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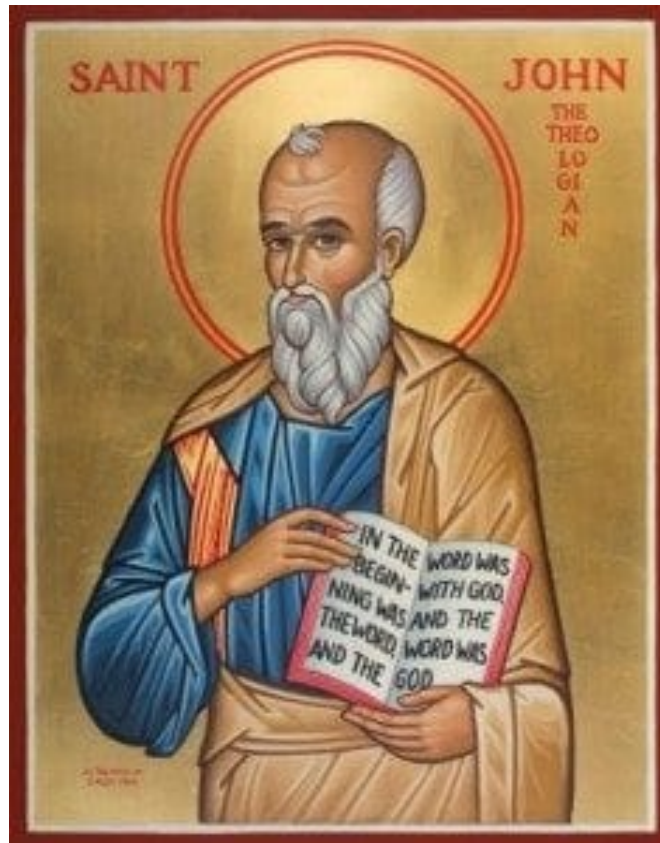
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Epistle: IICor.4:6-15

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



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SUNDAY SERVICE

Matins ~ 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 AM

(Confession: By Appointment Only)

Office Hours: Monday - Friday (9:00AM - 1:00 PM)

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

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Ushers

Issa Odeh and Abe Kassees



RELIGIOUS JOKE

HEAL HIM SO HE CAN DO IT HIMSELF

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes." —

Rachel Nichols

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION– SEPTEMBER 25TH

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25)



40 Day memorial Service- In loving memory of **Farha S. Bajalia-** offered by Bader and Jeanette Bajalia and their families. May her memory be eternal.

1 year memorial Service- In loving memory of **Farid and Nabila Hawwa-** offered by their children and their families. May their memory be eternal.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION IS OFFERED BY:

Jamal and Naeemeh Hanania and family- For the health and spiritual welfare of their daughter Gloria Hanania (Birthday).

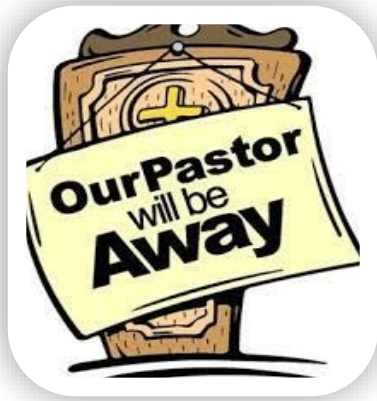


Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for Sunday September 25th



Chris and Anna Sarah Farha
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ANNOUNCEMENT



Priest going on Vacation: Fr. Kamal & Khourieh Ranwa will be out of the office starting (**Wednesday September 28**) through Tuesday (October 4, 2022) returning to the office on Wednesday October 5, 2022.

Fr. Milton Magos will be serving the Divine Liturgy on Sunday October 2, 2022.

If you need immediate assistance during his absence, please contact Mrs. Diana Farhat, PC Chairwoman or Deacon Eric Bateh. Otherwise he will respond to your emails / text messages as soon as possible upon his return. Thank You!

NEWLY ENGAGED

Congratulations to the beautiful couple,

*Shirin Al-Hirsh
&
Osama Goussous*

*as you enter this new chapter of your
lives together.*



Wishing you both the best! You deserve every happiness.

*May the Lord God bless both of you and direct your steps
to fulfill your future plans!*

Holy Bread of Oblation

Holy Bread is offered to remember a death, health concern, birthday or other special reason... It will be offered by the family for the health of their loved ones or in memory of their departed ones on a specific Sunday.

Kurban (Holy Bread)

“Holy Bread offering is upon request for ONE Sunday Only.”

Due to inflation, the holy bread cost is **\$20**. Please contact the church office **one week** ahead of time and submit your request.

Family should **be present** at the Divine Liturgy when offering Holy Bread to worship God and offer prayers on behalf of their loved ones.

Please submit names (**limited up to 6 names per family**) of living or departed loved ones by **Wednesday** of that week to Church by calling the office to be included on the prayer list by Father Kamal on that Sunday.



Spiritual Directions~~~ by Fr. Kamal



The Church is a **sacred place**. It is not a place for entertainment, nor is it a social club or Business. Since we know that it is a Holy place - the dwelling place of God Most High, it is our Christian responsibility to treat it as such & teach our children to do the same.

We bring our children to church to be close to God, to learn about God and to meet their friends in Christ. When we chose to baptize our children, we take on a great responsibility and vow before God to train them in the ways of His Word & also to train them in the ways of His Holy Church. In the Orthodox Church, we believe that Communion is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

If we claim to believe this, our actions should support this by being on time for Church, which shows reverence for this Sacrament. The prayers and Scripture readings, as well as the sermon leading up to Communion are vital in preparing us to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Our children will imitate our behavior as they grow. So whether you have children or not, now is the perfect time to adopt a sacred attitude & posture towards the Church and Communion.

Fr. Kamal would like to **ADVISE** all parents, children, as well as other parish members, in regards to receiving communion according to the teachings of the Orthodox church.

“ **First** - Recipients **MUST BE** in church by **10:00 a.m.** or at least **before** the Gospel is read at **10:15a.m.** IF YOU **ARRIVE AFTER** THE GOSPEL IS READ,PLEASE **DO NOT** APPROACH THE CHALICE.

“ **Secondly**- You must be fasting and prepared (free of anger, gossip etc...) in order to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Otherwise, you bring judgment upon yourself.(cf. I Cor.11:27-32) Allow God to clear your conscience by avoiding of spreading rumors and slanders. Do not defame others. We must empty our hearts of Hatred and fill our hearts with love. (cf. I Tim 5:17-20 & I Cor.9:14, Eph. 4:25-32)

“ **Thirdly**- Do not take this matter lightly rather act now and make the changes necessary to follow these guidelines and be ready and arrive in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation

SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER



Classes **begin** immediately after Holy Communion. Teachers will be dismissed first, then **children** will be **dismissed** from their pews into the Communion line, and they will proceed directly to their classrooms.

Adults will be ushered into the Communion line after all children and Church School staff have gone, so that we may start our program as quickly and smoothly as possible.

{No parents are allowed in classroom or church hall while classes are in sessions...}

Sunday School will be in session from **11:15—11:45 pm** each Sunday, at which time children will be sent into the hall area where you can meet them.

In order for children to **benefit** from our program, regular attendance at the Divine Liturgy and in class is essential. The continuity provided by weekly attendance makes it possible for students to understand, appreciate and embrace our Orthodox faith.

We offer an excellent program through which it is possible for your children to come to know the faith, and to know God Himself. This program cannot be carried out without your support. However, we rely on you to reinforce and enhance what your children learn in class.

If you need any help with expressing your faith to your children please contact Fr. Kamal or Deacon Eric, and we would be more than happy to assist you. Even if it has been a while since you have brought your children to Church School, it's never too late to come back!!



2022/2023 Sunday School Staff

V. Rev. Fr. Kamal Alrahil,
Sunday School Director

Deacon Raphael (Eric) Bateh,
Sunday School Assistant Director

Mrs. Anna Sarah Farha,
Christian Education Director

Khourieh Ranwa Alrahil; Registration/ weekly attendance/
social events coordinator.

Volunteers for special Occasions: Parents and Teachers

Teachers

Pre K : Mrs. Nadine Fahdi & Mrs. Katia Alam

K& 1st: Mrs. Klodia Manochakian

2nd & 3rd: Mrs. Anna Sarah Farha

4th & 5th: Mr. Andrew Salem

6th- 8th: (Middle Schoolers): Mrs. Natalie Salem

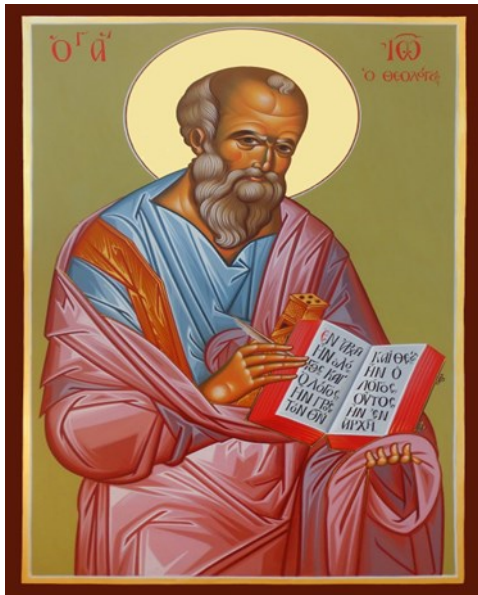
9th- 12th:(High Schoolers): Mrs. Natalie Salem

Substitute Teachers

Mr. Asa and Mrs. Kristie (Saoud) Johnston

Mrs. Vina Fakhouri

Mrs. Shadia Odeh



St. John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist (September 26)

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman and Salome the daughter of Joseph, the betrothed of the Holy Theotokos. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end. With Peter and James, he was present at the raising of Jairus's daughter and the Transfiguration of the Lord.

At the Last Supper, he inclined his head on Jesus' breast. When all the other apostles had abandoned the crucified Lord, John and the Holy Mother of God remained beneath the Cross. In obedience to the Lord, he was as a son to the Holy Virgin Mary, and carefully served and watched over her until her Dormition. After her Dormition, John took his disciple Prochorus to preach the Gospel in Asia Minor. He lived and labored mostly in Ephesus. By his inspired preaching and miracles he converted many to Christianity and shook paganism to its foundation. The embittered pagans bound him and sent him to Rome, to face Emperor Dometian. Dometian had him tortured and flogged, but neither the bitterest poison he was given to drink, nor the boiling oil into which he was thrown, did him any harm. This terrified the emperor and, thinking him immortal, Dometian sent him into exile to the island of Patmos.

There St. John converted many to Christianity by words and miracles, and confirmed well the Church of God. He also wrote his Gospel and Revelation on Patmos. In the time of Emperor Nero, who granted freedom to all prisoners, John returned to Ephesus, where he lived for some time, confirming the work he had begun earlier. He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord. When His disciples later opened His grave, they did not find His body. On May 8 of every year, a fine dust, fragrant and healing, rose from His grave.

After a long, laborious and fruitful life on earth, this beloved disciple of Christ, a true pillar of the Church, took up his habitation in the joy of his Lord.

The Prologue of Ohrid

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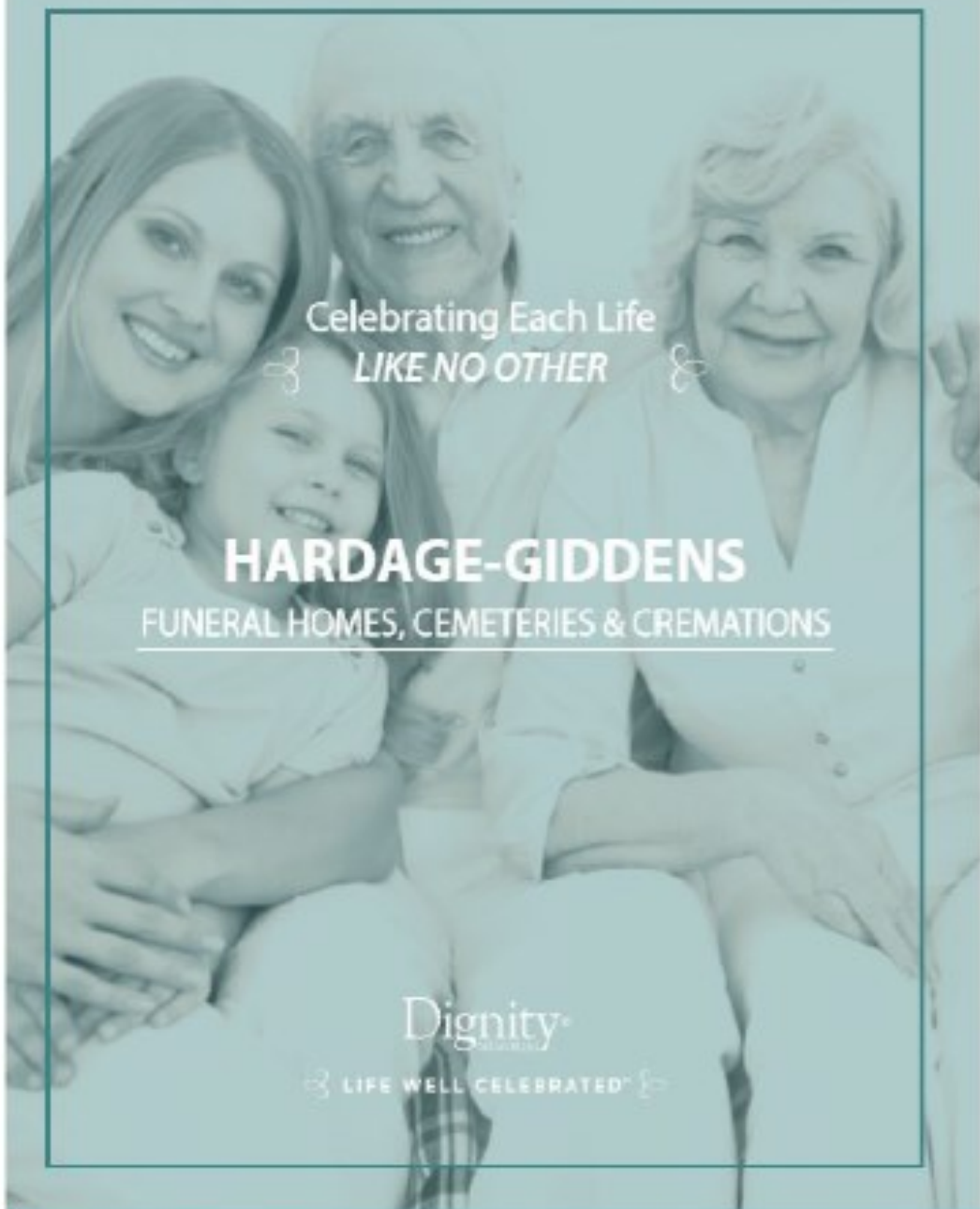
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