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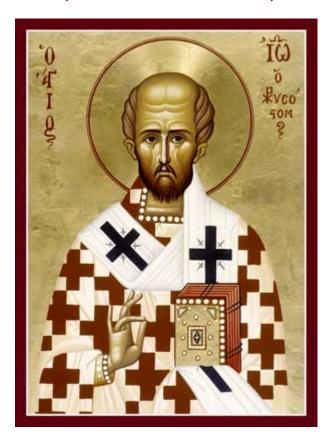
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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

Church email: stgeorgejax@comcast.net



Sunday, October 12, 2025

Head Ushers: Abe Kassees & Issa Odeh

Teen's Ushers: Victor Kassees and Adrew Jarjour

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 <u>consists</u> 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

Chanter: Hiba El Issa and Julie Sanam

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.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION- SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH

Kurban (Holy Bread)

"Holy Bread offering is upon request."

Due to the increases in the food products, the holy bread cost is **\$20.00** Please contact the church office **ONE Week** <u>ahead</u> of time and submit your request.



Holy Bread of Oblation is offered by:

Afaf Kassis and family

In memory of beloved husband and father **+Issa Abid Kassis** (6 mos. memorial service.) Memory Eternal!

Vicky Akel and family

In memory of beloved husband and father, **Ishak Mitri Akel (15yrs.)** Memory Eternal!

Samir and Badia Farhat and family

For the health and well being of their children and grand children. Many years/ In memory of their loved ones. Memory eternal!

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

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

October 19th: + Nawall Jubran (1-Year memorial service)

November 2nd: + Rima Cadoura Mousa (40 Day memorial

service)



Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the month of October

Thank you for considering sponsoring Saint George Church Coffee Hour.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

George and Lamia Saoud Edmond and Hikmat Saoud Raja and Laura Saoud Joe and Jessica Saoud



Sunday, October 19, 2025

George and Odette Shaqareq Atallah and Helen Tannous Nadeem and Amanda Tannous Widad Zacharia

Sunday, October 26, 2025 Teen Soyo Bake Sale

Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Upcoming Church Organizational Meetings

- •Friday, October 10th @ 6:30 PM: TEEN SOYO Meeting and Gathering (Food, Fun, and Fellowship)
- •Tuesday October 14th: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @ 5pm at Ya Habibi Slice and Spice Restaurant (Old St. Augustin Road)



•Monday Oct. 20th: Parish Council Meeting @7:00

pm (via Zoom)

Join Us 2025 AMEN Retreat

A Weekend of Prayer, Fellowship, and Growth

November 5-8, 2025
Woodland Christian Camp &
Retreat Center, Temple, GA
(1 hour west of Atlanta)

Bishop NICHOLAS is inviting all men in our church for the 2025 AMEN Retreat, to be held from November 5 to 8, 2025, at Woodland Christian Camp & Retreat Center, Temple, GA (1 hour west of Atlanta).

He is calling it a vital opportunity for strengthening our Orthodox Christian Brotherhood, renewing our faith, and deepening our commitment to Christ and His Holy Church. For more details, please contact **ei-**

ther Chris Farha or Tarek Kishek.



Save The Date!!

Featured upcoming Church Events and Services

An Arabic Divine Liturgy (100% in Arabic language and sermon too) to commemorate the Feast of Archangel Michael on Saturday, November 8th at 11 a.m. Following the service, there will be lunch at a restaurant, the

location of which is yet to be announced (TBA).

Lunch and RSVP information

Lunch: The lunch is an open invitation, meaning all are welcome to attend.

Lunch menu and cost TBD

RSVP: To confirm your attendance, you should contact Khourieh Ranwa before October 26, 2025. Please note RSVP is mandatory as seats are limited

An Arabic Divine Liturgy (100% in Arabic language and sermon too) to commemorate the Feast of St. Nicholas the wonderworker on Saturday, December 6th at 10 a.m. Following the service, there will be a traditional Arabic breakfast in the church hall.

Saturday December 6: Sunday School Christmas Party and Dinner with Santa at 6:00pm in the church hall. More details to come. Stay Tuned!

Saturday December 13th: Ladies Tea Party - More details to come. Stay Tuned!

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Location TBD

Indulge in a "Sensational Afternoon Tea and Arabic Dessert" event, transporting you to an idyllic Middle Eastern experience. Delight in the captivating aromas and textures that are a hallmark of Middle Eastern cuisine.



Thank you for supporting our Annual \$100 Fundraiser!

Dear member sand friends of St. George Church,

On behalf of *Fr. Kamal and the parish council* of St. George we want to extend a huge thank you for your participation in our \$100 Fundraiser Raffle.

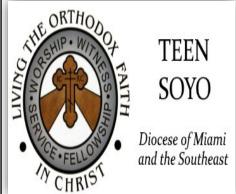
While you didn't win this time, your support helped us raise a total of **\$24,000** in net profit for the church's "operating budget". Your contribution makes a real difference, and we couldn't have done it without you.

We encourage you to stay connected with us on social media or through our weekly bulletin to learn about future events and opportunities. Thank you again for your generosity!

"Congratulations to the winners of the \$4,000 Raffle Grand Prize!

The \$4,000 prize was split among the **five** individuals who held tickets with the winning numbers, as determined by the five last remaining balls. Each of the five winners received **\$800**.

Ball# 60 Johnny Rukab
Ball# 73 Dr. Sam Elias
Ball # 118 Fidaa Deeb
Ball # 138 Ben Frisch
Ball # 289 Selena Essa



OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO MONTH!

Sunday Oct. 12th: "Special Tray". Please use your Blue Envelope Mark "Seminary"

Seminary Sunday (October 12th) Please help support our beloved Seminarians through this once-a-year offering. Donations go directly to those who are studying our beauti-

ful Faith, so that they can serve the Lord through the ministry of the Priesthood. Please use your envelope marked "Seminary" and turn it in along with your regular weekly pledge. Thank you for your support.

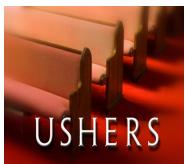
English Epistle Readers for the month of October

Sunday October 12th: Jean Fayad

Sunday October 19th: Maya Kadr

Sunday October 26th: Anthony Sanjar





Head Ushers: Issa Odeh and Nicholas Joseph

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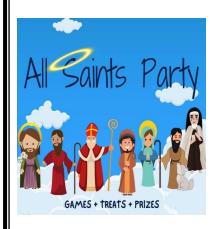
Sunday October 19th: Juliana Fakhouri and Marilyn Joseph

Sunday October 26th: Jessica Dham and Luna Samaan

October Social Activities

Thursday, October 24, 2025 (1-4pm) in the church hall Women's Fellowship Ministry. "Food, Fun, and Games"





Saturday, November 1st, 2025

2025 All Saints' Custom Parade and Contest (Ages: 3-13yrs) and it begins at 5:00 pm

Participant of ages 3-13 yrs dress up as saints, angels and other Holy figures. We will be given 3 prizes to the most creative custom.

Followed by Community family night 6:00-9pm

Come join us for a **fun-filled family evening** of food, games, and fellow. It's **a covered dish** dinner, so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone!

Examples of covered dish items include:

Hot or cold sandwiches, Zeit and Zaatar Flat bread, Chips and Dip fruit trays, Vegetable trays or sweet trays...



FALL LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Hosted By the Ladies Auxiliary of our church.

More details to come soon!



Our Orthodox Faith "Children & Worship"

How can parents make participation in the Liturgy and other services meaningful for younger children?

<u>Sit up front</u>. Help your children see what's going on by taking a seat in the front pews near the aisle; don't expect

children to sit still, and don't be afraid to "take a break" if your children need one.

<u>Read along with children</u>. Use the liturgy books provided in the pews, or better yet a children's liturgy book filled with pictures and responses. Find the Epistle and Gospel readings in your Bible and follow the reading with them.

<u>Sing with your children</u>. If your children are young, encourage them to sing simple responses, like the "Alleluia's" or "Amen's". If they are older, point to the words (& music if your liturgy book provides) and encourage them to sing along, even if they're off-key.

Help them notice what's going on. Call your children's attention to the priest, icons and seasonal colors. Point out the Little and Great Entrances, the Consecration, and other key parts of the service.

<u>Help children participate</u>. Help them to memorize common responses at home, like the Litany and the Lord's Prayer so they can be part of the service, too.



GENERAL SAFETY RULES FOR CHURCH PLAYGROUND

(Use of the playground is at your own risk)

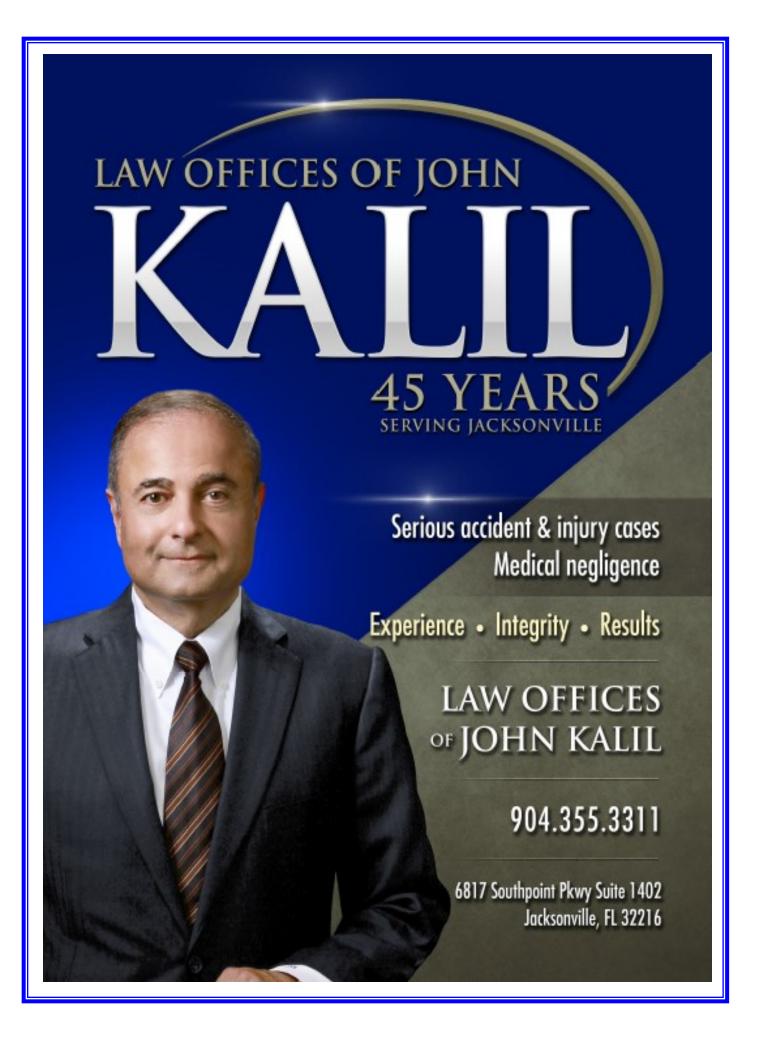
Bicycles, skates, skateboards, balls, and toys **are not allowed** on the playground.

- 1. **No** food **or** drinks allowed on playground.
- 2. **Do not** use equipment when wet.
- 3. No bare feet, open-toed shoes, draw-

strings, bike helmets, or backpacks.

- **4.** Actively **supervise** children at playground.
- 5. Report hazards and damage.
- 6. Do not bring sick children to the playground.
- 7. Wash/sanitize hands before and after playing.
- **8. Adults and children** need to clean after themselves when they are in church hall or in the play ground.

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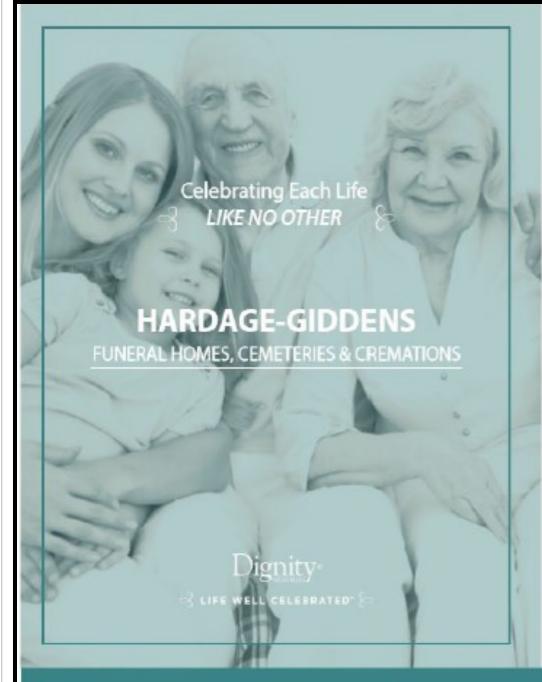


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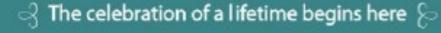
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