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#### **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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 5, 2025

Head Ushers: Issa Odeh and Nicholas Joseph

Teen's Ushers: Grace Alashhab and Soleil Kotaish

#### 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 5TH

#### **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:

Asma and Suad Salameh and family
In memory of beloved sister in law Munira Salameh
(6 mos.) Memory Eternal!

#### Badia Bitar and family

In memory of beloved husband Milad Mtonios Bitar (7yrs.) Memory Eternal!

#### Grace Farhat and family

In memory of beloved husband **Jamal Farhat (29 yrs.)** Memory Eternal!

#### **UPCOMING MEMORIALS**

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

October 12th: Issa Kassis (6 mos. memorial service)

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



#### **Sunday Social Coffee Hour Sponsors**

Thank you for considering sponsoring Saint George Church Coffee Hour.

#### Sunday, October 5, 2025

Khourieh Ranwa Alrahil Randa Samaan Said and Samira Samaan Azmi and Victoria Samaan

#### 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!

A raffle drawing for **\$100** will be held **virtually** on Zoom this Saturday, October 4th, at 7:00 PM.

To join, you will need the Zoom meeting link, ID, and possibly a password, which are typically sent to raffle ticket holders by the church.

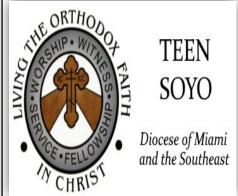
Note: A link will be sent to all raffle ticket holders via email on Thursday, October 2, 2025 from the church.

**Watch the Drawing:** Join the Zoom call from your **home** on Saturday, October 4th to see if you are our lucky winner!

#### **Upcoming 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 (Old St. Augustin Road)
- Monday Oct. 20th: Parish Council Meeting@7:00 pm (via Zoom)





### OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO MONTH!

Sunday Oct. 5th: "Special Tray". Please use your Blue Envelope Mark "Seminary"

**Seminary Sunday (October 5th)** 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 5th: Grace Al Ashhab

**Sunday October 12th:** Juliana Fakhouri

Sunday October 19th: Maya Kadr

Sunday October 26th: Anthony Sanjar



#### Head Ushers: Issa Odeh and Nicholas Joseph



Sunday October 5th: Grace Alashhab and Soleil KotaishSunday October 12th: Victor Kassees and Andrew JarjourSunday 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"

#### **FAMILY NIGHT**

Saturday, November 1st, 2025

6:30-9pm

Theme: All Saint Day

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 9, 2025

Hosted By the Ladies Auxiliary of our church

More details to come soon!



#### BAPTISM

"As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ"

Congratulations *Khalil Farah, Esq., and Dr. Lisa* (Alley) Farah on the baptism of your daughter,

## "Raiyah Manar Farah" Baptismal name (Mary Magdalene)

who was baptized at our Church on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

The Proud Godparents are:
Mr. Rami Alley and Mrs. Tala Farah Jaghab

We pray to the Almighty God to direct the newly illuminated child so that she may keep her baptismal garment undefiled and that the Holy Spirit which she received, will produce much of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in her life. **Many Years!** 

#### **NEWLY MARRIED**

"O Lord, our God, crown them with glory and honor." أيُّها الرَبُّ إِلَهُنَا بِالْمَجْدِ والْكَرَامَةِ كَلِّلْهُمَا."

#### Subdeacon Nadeem Tannous & Amanda Tewell

were united in marriage on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

#### "مَنْ أَزْوَجَهُمْ اللهُ لا يُفَرِقُهُمْ إنسانٌ

"Whom God has joined together let no man put asunder"



May you always walk together in happy ways of love, while trusting in the grace of God to lead you from above.

#### **October Birthday and Anniversaries**

#### Happy Birthday to

Adel Jacob Eways (1), Ayden Sophia Eways (1),

Andrea Kassees (1), Fr. Kamal Al-Rahil (3),

Farid N. Bateh (3), Widad Zacharia (3),

John James Elias (3), Pam Newey (5),

Frank K. Gazaleh (6), Whitney Salem (6),

Ted R. Bateh (7), Edmond Raja Saoud (7),

Rima Maron (7), Marwan Atallah (8), Paul Salem (8),

Dr. Jimmy Farah (9), Anthony Kishek (9),

Elijah Salem (9), Freddie E. Bateh (10), Jason Rukab (10),

Samia Eadeh (11), Eliana Saleh (11), Noah Fakhouri (11), John Kalil (12),

Raji Hakim (13), Ikhlas Salameh (13), Linda Salem (14), Abla Farhat (14),

Lauren Awwad (14), Khalil Salameh (14), Reem Farhat (15),

Rania Farhat (15), Landon Saloum (15), Nidal B. Mardini (15),

Frank Mousa (16), Linda Jubran (17), Khalil Farhat (18),

Said Bishara (18), Hilweh Farhat (18), Jad Aouil (20),

Marla Aouil (20), Ansar Owais (20), Victor Jubran (21),

Jeremy Campbell (21), Ella Farha (22), Timothy Conner (23),

Lena Salem Rukab (23), Amber Samaan (23), Tarek E. Kishek (24),

Lynn Ammons (24), Brayden Farhat (24), Elisa Hope Samaan (24),

Jacob Akel (25), Affaf Kassis (25), Joelle Jalouk (27), Joseph Hanania (27),

Dr. Michael Hanna (28), Helen Farah (30), Dr. Muneer Hanna (31), Dr. Fawzi Farha (31).

#### Happy Anniversary to



Steven & Angie Elias (1), Edward & Linda Salem (1), Timothy & Christine Conner (4), Ziadeh & Carmen Farhat (5), Dr. Wassim & Fidaa Deeb (6), Drs. Milad & Rana Bitar (7), Deacon Eric & Shereen Bateh (13),

Maher & Michelle Bateh (16), Elias & Amber Samaan (16), Matthew & Samia Jackson (20), Nader & Rasha Jubran (23), Ramey & Mary El Abu (24), Abe & Maysoun Farhat (25), Bassam & Dina Atallah (26), Freddie & Amal Bishara (28).



#### THOSE WHO PASSED THE JULY 2025 BAR EXAM!



Congratulations to
Nathan Jubran
and
Rania Farah

May God bless you with strength and determination and prepare you for the unseen future! ... As you became a law-yer today, We feel very proud of you!

#### **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.
- 1. Report hazards and damage.
- 2. Do not bring sick children to the playground.
- Wash/sanitize hands before and after playing.
- 2. Adults and children need to clean after themselves when they are in church hall or in the play ground.

Be a Rule Model & A Role Model!





# Save the Date A 25-Year Celebration for Archpriest Dr. Kamal Alrahil!

Mark your calendars!

We are delighted to announce a special weekend of celebration to honor Fr. Kamal on his 25th

anniversary as pastor of St. George Orthodox Church

When: September 4-6, 2026

Please hold this weekend in your prayers and plan to celebrate with us.

More details will be shared in a formal invitation.

Sincerely, The Parish Council of St. George Church



## 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.

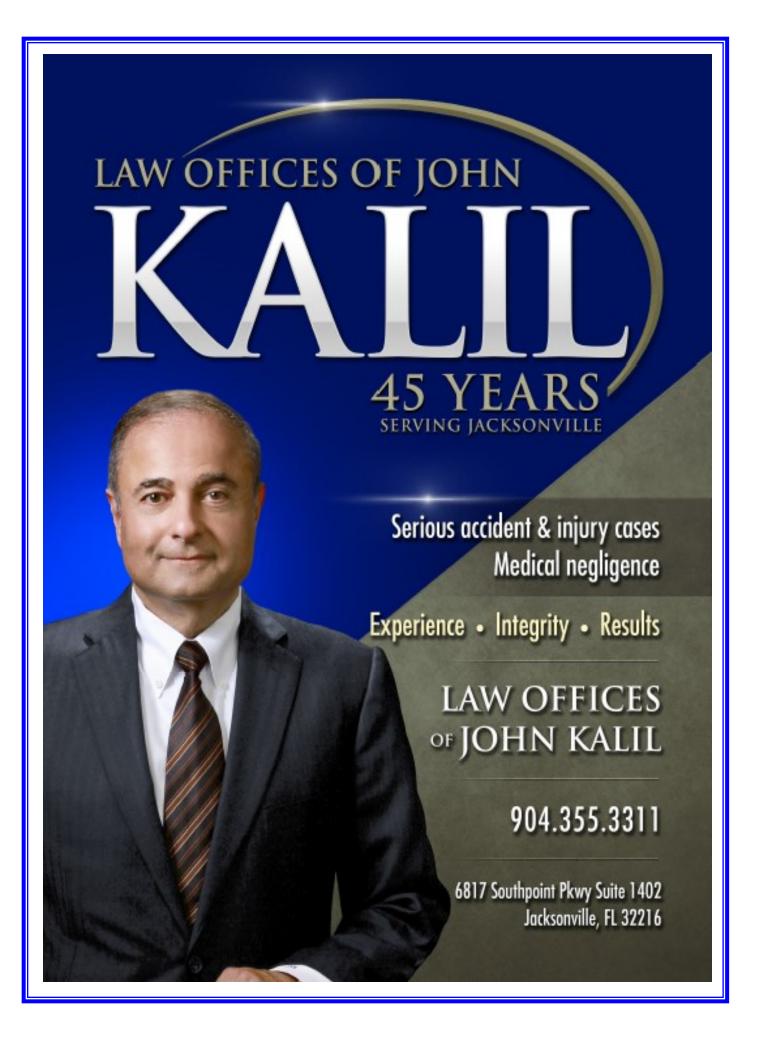
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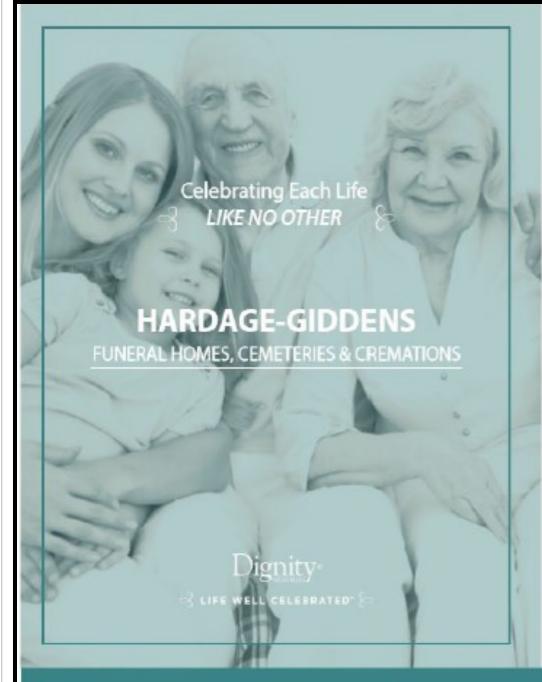


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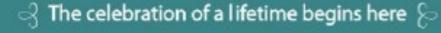
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