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WEEKLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

(MEAT FARE SUNDAY)



**The Weekly Bulletin is an official publication of Saint George
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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, February 15, 2026

Abe Kassis and Salem Fakhouri

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 English 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, 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.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

Besima Batteh and family

In memory of **Munir S. Batteh (38yrs.)** May his memory be eternal!



Nigma Hanna and family

In memory of **Nabeel Hanna (7 yrs)**. May his memory be eternal!

Hanan Salem and family

In memory of **Samir Salem and Musa Hanania**. May their memory be eternal !

Widad Zacharia and family.

In memory of **Yousef and Tarek Zacharia**. May their memory be eternal!

Arabic Divine Liturgy *Saturday of Souls*

An **Arabic** Divine Liturgy will be held on
Saturday, February 14, at 10:30am.



*Following the liturgy, the group will go for breakfast at
Scramblers located at 1500 University Blvd W.*

Language: Primarily Arabic, intended for those who appreciate or use
the Arabic liturgical Tradition...

Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the month of February

Sunday, February 15, 2025

Mikhail and Aida Fakhouri
Jerry and Rania Fakhouri
Kamal and Vinna Fakhouri
Jamil and Kathy Fakhouri



Sunday, February 22, 2026

Nadia Jack Farah Jr.
Dr. Jimmy and Hanya Farah
Kamalin and Helen Farah
Ida S. Farah

2026 Easter Bake Sale ~ Date Cookies



The Ladies Auxiliary is now taking orders for our
Easter Bake Sale

Date Cookies (Kaak B-Ajwah)

Price: \$30.00 per dozen (Prepaid Orders Only).

Bake Sale Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Volunteer Opportunity:

Volunteers are needed starting at 9:00 AM on the day of the sale.

How to Order?

To secure your cookies, you must place a pre-paid order through
one of the following contacts:

Naila Hanna
Khourieh Ranwa



Baptism

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

Congratulations to Tyler and Katrina on the baptism of your son, **Anthony Tyler Bateh**. His patron saint is **St. Anthony the Great**. Anthony was baptized at **St. George Church** on Saturday, February 7, 2026.

The Godparents are Reverend Deacon Raphael Bateh and Mrs. Leila Oudeh.

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



Newborn Twin Babies!

"Daniella and Ellie Ghawi"

D.O.B: Friday, February 6, 2026

"Congratulations, **Raed and Hiba Ghawi**, on the arrival of your beautiful twins, **Daniella and Ellie!** Wishing your family a lifetime of love, laughter, and precious memories as you welcome these little blessings into your lives. May they bring endless joy, sunshine, and wonder to your home. Sending warmest wishes for happiness and health during this magical new chapter.

May the Lord God shower the newborn twins and their loving parents with good health, prosperity, and long life."

**The proud grandmothers (Tata's) are
Salwa Ayyad and Aroub Nimri**



February Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

Ava Salem (1), Sam Kandah (2),
Johnny Jubran (2), Samar *Tarazi* Kishek (2)
Dr. Anne Rafidi (2), Ida Farah (3), Mary Salameh (3),
Lana Farhat (5), Angela Akel Elias (6),
Daniella and Ellie Ghawi (6), Nader Farhat (7),
Denise Hanania (7), Vinna Fakhouri (8),
Bradley Kalil (10), Faten Gazaleh (11),

Rami Kishek (11), Faris Kishek (11), Eddie Essa (11), Victor A. Kassees II (11),
Samantha Batteh (12), Olivia Farhat (13), Salem Farah (13), Laila Salameh (14),
Nijmeh Hanna (15), Nora Akel (15), Aileen Farhat (16), Abeer Samara (16)
Kamalin Farah (17), Ed Salem (17), Tarek Salem (18), Georgette Mackoul (19),
Lena Haddad (19), Jonathan Jubran (19), Robert Elias (21), Kamil J. Gazaleh (22),
Anthony Odeh (22), Lana Hanna (22), Caroline Bateh (23), Kh. Nawall Elias (24),
Cindy Gazaleh (24), Sam Shaqareq (24), Thomas Bateh (24),
Shadya *Kassis* Mufarreh (25), Katherine Farhat (27), Amanda *Salem* Mackoul (27),
Samantha Mousa (27), Suad Salameh (29).

Happy Anniversary to:

Tom & Vera Hishmeh (5), Scott & Lyanna Kalil (8),
Ronoldy and Amanda Delgado (8),
Kamil and Debbie Nassrah (16)
Nicholas & Valerie Pearl (17)
Dr. Jimmy & Hanya Farah (18),
Rocky & Rana Rukab (21),
Salem & Dalia Fakhouri (22)
Jamal & Nuha Jubran (23),
Isam & Jeanette Farhat (23),
Dr. Ramsey & Sally Salem (24).



“MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS”

SAVE THE DATE FOR

St. George Orthodox Church of Jacksonville
"2026 Fundraiser "

A Chance At A Prize

"Gift in an envelope"

Tickets sale will begin on
Sunday, March 15 to Sunday, April 19th.

Ticket Price: \$150
Quantity: 200 tickets

Availability:
Two (2) tickets per household

1st Prize: \$3,000

2nd Prize: 2,000

3rd Prize: \$1,000

Drawing will take place on Sunday, April 26, 2026

Thank you for your Support!



Lent Journey Timeline

- ♦ Sunday, February 15th- Meat Fare Sunday
- ♦ Sunday, February 22nd- Cheese Fare Sunday



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD - GREAT LENT BEGINS

- ♦ Sunday, March 1st: Sunday of Orthodoxy
- ♦ Sunday, April 5th: Orthodox Palm Sunday
- ♦ Sunday, April 12th: Orthodox Easter

The weekday services during Great Lent will be held on Mondays and Fridays at 6:30 pm. (Sometimes on Wednesdays).

1st Week of Great Lent Evening Services:

- ♦ Monday, February 23rd: Great Compline Service at 6:30 pm
- ♦ Wednesday, February 25th: Presanctified Liturgy at 6:30pm
- ♦ Friday, February 27th: 1st Akathist(Madayeh) Service at 6:30pm

Lenten covered dish dinner following Friday Madayeh services are a cherished tradition in our church. These meals typically adhere to Lenten fasting rules, focusing on simplicity and community.

*******Please join us for a covered-dish (potluck) supper, followed by a spiritual talk with Abuna Kamal. Come and nourish your body and soul. *******

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR

St. George's Arabian Night
"Feast of the Middle East"

Saturday, March 14, 2026

12 Noon – 10 pm

*Hosted by the
Ladies Auxiliary of St. George*

*Features a variety of Authentic Middle
Eastern food and desserts*



Event Highlights

Authentic Menu: *Homemade specialties include Falafel, Hummus, Musakhan Rolls, Shawarma, Arabic French fries, Zeit and Zaatar flat bread, Spinach and Meat Pies.*

Desserts: *A wide variety of traditional Arabic sweets like Baklawa, Namoura and Yansoun Kaak etc.....*

"Soft Drinks and Coffee"

Activities: *The event features Arabic Music, including the Oud, Traditional Arabic Dances, Church tours, and often a drive-through food service for convenience.*

Event Details

Location: *St. George Orthodox Church
6300 Bowden Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216*

Admission: **\$5.00** per person (Kids under 12 are free)

*Bring your own Hookah for a **\$10** service fee for safety/hygiene reasons.*

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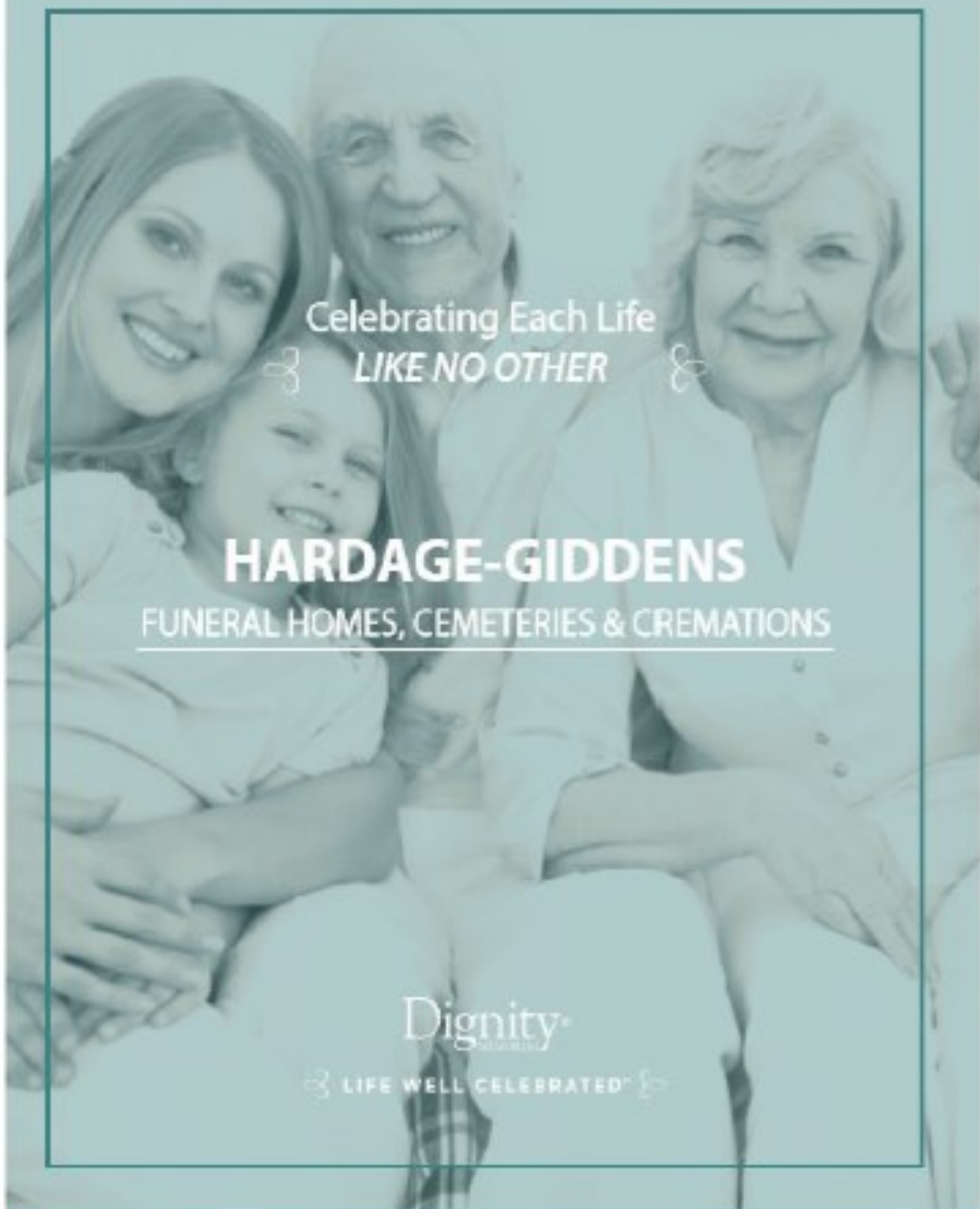


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