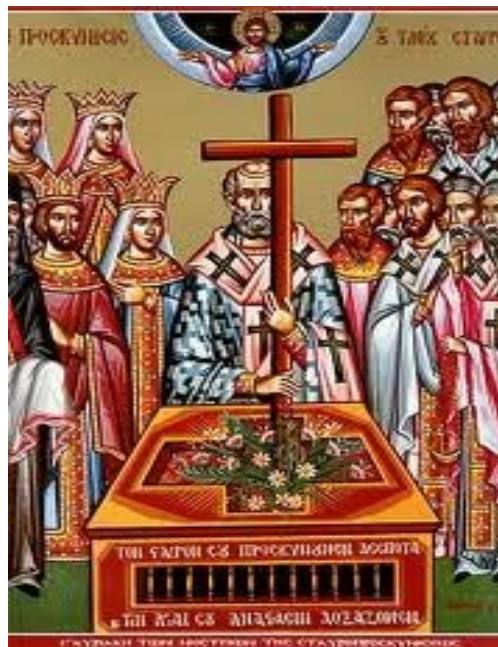


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SUNDAY SERVICE

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, September 14, 2025

Issa Odeh and Abe Kassees

St. George Church Banquet Hall

CAPACITY:

Hall Banquet Seating

160 without dance floor

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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

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The Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph

Clergy

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Reverend Deacon Raphael (Eric) Bateh

Sacristans and Servers

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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 Sdn 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

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HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION –SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Dr. Ibrahim and Nadine Fahdi and family

In memory of Rami Elias Fahdi (1-yr.,) and in memory of Tony Hatem (8 yrs.) May their memory be eternal!

Dr. Rami and Klodia Manochakian and family And Galina Kirro and family.

In memory of Mishel Kirro (8 yrs.) May his memory be eternal!



Widad Zacharia and family

For the health and well being of her son Yacoub, Jamilih, Noura and Joey Zacharia. Many Years!

Announcement



Sunday, September 14: 1st Day of Sunday School.

Monday, September 15, 2025: Parish Council meeting at 7p.m.

Get Involved with St. George Church of Jacksonville. You can be an active member of the St. George, we welcome all donations and offer a full list of our ministries, to bring you closer to God.

Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the month of September

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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Sunday, September 21, 2025

Nabila Salem

Eddie and Linda Salem

Ron and Nancy Salem

Dr. Ramsey and Sally Salem

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Zaher and Nancy Salloum

Samer and Rana Salloum

Dr. Waddah and Hala Salman

Amer and Mania Samaan

Your generosity is truly appreciated!

Saturday, September 13, 2025

6-9PM

**FAMILY NIGHT
AND
ANNUAL BONFIRE
ALL AGES WELCOME!**



Great Vespers Service at **5:00 PM**
for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy
Cross followed by “**family night**” and an
“**Annual Bonfire**” in the new parking lot
(in the back).

FUN / FOOD / FELLOWSHIP

Note: For the church potluck, each family **should bring** either a **sweet** platter, **a fruit** platter, or a mixed **nut** platter to complement the **pizza**, Manaqeesh (Zeit and Zaatar) chips, and drinks provided by the church.



2025-2026 Sunday School

BACK TO SCHOOL



Welcome Back!

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Sunday School Classes

11:15 am– 12:00pm

Grades: Pre K– 12th



Join Our Annual Virtual Raffle Fundraiser!



Don't miss our **\$100 Raffle Fundraiser**, taking place virtually on **Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 7PM**. Maybe this will be the last time for this event, so it's your final chance to win the grand prize while supporting our cause.

Event Details

- **What:** Our Annual \$100 Raffle Fundraiser
- **When:** Saturday, October 4, 2025
- **Where:** Virtually, via Zoom. A link will be sent to all registered participants before the event.
- **Ticket Price:** \$100

How to Participate

Claim and Pay for Your Ticket ASAP: Tickets that are not claimed and paid for will be released for resale starting **Sunday, September 14, 2025**.

Watch the Drawing: Join the Zoom call on October 4th to see if you are our lucky winner!

Looking Ahead

As we look toward the future, we are excited to announce a brand-new fundraiser event for 2026! This change will allow us to create a new and exciting experience for our supporters.

This virtual raffle is your chance to participate in one of our long-standing traditions before we introduce something new.

Thank you for your continued support!



Exaltation (Elevation) of the Holy Cross

This Feast is celebrated as one of the most important in the Church Year because it commemorates two events of great significance. After St. Helen had found at Jerusalem the cross upon which Christ was crucified, she built a church on Mount Calvary to hold the precious relic. The Christians held the Holy Cross in such regard that they soon began to celebrate this Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross. In the year 614, the Persians invaded the Empire and took Jerusalem, and sent the case containing the Cross back to their country.

For fifteen years, the Greek emperor Heraclius waged war against the Persians, and finally in 629 defeated them, forced them to make peace, and to restore the Holy Cross to him. It is said that the case containing the sacred relics was returned to him with the seals still unbroken.

The Relics were replaced in the Church with great rejoicing, and to the original Feast in honor of the finding of the Cross was added another, in honor of its safe return to Jerusalem. A special feature of the Church Services on this day is the procession in which the Cross is borne aloft on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the Church; the Priest then elevates it to the four corners of the compass, blessing thrice with it as he does so, and praying that God will protect and preserve the President and the Civil Authorities of our Country and the Armed Forces, and guard and guide the Archbishop and clergy of the Church, and protect and preserve all His faithful people from every evil.

The Gospel of St. John 19:6-35 is the story of the Crucifixion and it is read to remind the people that Christ suffered death upon the Cross for the salvation of all mankind, and that by His death He conquered Death and triumphed over all the world.

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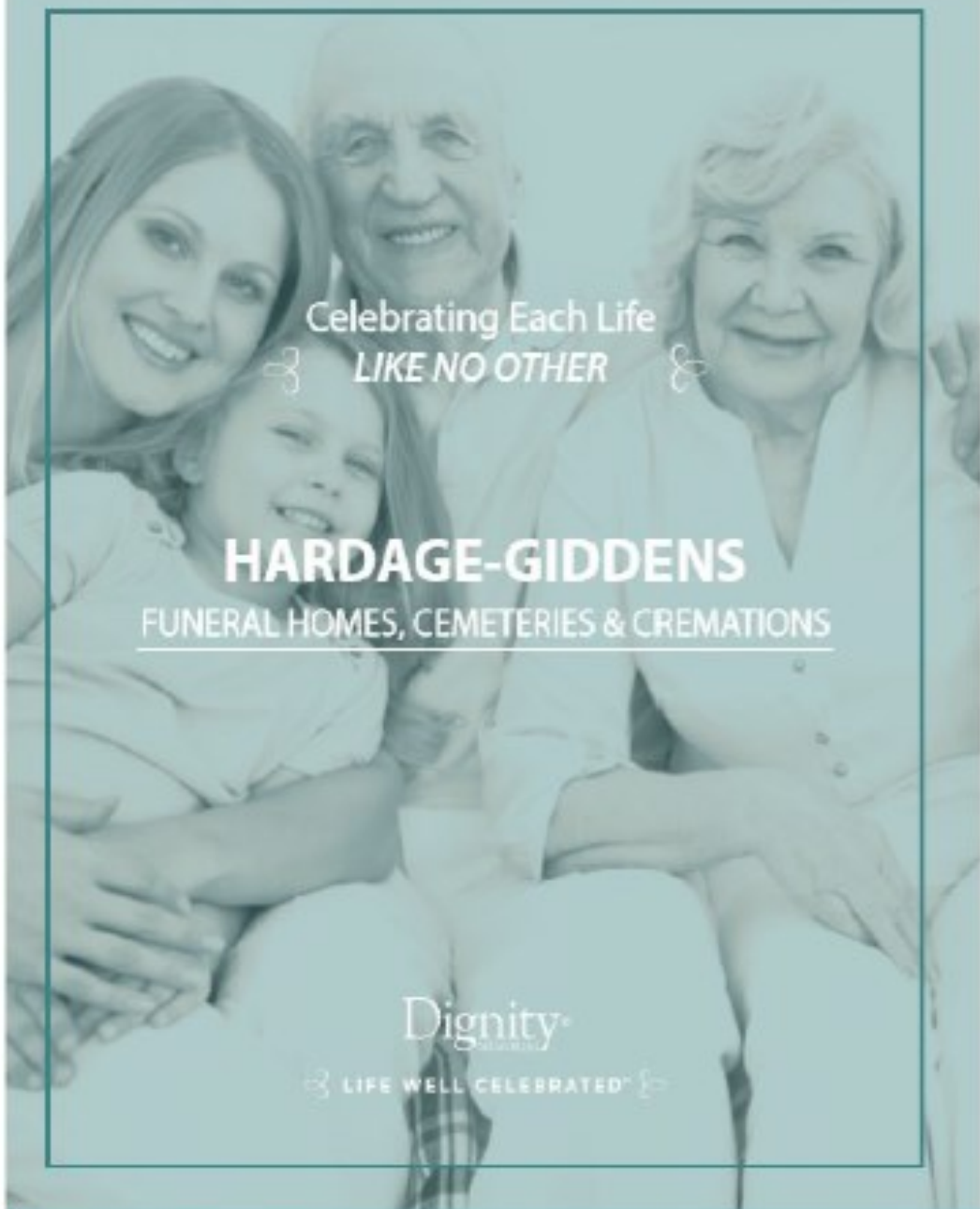


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