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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**The Weekly Bulletin is an official publication of Saint George
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**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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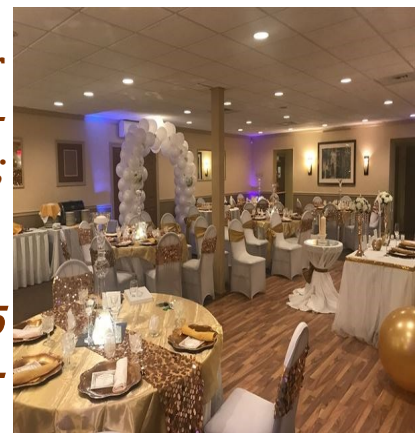
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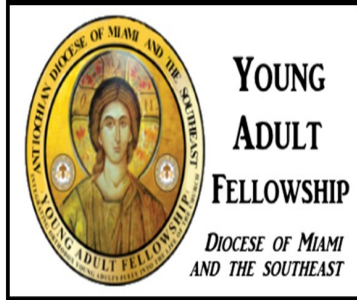
Hall Banquet Seating -**160** without dance floor
130 with dance floor

Our Church Hall is available for RENTAL for your next Celebration (*i.e. Baptism, Graduation, Birthday, Retirement, Rehearsal Dinner; etc...*)

You may call the church office at 904- 448- 1855 for questions about reservation dates and availability.



September is Young Adult Fellowship Month!



Epistle Readers:

Arabic: Michael Tannous

English: Tarek Kishek

Ushers:

Michael Tannous and Leila Awad

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION—SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

Joy Rukab and family

For the health and well being of beloved husband, father and Sido,
Johnny Rukab (*in honor of his birthday.*) Many years!

Nuha Bateh and family

In memory of **Jamil C. Bateh** (3yrs.) and **Hanna J. Batteh** (20 yrs.) May
their memory be eternal!

Judy Cadora and family

In memory of **Karim Aziz Cadora** (7yrs.) May his memory be eternal!

Besima Sayyar Farah and family

For the health and well being of her **children and grand children.** Many
years!



Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the Month of September

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Zaher and Nancy Salloum
Samer and Rana Salloum
Dr. Waddah and Hala Salman
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Sunday, September 22, 2024

Dr. Ramsey B. and Sally Salem
Azmi and Victoria Samaan
Said and Samira Samaan
Randa Samaan

Sunday, September 29, 2024

George and Lamia Saoud
Edmond and Hikmat Saoud
Raja and Laura Saoud
George and Odette Shaqareq



Saturday September 14 at 9:00am: Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Monday September 16th at 6:30 PM: Parish Council Meeting

2024 PLC CREATIVE ART ENTRIES



The Creative Arts Festival has been a well-loved tradition for many years in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, including here at St. George.

Each year the Archdiocese selects a new theme for the Festival, and students in almost 300 parishes across the United States and Canada use their creativity to make projects based on the theme in the categories of Art, Poetry, Creative Writing, and Photography. The theme for 2024 was Romans 8:28, “All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Many St. George Sunday School students attended our Creative Arts workshops this past spring, and 66 beautiful projects were completed. These projects were sent to the 2024 Parish Life Conference host parish for judging (St. Stephen Church in Hiram, Georgia.) St. George Sunday School has the highest rate in the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast of students submitting entries in multiple categories. On Sunday, September 8, the efforts of our beloved students were recognized during an awards ceremony following the Divine Liturgy.

Thank you, Dn. Raphael, Anna Sarah Farah, Sunday School teachers, and St. George families for encouraging our students to express their Faith through the arts. Students, congratulations and well done!

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meanings

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is **FAITH**.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is **TRUST**.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is **HOPE**.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is **CONFIDENCE**.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is **LOVE**.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is **ATTITUDE**.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.

Remember- Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace..



Dinner Ticket are on sale now in the church hall.



Deadline to purchase a dinner ticket is
Sunday, September 22, 2024.

“NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR”

Attention Raffle Ticket’s Owners:

Please note that to attend in person the \$100 raffle dinner and drawing, you must purchase a dinner ticket.

Dinner Ticket Cost

\$50 per ticket (each person)

“Non Refundable”

Limited seating to 120 people (First come, first serve)

“Adults ONLY”

Where? St. George Church Hall

When? Saturday September 28, 2024

Doors Open at 6:00pm

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Raffle drawing and program begin at 7:30pm

“Winners need not be present to win”

{Please bring your dinner ticket stub with you for entry.}

Thank you for your loving support and unwavering commitment to St. George’s Annual Fundraiser! Your continued support is vital to making this fundraiser a successful one.

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Louis Vuitton Fundraiser

Don't miss your chance to win luxury prizes while supporting a great cause! Tickets are \$20 for the Louis Vuitton 'Graceful MM' handbag (\$1,890 value) and \$10 for the Louis Vuitton Men's 'Multiple Wallet' (\$515 value).

The drawing is on September 28, 2024, during our Annual \$100 Fundraiser, and you don't need to be present to win. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances!

All proceeds benefit St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Get your tickets today—cash, check, credit cards, and Venmo accepted. Contact Lora Bateh at [904-735-2226](tel:904-735-2226) to purchase.



Purse (\$1890
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\$10 per ticket



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

This manual of policies and procedures has been prepared for all members of our beloved St. George Church and Community. This policy is **still being implemented** (*into effect*) until now.

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 (**ASAP**)

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.

FROM NOW ON, 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 requested to have an extra time for ***Visitation/ Viewing** on the **evening of (day before)** the funeral service, it **must be** arranged and **done** at the funeral home.

Continued

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 **40th**, **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,
Archpriest Dr. Fr. Kamal Alrahil

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
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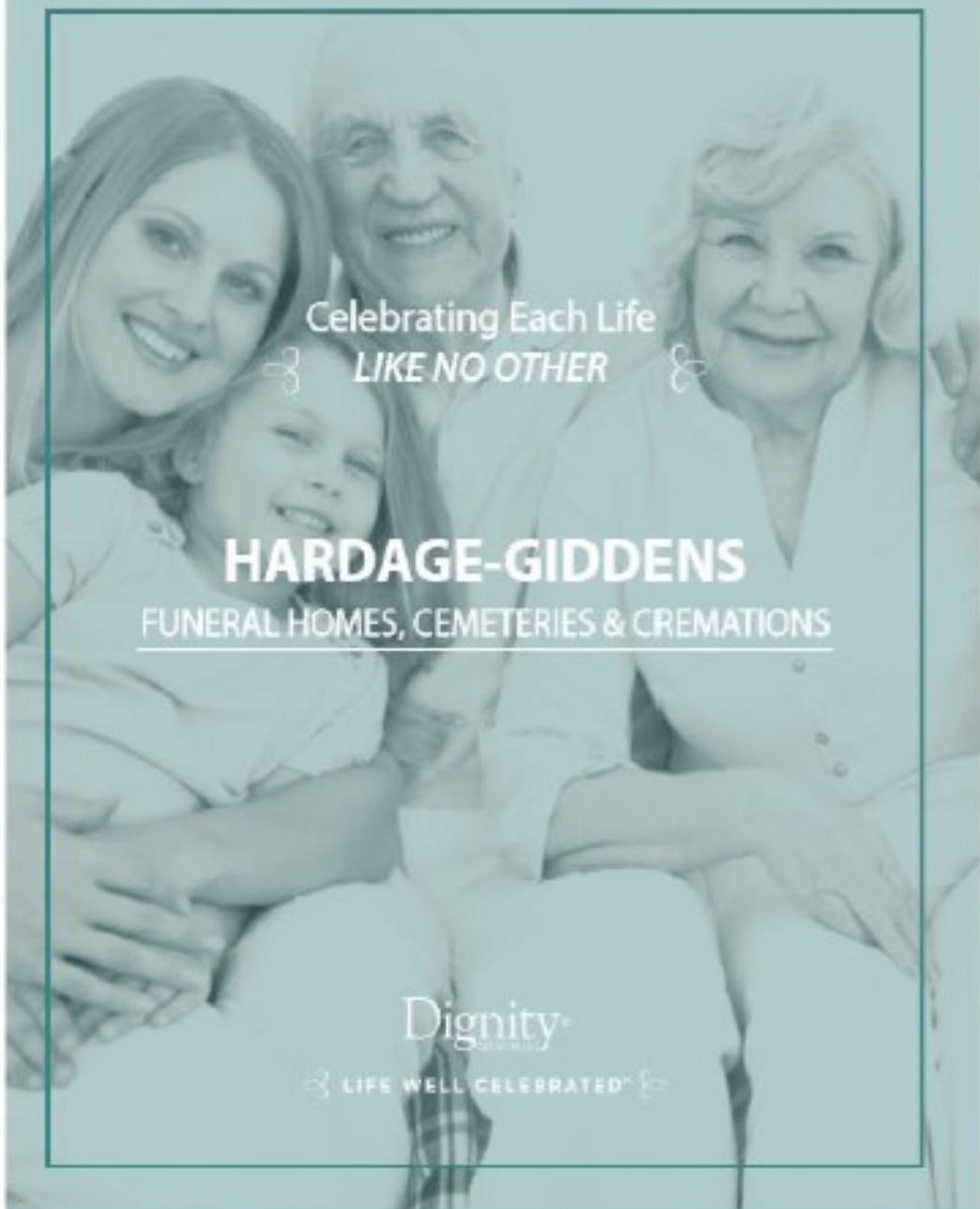


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