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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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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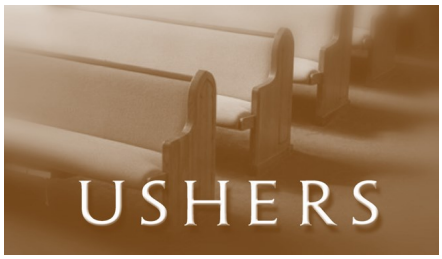


Sunday, December 7, 2025

Diana Farhat and Lamis Anki

St. George Church Banquet Hall

CAPACITY:

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.

Current Church Servers

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

The Brotherhood of Noble Joseph consists mainly of the liturgical staff. The goal is to create an environment where the people are engaged in worship and prayer. The Brotherhood of Noble Joseph hopes to achieve this goal by improving communication, advance preparation, and strengthening bonds as a brotherhood, not merely a staff.

The Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph

Clergy

V. Rev. Archpriest Dr. Kamal Alrahil- PASTOR
Reverend Deacon Raphael (Eric) Bateh

Sacristans and Servers

Subdeacon Nadeem Tannous
Subdeacon Dr. Jarrod Mousa
Subdeacon Ameen Hakim

The Current St. George Chanters

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

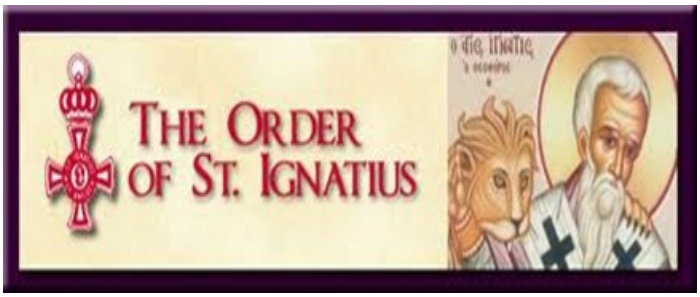
Lead Chanter -Reader Tarek Kishek
Chanter Sbdn. Nadeem Tannous
Lead Arabic Chanter Sally Dham (Bilingual, Arabic and English)
Chanter George Abboud (Bilingual, Arabic and English)
Chanter -Reader Dr. Elias Farah
Youth Chanter: Hiba El Issa, Julie Sanam, Eva Saoud , Olivia Mackoul, Juliana, Elizabeth and Sophia Fakhouri

Head Ushers: Nicholas Joseph and Issa Odeh

Altar Boy Captains: Nicholas Odeh and Edmond Saoud

Altar Boy Captain's Assistants: Anthony Odeh and Andrew Saoud

Altar Boy members: Michael Al Ashhab, Matthew Messink, Thomas and Lucas Bateh, Caleb and Christian Campbell, Dany Jarjour, Jimmy Thomas, Christian Bajalia, Anthony Sanjar, Andrew Rustom, Frank Mackoul the III and Noah Fakhouri.



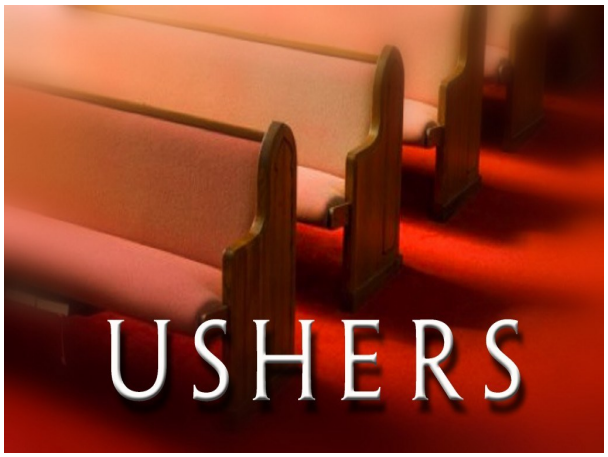
Ushers

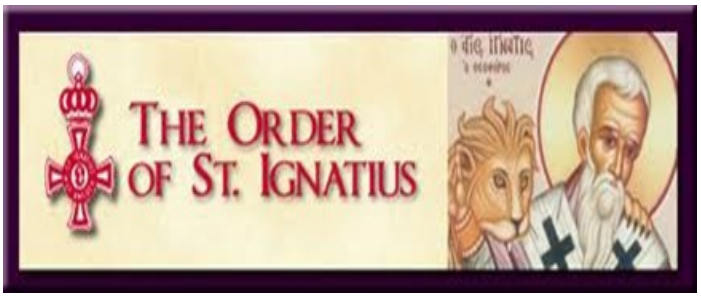
Sunday, December 7, 2025
Diana Farhat and Lamis Anki

Sunday December 14, 2025
Amer and Mania Samaan

Sunday, December 21, 2025
Chris Farha and Jad Hanania

Sunday, December 28, 2025
Chafic Hawa and Asa Johnston



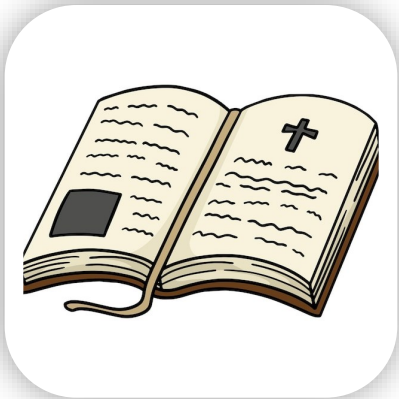


December is The Order of St. Ignatius Month!

Attention Members: Please wear your **"St. Ignatius' CROSS"** **every Sunday** during the month of December.

Epistle Readers for the month of December

December 7: **English: Anna Sarah Farha**
Arabic: Widad Zacharia



December 14: **English: Helen Tannous**
Arabic: Amer Samaan

December 21: **English: Ramsey B. Salem**
Arabic: Gidah Hawa

December 24: **English: Kristie Johnston**
Arabic: Hikmat Saoud

December 28: **English: Sbdn. Nadeem Tannous**
Arabic: Suha Bateh

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION– SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by:

Ghada Batteh and Suha Bateh and their families. In loving memory of their parents, **Atalla and Dalal Habash**. Memory *Eternal!*

Abla Al Hirsh, her daughters and their families.
In loving memory of **Louie and Ahlam al Hirsh.** *Memory Eternal!*

Naeemeh Hanania and family
In memory of Jamal Hanania . Memory Eternal!

Sunday Dec 7th: In observance of the feast day of **St. Barbara** (*Dec.4th*) we will celebrate the feast this Sunday and we will have **Burbarrah**"; **Boiled wheat.**

Burbarrah is offered by:

•**Ghada Batteh & Suha Bateh** in loving memory of their parents ***Atallah and Dalal Habash.*** May their memory be eternal !

&

•**Abla Al-Hirsh,** in loving memory of **Louie** and **Ahlam Al-Hirsh.** May their memory be eternal !

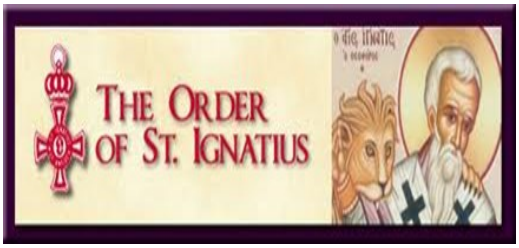
UPCOMING MEMORIALS

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

December 28, 2025:

1 (One) year memorial service: +Nabil Paul Rukab

Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the month of December



December is St Ignatius Month!

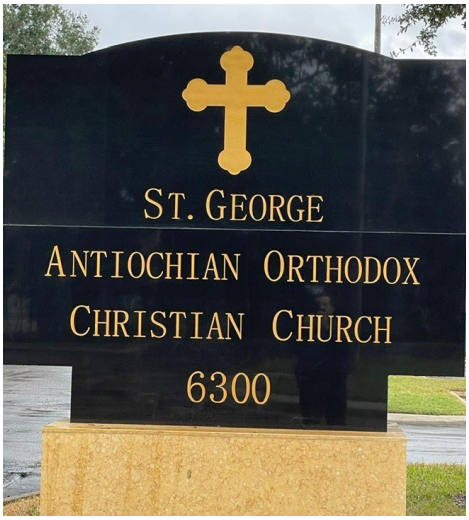
Sunday, Dec 7, 2025
Widad Zacharia
Lamis Anki
Kamel Batteh
Randa Samaan
Chris and Anna Sarah Farha

Sunday, Dec 14, 2025
Suad Akel
Nadya Fuad Farah
Ameen Hakim
Dr. Fawzi Farha
Asa and Kristie Johnston
Amer and Mania Samaan

Sunday, Dec 21, 2025
Suha Bateh
Jeanette Jubran
Jamal Jubran
Said Samaan
Jad Hanania
Johnny Rukab

Sunday, Dec 28, 2025
Dr. Ramsey B. Salem
Chafic and Gidah Hawa
Edmond and Hikmat Saoud
George and Lamia Saoud

Looks what's happening at our Church, this Sunday, December 7th !



Dedication ceremony of our new church sign immediately after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the sign maker, **Marwan Atallah** of Palmyra Marble.

Blessing ceremony of the church sign

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025.

Event: Dedication ceremony of a new church sign immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Recognition and Honorees: Mr. Marwan Atallah of Palmyra Marble.

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Time: 1pm - 4 pm

Women Fellowship in the church hall

(Food, Fun and Games)

December Events and Meetings

- **Friday, December 5th at 6:00PM:** 100% **Arabic Divine Liturgy**

- **Saturday, December 6th at 5:30PM:** Sunday School and Teen SOYO **Christmas Party** and **Dinner** with Santa .

- **Sunday December 14th** is the **LAST DAY** of Sunday School classes before Christmas break.

- **No Sunday School** during Christmas break (***Sunday Dec 21st - January 4, 2026***) Classes resume on Sunday, January **11**, 2026).

- **Thursday, December 9th @6:00PM:** Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

- **Saturday, December 13th at 6:00PM:** The **O**rder of St. **I**gnatius Christmas Dinner in the church hall.

- **Monday, December 15th @7:00 PM:** Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

"Christmas Eve Service"

Matins begins at 4:30pm
followed by
Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm

NO SERVICE ON CHRISTAMS DAY
(Thursday, December 25, 2025)

The Parish Council Financial Team Is Asking:

Are your membership dues are up to date?
"To ensure your membership remains active, it is recommended that you keep your church contributions up to date by fulfilling all payment dues and remaining balances."

Payment Methods

•**Online Portal**: You can make payments via credit or debit card on the secure donation page of the church's official website.

•**Mail**: You can mail a check made payable to "St. George" to the church office. Be sure to include your name and the purpose of the payment (**e.g., "Pledge 2025**") in the memo line.

•**In-Person**: Payments can be made at the church office by check or cash . You can also place cash or checks in the collection tray during Sunday services, preferably in an envelope with your name written on it .

Sunday December 28th is the LAST DAY of receiving dues as on **Monday December 29**, the last deposit will be made at the bank for the year 2025.

All donations received after **that day (Dec 29)** will be **credited** for your 2026 contributions, as the bank is **closed** on New Years Day!

Did you know that you can pay your dues Online?
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to

Dr. Jawad Farhat (1), Christine Conner (2)
Lana Rae Akel (2), Grant Michael Khoury (2),
Joey Salameh (3), Sanaa Anki (5),
Laura A. Saoud (6), Lauren A. Hanna (8),
Lynne Salem (8), Michael Farhat (9),
Melissa Alley Farhat (10), Emily Farhat (10),
Ramzi G. Bateh (11), Victor Calatrava (11), Luke J. Farah (12),
Leila Mousa (12), Peter Farhat (13), Anthony Salem (13),
Dr. David Samara (13), Rami Farmand (14), Ava Akel (14), Alina Akel (14),
Helen Tannous (14), Zachary Reyad Bateh (15), Dina Atallah (16),
Mark Bateh (16), Bert Eadeh (17), Samar Farhat (18), Sami Awad Rafidi (18),
Jasmine Salman (18),George Saoud Jr. (19), Ann Farmand (19),
Andrea Farhat (21), Nora Gazaleh (21), Ramez Anki (23), Leana Farah (23),
Ramzi Salameh (24), Vicky Anki (25), Kathy Kassees (25),
Essa S. Farhat (26), Nabil Shaqareq (27), Emily R. Bateh (28),
Sally Dham Jarjour (28), Dr. Justin Bateh (29),
Tony Akel (30), Vera Hishmeh (30), Hala Salman (30).

Happy Anniversary to

Johnny & Joy Rukab (5),
Yacoub & Mary Akel (7),
Dr. Michel and Lynn Hanna (8)
Dr. Shadi and Lauren Akel (17)
Dr. Elias and Maya Farah (18)
Ryan and Tala Jaghab (19)
Marwan & Dr. Lisa Eways (30).

St. George's Christmas Giving Season 2025

From November 9 to December 13

Blankets, Socks and Pajamas Drive for children in need!

*A donation of pajamas for children of ages (**1– 16 yrs.**) socks and warm blankets can make a big difference for local families in need during the holiday season.*

Collection box is available in the church hall lobby.

"Many times all the children get is a toy or two and don't get to enjoy in the excitement of a new pair of Christmas Pajamas or a new warm blanket to be able to provide as many of those kids with a new set of Christmas Pajamas, socks as and a warm blanket.

Any monetary/gift card donations can be given to Kh. Ranwa on Sundays at church.

Thank you for your help to these Kids during the Christmas Season!

قداسٌ إلهيٌّ باللغةِ العربيةِ في 5 كانون الأول

سوفَ يُقَامُ قداسٌ إلهيٌّ **باللغةِ العربيةِ** مساء يوم الجمعة الواقع في **5 كانون الأول 2025** الساعة السادسة مساءً، وذلك للاحتفال بأعياد القديسين:

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والقديس سابا المتقدس

والقديس نقولاوس العجائبي.

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حضور القداس و المشاركة فيه مجاني.

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نأمل حضوركم للصلاة والاحتفال معاً. و ليبارك الرب حياتكم !

Arabic Divine Liturgy

Arabic Divine Liturgy is scheduled for **Friday, December 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm,** to commemorate the feast days of St. Barbara, St. John of Damascus, St. Saba, and St. Nicholas.

Arabic Divine Liturgy Details

- **Date:** Friday, December 5, 2025
- **Time:** 6:00 pm
- **Location:** St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
- **Language: 100%** Arabic language Liturgy
- **Commemoration:** Feast days of St. Barbara, St. John of Damascus, St. Saba, and St. Nicholas

Post-Liturgy Celebration: Serving of Koliva (Burbarrah), Katayef, coffee, and tea.

Cost: $5 per person (Adults, teens, and children)

Happy Feast Day to All!

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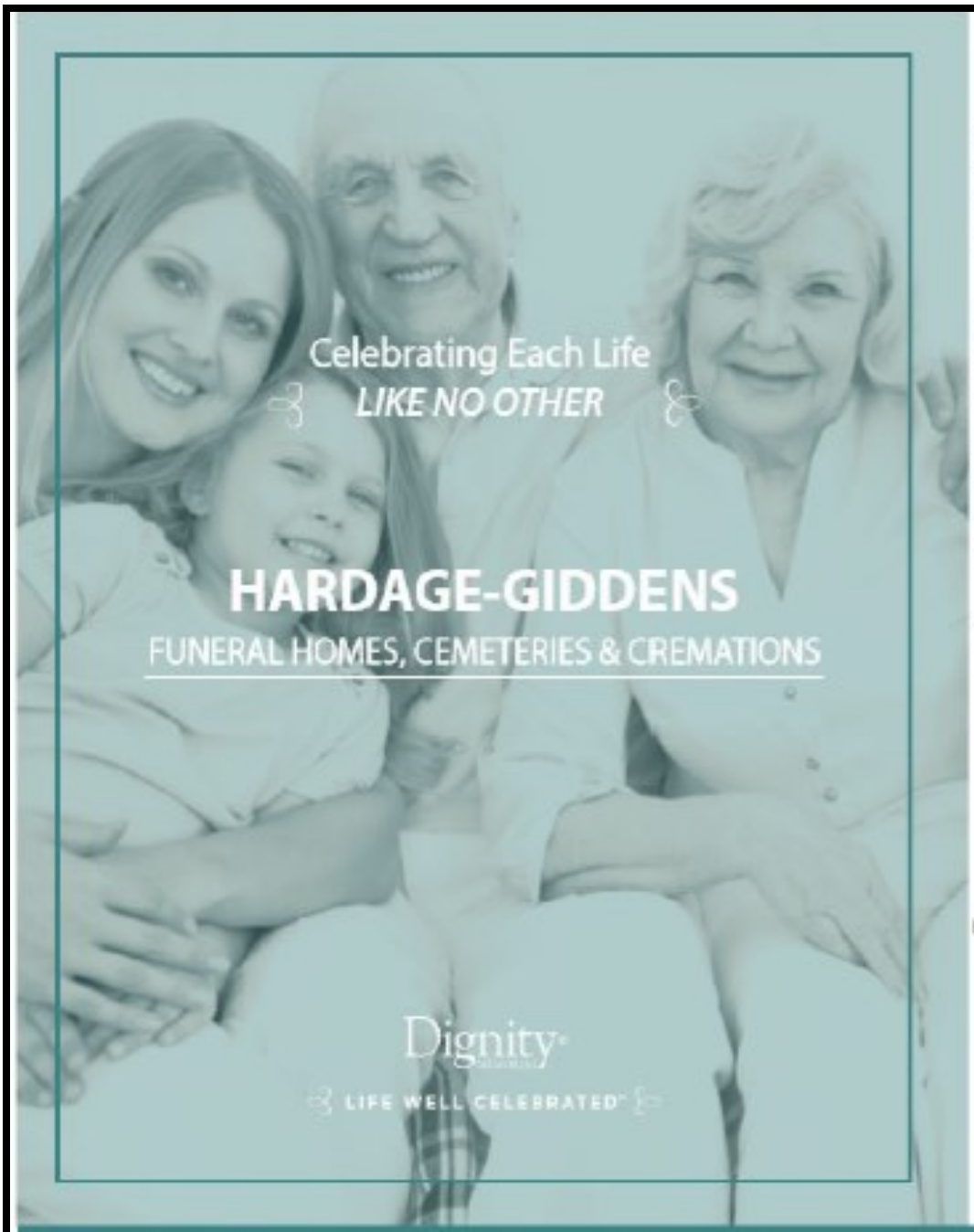

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