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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, October 4, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost



**The Weekly Bulletin is an official publication of Saint George
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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

Church email: stgeorgejax@comcast.net



Sunday, October 4, 2026

Teens serving as ushers

See schedule for details

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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026



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Widad Zacharia and family

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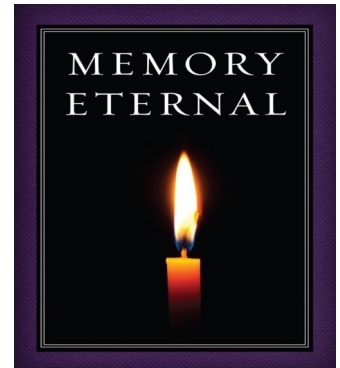
Upcoming Memorials

October 11th: 40 Day

+ Mahran Salman
(*Abu Tameem*)

October 18th: 1 year

+ Sam Newey



OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH!



Seminary Sunday – Special Collection

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Please join us in supporting our beloved seminarians through this special, **once-a-year offering**.

Your generous donations directly support those studying our beautiful Faith as they prepare to serve the Lord through the Ministry of the Priesthood.

To contribute, **please use your blue envelope marked "Seminary"** and turn it in alongside your regular weekly offering.

Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER IS TEEN SOYO MONTH !

October Meetings

Tuesday, October 6th: TEEN SOYO Meeting and Fellowship at 6:30pm

Thursday, October 8th: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting @6:00pm

Monday, October 19th: Parish Council Meeting @7:00pm

English Epistle Readers for the month of October



Sunday October 4th: Jessica Dham

Sunday October 11th: Edmond Saoud

Sunday October 18th: Victor Kassees

Sunday October 25th: Genevieve Farha

Head Ushers: Issa Odeh and Nick Jospheh

Ushers for the month of October

Sunday October 4th: Christian Salameh , Edmond Saoud and Rony Manochakian

Sunday October 11th: Juliana Fakhouri, Jessica Dham, Luna Samaan

Sunday October 18th: Michael, Stephanie and Nichole Mitias

Sunday October 25th: Maya Kader, Christa Sanam and Maria Fahdi



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Nabila Salem



Sunday, October 11, 2026

Dr. Waddah and Hala Salman
Zaher and Nancy Salloum
Samer and Rana Salloum
Azmi and Victoria Samaan

Sunday, October 18, 2025

Amer and Mania Samaan
Randa Saman
George and Lamia Saoud
Edmond and Hikmat Saoud



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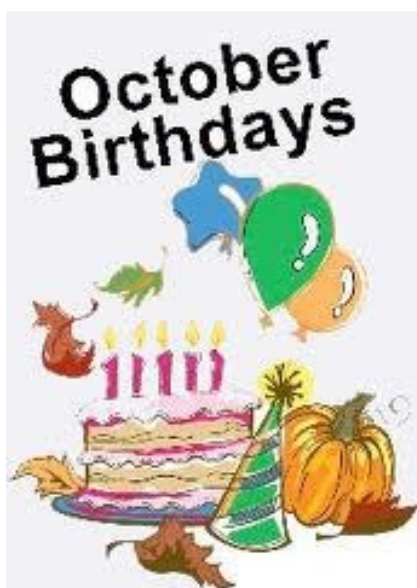


Holiday Magic: Professional **Christmas tree** and indoor home styling to make your festive season bright and stress-free.

Milestone Celebrations: Vibrant, joyful decorations for birthdays, anniversaries, and family events designed to delight guests of all ages.

Sally offers fair, accommodating pricing to fit every family's budget.

To bring her artistic touch to your next family event or church sacrament, please contact her directly at **(904) 993-7116**.



October Birthday and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to

Adel Jacob Eways (1), Ayden Sophia Eways (1),
 Andrea Salameh (1), Alberta Hanna (2), Samia Eadeh (2) ,
Fr. Kamal Al-Rahil (3),
 Farid N. Bateh (3), Widad Zacharia (3), John James Elias (3),
 Pam Newey (5), Frank K. Gazaleh (6), Ted R. Bateh (7),
 Edmond Raja Saoud (7), Rima Maron (7), Paul Salem (8),
 Dr. Jimmy Farah (9), Anthony Kishek (9), Elijah Salem (9),
 Freddie E. Bateh (10), Jason Rukab (10),

Noah Fakhouri (11), John Kalil (12), Raji A. Hakim (13), Ikhlal Salameh (13),
 Linda Salem (14), Abba 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), Summar Akel (20),
 Ansar Owais (20), Victor Jubran (21), Jeremy Campbell (21), Ella Farha (22),
 Timothy Conner (23), Lena Rukab (23), Amber Samaan (23), Amelia Yazigi (23)
 Tarek E. Kishek (24), Lynn Ammons (24), Brayden Farhat (24), Elisa 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),
 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),



OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH!

Ignite the Night:



To Our St. George Sunday School & Youth Family

Family Night & Bonfire is Back!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening! **Sunday School, Teen SOYO, and their families are inviting everyone—kids, teens, and adults alike**—for a high-energy night packed with warmth, incredible food, and non-stop fun!

The Details

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Church Hall & Back Parking Lot

Cost: \$20 per family (household)

To Register: Please see Khourieh Ranwa in the church hall.

Strict Deadline: RSVP and pre-payment are strictly required on or before Sunday, October 11, 2026.

What's Waiting for You

The Ultimate Bonfire Experience: Cozy up around the flames with hot cocoa and gooey, classic s'mores.

Delicious Food: A fantastic spread that will keep everyone happy and full.

Music & Entertainment: High-energy beats and activities guaranteed to get all ages smiling and moving.

Save Your Spot! We need an accurate headcount to make sure the food is hot and the cocoa is flowing. See Khourieh Ranwa today to sign up and pay!





Caring for Our Sanctuary & Honoring the Word of God

Our sanctuary is a sacred space where we gather as a family to encounter the living God.

To help keep our spiritual home beautiful, orderly, and welcoming for everyone, we kindly ask for your mindful assistance with a few simple steps before leaving the pews after Service:

Liturgical Books: Please return all books to the pew pockets so they are beautifully organized and ready for the next service.

Sunday Bulletins: Take your bulletin home to reflect on during the week or return unwanted copies to the tables in the foyer.

Personal Items: Take a quick glance around your seating area to ensure no personal belongings are accidentally left behind.

Thank you so much for your cooperative spirit in caring for our church home!



Lighting Candles in the Orthodox Church: A Guide for the Faithful

To deepen the solemnity of our Divine Liturgy, we warmly encourage everyone to light their **Seven-Day Devotional Candles** before the reading of the Holy Gospel begins. Lighting your candles prior to this holy moment minimizes distractions and allows our entire parish family to fully enter into the reverence, peace, and beauty of the Word of God.

Please note that whether you light a **small taper candle in the foyer (narthex)** or a **large devotional candle**, every offering accompanied by your sincere prayers is equally acceptable in the eyes of God. Lighting a votive candle at the entrance of the church holds no less spiritual value than lighting candles near Solea.

Regarding the Altar Candles:

We kindly remind parishioners that no one is permitted to light the candles on or around the Altar except the priest and designated altar servers, as we follow a special liturgical protocol.

Thank you for your understanding, deep devotion, and shared commitment to our vibrant parish life!

Our Community Records.....

Baptism

Congratulations to the Jaghab family!

We offer our warmest congratulations to **Ryan and Tala Jaghab** on the baptism of their daughter,
Adele Layla Jaghab
on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at St. George Church.



- **Patron Saint:** St. Adela of Pfalzel
- **Godparents:** Eddie (Taylor) Salem and Maryann Farhat

"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 she received will produce much fruit throughout her life. **Many Years!**"

Newly Married



"O Lord, our God, crown them with glory and honor."
"أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهُنَا بِالْمَجْدِ وَالْكَرَامَةِ كُلِّهِمَا"

Congratulations to ***George Labad and Maddison Conley***, who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

We share in the joy of their parents:

Fadi and Manar Labad
Jennifer Montgomery

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