years!

Lily Easter Cross on Easel –For the health and well being of **George and Odette Shaqareq**, their children and grand children. Many years!

Lily Easter Cross on Easel -Donated by **Gail Daoud and her daughters -**In memory of beloved husband, Elias Daoud and mother, Hadwa Abdulhai. Memory eternal!

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Pascha (Easter Items)



Easter flower Centerpiece –Donated by **Sam and Freida Kalil** for the health and well being of their children and grand children. Many years!

Case of Fresh Eggs - Donated by Hind Hanania and Family in memory of beloved husband Musa Hanania . Memory eternal!

Nine (9) Easter Floral Arrangement for Solaya and Iconostasis Donated by:

Vicki Akel-In memory of beloved husband, Ishak Akel. Memory Eternal!

Zarifeh, **Jad and Christina Hanania-**In memory of beloved husband and father, Nabeeh Elias Hanania. Memory eternal!

Jamal and Naeemeh Hanania, For the health and well being of their children. Many years!

Nadia Jack Farah Jr.-In memory of beloved husband and son; Jack Jr. and Jak the III Memory eternal!

Naila Hanna-For the health and well being of her daughters. Many years!

Norma Rutledge-For the health and well being of her children and grandchildren. Many years!

Johnny and Joy Rukab-For the health and well being of their children and grandchildren. Many years!

Nabil and Ghada Rukab-For the health and well being of their children and grandchildren. Many years!

Widad Zacharia For the health and well being of her son, **Yacoub** and his wife Jamilih Zacharia and their children. Many years!

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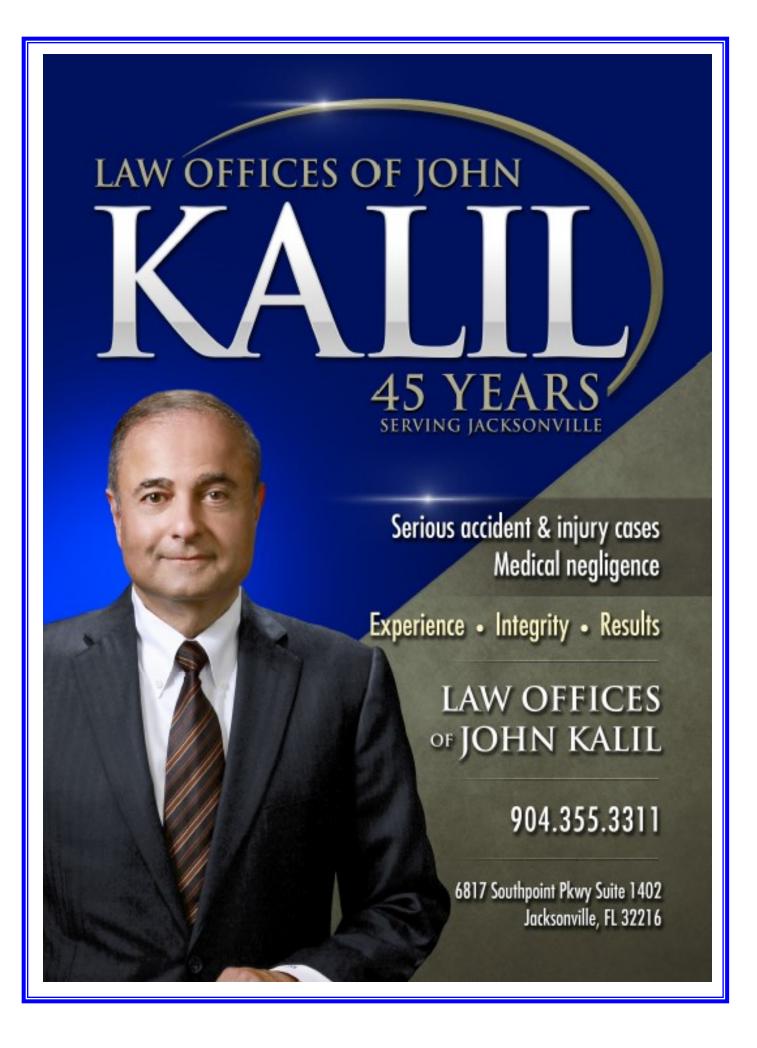
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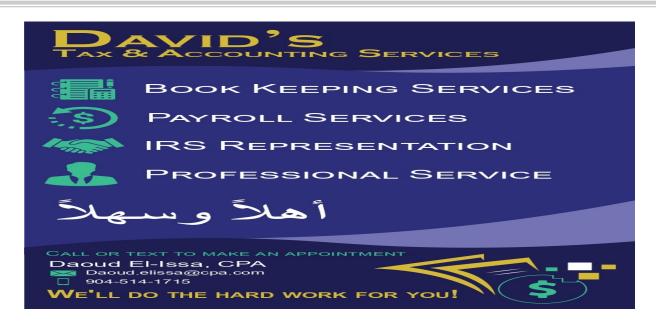
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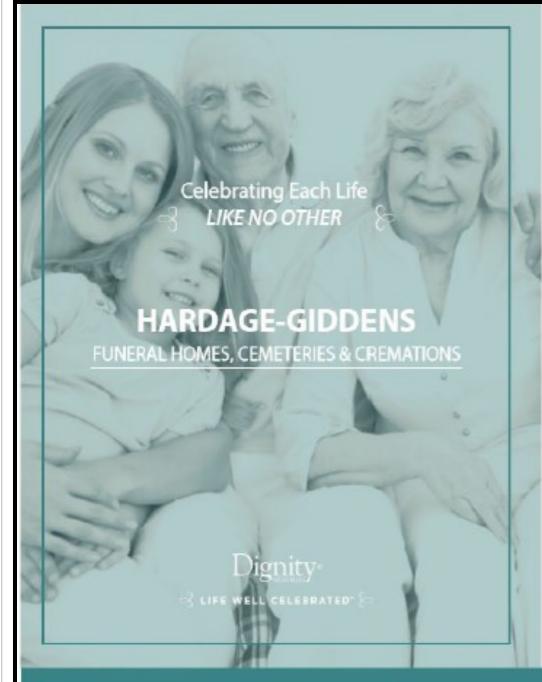
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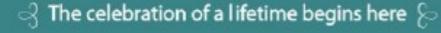
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