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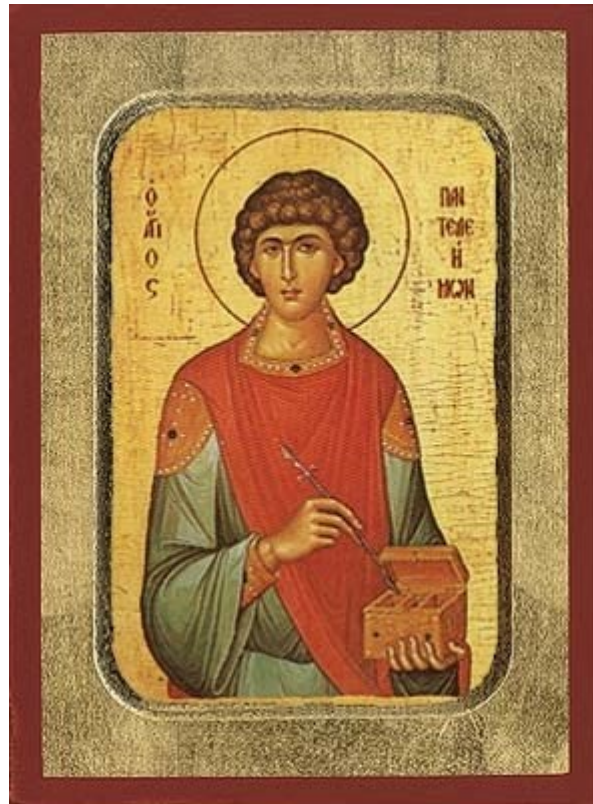
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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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The Weekly Bulletin is an official publication of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.



## 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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## HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION–SUNDAY JULY 28TH

### **Nabeel and Ghada Rukab and family**

In loving memory of **Victor Rukab Sr.** May his memory be eternal!

### **The children of the late Issa and Zuhour Anki and their families**

In loving memory of **Zuhour Anki.** May her memory be eternal!

### **Madlen Anki Haddad and family**

In loving memory of **Nabeel K. Haddad.** May his memory be eternal!

### **Salwa Ramzi Bateh and family**

In loving memory of **Ramzi Bateh and Rhonda Ridsdale.** May their memory be eternal!



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### **This is My Wish for You:**

Comfort on difficult days,  
Smiles when sadness intrudes,  
Rainbows to follow the clouds,  
Laughter to kiss your lips,  
Sunsets to warm your heart,  
Hugs when spirits sag,  
Beauty for your eyes to see,  
Friendships to brighten your being,  
Faith so that you can believe,  
Confidence for when you doubt, Courage to know yourself,  
Patience to accept the truth, Love to complete your life.



*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

# Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the Month of August

**Sunday July 28, 2024**  
**No Social Coffee Hour**



## **Sunday, August 4, 2024**

Nabil and Ghada Rukab  
Johnny and Joy Rukab  
Basem and Miriam Rustom  
Norma Rutledge



## **Sunday, August 11, 2024**

Mike Jr. and Mary Salameh  
Khalil & Ikhlas Salameh  
Asma Salameh  
Suad Salameh  
Elias and Cynthia Salameh

## **Sunday, August 18, 2024**

Munira Salameh  
Ramzi and Poline Salameh  
Basem and Nahida Salameh  
Issam and Leila Salameh  
Tarek and Lola Saleh

## ANNOUNCEMENT



**Monday July 22nd - Friday July 25th**

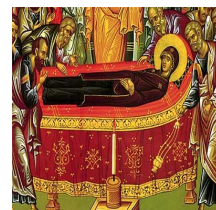
Fr. Kamal is **out of town** for the Clergy Symposium at the Antiochian Village.

**The Dormition Fast begins** on Thursday, **August 1st** and continues until **Thursday, August 15th**, 2024. The Holy Orthodox Church asks us to abstain from Meat, Fish, and Dairy Products during this fasting period.

**Monday August 5th at 7PM:** Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast & Blessing of the grapes.

**Tuesday August 6th:** Feast of the Transfiguration. *(Fish is allowed)*

**Dormition of the Theotokos-**As we honor the falling asleep of the Mother of God during the month of August, we invite you **join us** for a special service ( *Paraklesis*) on **Friday August 2nd and Friday August 9th** at **7:00pm** in salutation and supplication during the Dormition Fast.



**Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 Pm:** Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

**Wednesday, August 14th at 7PM:** Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of Dormition

**Monday, August 19th at 7PM:** Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday September 28, 2024**

**Annual Fundraising Event (\$100 Raffle)**



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**Please Claim Your Ticket ASAP**

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*Per example:* Each ticket will cost you (\$104.00 ) instead of \$100

**Deadline to purchase your ticket is**

**Sunday August 18th**

## St. George of Jacksonville Funeral Traditions: “A Guide”



This policies and procedures manual has been prepared as Guide for all members of our beloved St. George Church and Community. This policy is **still being implemented**, and there are **no** future exceptions.

The Orthodox funeral service emphasizes the reality of death and the new life of the deceased. It is a compassionate and beautiful service which features prayers for forgiveness and mercy from God for the departed's soul.

### Eastern Orthodox Funeral service is composed of four (4) parts:

1. Trisagion prayers
2. Funeral Service
3. Interment at the cemetery
4. Mercy Meal after Burial Service

### The Rite at the Time of Death: After Death Has Occurred

After death has occurred, the priest should be immediately notified so that a Trisagion prayer can be said before the funeral homes take the body. These prayers entreat God to grant rest to the departed souls and that it may receive mercy.

## LITURGICAL EXPRESSION

**A. Place of Service:** Orthodox **Funerals** must take place within the Church.

### **B. Day of Service: (ONE DAY SERVICE)**

Since 2021-Visitations and Funeral Services have been held on the **same** day at St. George Church.

Going forward, **we will continue** the same traditional way of having a **One Day Service** for all departed Orthodox members of St. George Church and is as follows:

- ◆ Viewing / Visitation: **10:00 am to 11:00 am** (Prior Funeral)
- ◆ Funeral Service begins at **11:00 am**—(Followed by Eulogies)
- ◆ Interment Service, a Trisagion Prayers, at the graveside (after Funeral)
- ◆ Mercy Meal ( after Interment)

**Please note:** If the family requests to have an extra time for **\*Visitation/ Viewing** on the **evening** before Funeral, it **must** be arranged and **done** at the funeral home.

### **C. Orthodox Funeral Traditions**

- ♦ The body of a *departed communicant* of the Church should be brought into the church on the **day** of burial.
- ♦ Burials *may not be* celebrated on Sundays during the year.
- ♦ Burials *should not be celebrated* on Great Feast days and the body should not be brought into the church.
- ♦ Burials *may not be celebrated* on Holy Friday, Holy Saturday, or the Sunday of Pascha. The body is not brought into the church on those days.

### **D. Donation in Memory**

*In lieu of flowers*, donations may be made in honor of your departed loved ones to Saint George Orthodox Church.

### **E. Interment.**

Once at the cemetery, a short graveside burial service is performed by the priest. The Trisagion is again recited.

### **F. Post-Funeral Reception**

After the body is buried, family and friends gather for a reception, where mourners can connect with each other, reflect on the life of the deceased, and eat a meal, called a "*mercy meal*."

### **G. Memorial Services**

It is the custom now at our St. George church to have memorial services on the **40<sup>th</sup>**, **6 months**, and **1 year** after death. The day of death is counted as the **first** day.

**\*\*Memorial services are not celebrated from Palm Sunday to New Sunday (Thomas Sunday)\*\***

*Yours in Christ,*  
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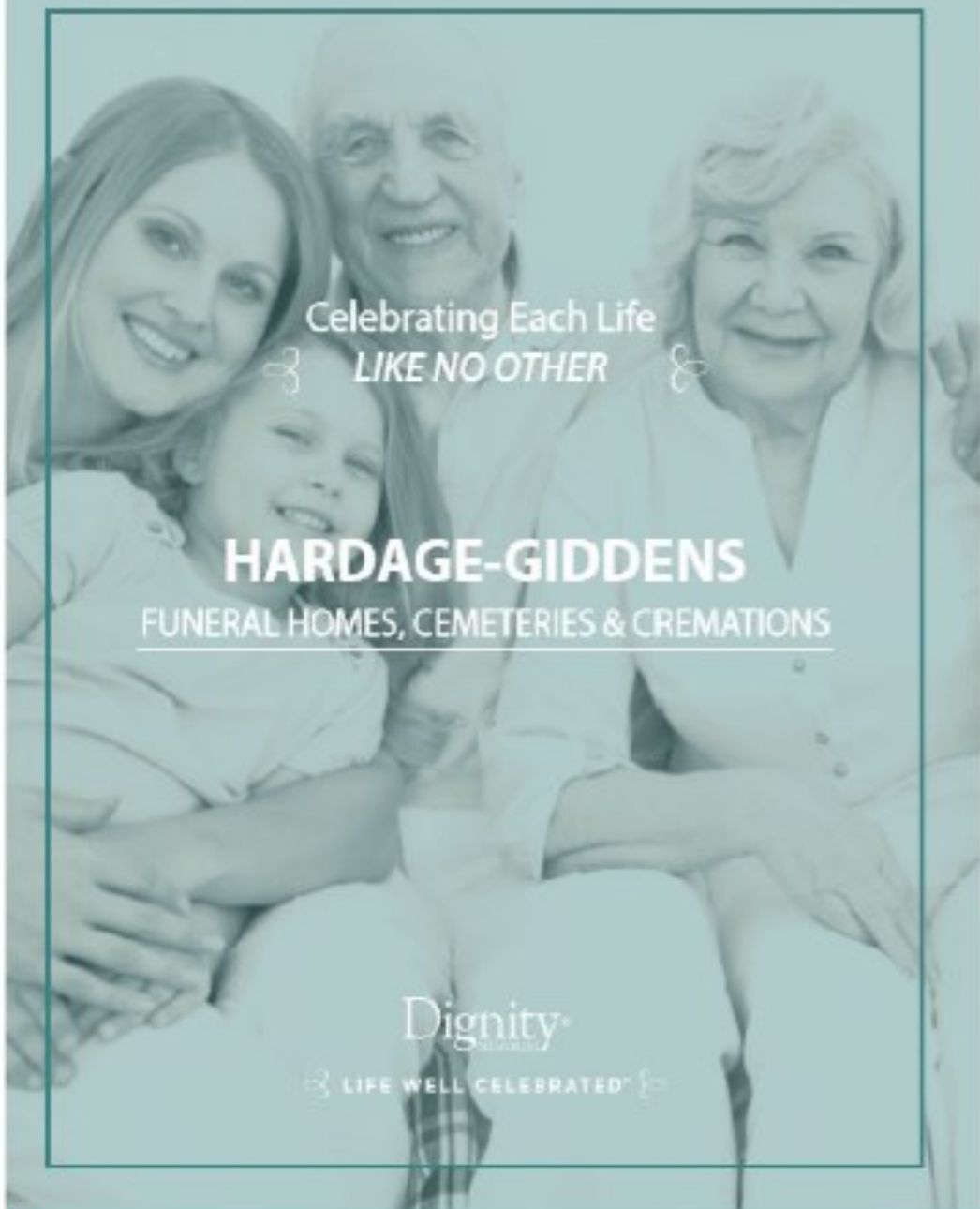
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