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WEEKLY BULLETIN
PALM SUNDAY



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Matins ~ 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 AM

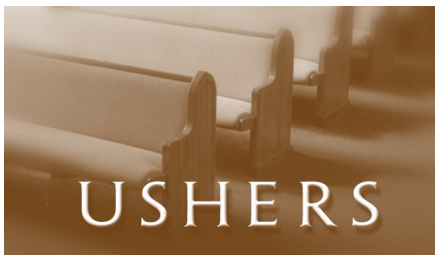
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday (9:00AM - 1:00 PM)

Saturday: By Appointment

Sunday: Closed

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Sunday, April 5, 2026

April Is Antiochian Men Month!
Issa Odeh, Nicholas Joseph and
Jad Hanania

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

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, Lucas and Zachry Bateh, Caleb and Christian Campbell, Dany Jarjour, Christian Bajalia, Andrew Rustom, Frank Mackoul the III and Noah Fakhouri.

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION- SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

For the health and well being of **Naeemeh Hanania**, offered by her children. Many years!

In memory of **Ahlam and Louie Al Hirsh**, offered by Abla Al Hirsh and family. Memory Eternal!



Palm Sunday

أحد الشعانين

Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem



Orthros: 9:00am

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

followed by procession of Palms and Candles

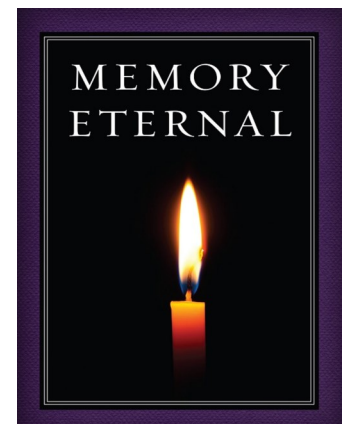
Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord!

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UPCOMING MEMORIALS

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

Please note: There is No Memorial Service (9Day, 40Day, 6month & 1year) to be held between **April 5th** (Palm Sunday) and **April 19th** (New Sunday, St. Thomas Sunday).



**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL ST GEORGE CHURCH
“EASTER EGG HUNT”**

We are excited to invite all children and families to a joyful evening of fun, laughter and celebration!

Date: Friday April 3rd.

Time: 5:30-7PM

Ages: 2-11 years old (Pre K-6 Grades)

What to bring: Please bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Exciting Easter Egg hunt
- ◆ Find the Golden Egg and win special prizes!
- ◆ Fun and fellowship with friends

We cannot wait to see you there!

Please be on time at 5:30 pm SHARP

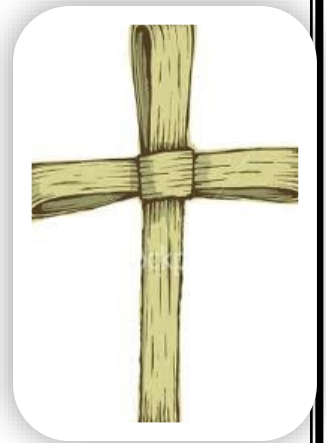


EVENING SERVICE DURING GREAT LENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026: NO EVENING SERVICE

Friday, April 3rd at 7PM: Making Palm Crosses
in the church hall with **Lenten Potluck.**

Making Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday procession
*Calling all our Church Organizations; Parish Council,
Ladies Auxiliary , Amen, Young Adult (YAF) members
and Teen SOYO to participate.*



Remember : *Please bring a Lenten Covered Dish to
share with others.*

There will be **NO Sunday School classes** on Sunday April 5th
(Palm Sunday) and Sunday April 12 (Easter). Classes resume
back on Sunday April 19th and **Last day of Sunday School is Sun-
day May 17, 2026**

Food for the Hungry program 2026

"If you did not have the opportunity to pick up a Lenten box, you can still support our "Food for the Hungry" campaign. Please make check payable to St. George Church with "Food for the Hungry" in the memo line and mail it to the church office by April 12th. Donations can also be given directly to Khourieh Ranwa on Sunday in the church Hall.

2026 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH @ 10:00AM: 100% Arabic Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH "Palm Sunday" أحد الشعانين
Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00AM-Followed by procession of Palms and candles

MONDAY APRIL 6TH @ 6PM: Great and Holy Monday- 2nd Bridegroom Service. صلاة الختن الثانية

TUESDAY APRIL 7TH @ 6PM:
Great and Holy Tuesday - 3rd Bridegroom Service . صلاة الختن الثالثة

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH @ 6PM: Holy Unction Service صلاة الزيت المقدس

THURSDAY APRIL 9TH @ 9AM: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
القداس الإلهي : صباحاً

HOLY PASSION SERVICE (12 GOSPELS) @ 6:00PM - خدمة أناجيل الآلام

FRIDAY APRIL 10TH

♦Lamentations Service begins @ **6:30pm:** جناز السيد المسيح

**SATURDAY APRIL 11TH: GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
EASTER**

♦**Morning** Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at **10:00am**
صلاة الغروب و قداس القديس باسيليوس الكبير

♦**Night Service-**Paschal Divine Liturgy begins at **10:00pm**
هجمة، صلاة السحر، قداس الفصح الإلهي
followed by Easter Breakfast in the church hall.

Give instead of Giving up



this Lent Season

INVESTING IN THE HEART OF ST. GEORGE!

Dear St. George Family,

As we walk together through this sacred Lenten season, we are called to a time of quiet reflection, soul-renewal, and purposeful giving.

Our beloved St. George is more than just a building; it is a beacon of hope and a sanctuary for our souls.

To ensure that our ministries continue to flourish and our doors remain wide open for generations to come, the Parish Council has prayerfully reimagined our annual fundraiser.

We appreciate all your past support! Your generosity maintaining the legacy of your beloved family members and friends by supporting St. George's fundraiser keeps our Church family vibrant for our next generation. When we support the Church, we are not just paying a fee; we are planting a seed in God's garden. Scripture assures us that what is given in love returns to us in **100-fold** abundance.

- ◆ **Purpose:** 100% of net proceeds go directly to the ministries and mission of St. George - **\$24,000**
- ◆ Only **200 tickets** will be sold - **\$150.00** per ticket
- ◆ **Deadline:** Please secure your ticket before **April 25, 2026**.

Grand Prize: \$3,000

2nd Prize: \$2,000

1st Prize: \$1,000



Method of Payment: Cash, Check, Venmo, or Zelle

Venmo: Via Diana Farhat @Diana-Farhat-1

Zelle: Via Ranwa Zakhem- Alrahil at 904-704-4339

The Drawing: Please join us for the drawing on **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, after Sunday social hour. ***(You do not have to be present to win).*** Refreshments will be provided!

Yours in Christ,

Diana Farhat, Chairperson Parish Council

Thank You to the following families for their donations for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter...

PALM SUNDAY

PALMS FOR CROSSES - Donated by Aileen Farhat and family-In memory of Bader Farhat. Memory Eternal!

LONG PALM ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALTAR- Donated by Victor Kassees and his children- In memory of Sylvia Kassees. Memory Eternal!

PALM SUNDAY BANNER AND DECORS FOR PEWS(PALMS): Donated by Judie Cadora and children -In memory of Karim Cadora. Memory Eternal!

HOLY THURSDAY

RED ROSES CROWN- Donated by Widad Zacharia and family-In memory of Tarek and Yousef Zacharia. Memory Eternal!

HOLY CROSS SUNDAY: Floral Cross –Donated by Widad Zacharia for the health and well being of her family.

GOOD FRIDAY

BIER OF CHRIST FLOWERS AND GREENERY - Bier of Christ's Decorations Donated by Anonymous family.

PROCESSIONAL GOOD FRIDAY CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY (EPITAPHIOS) CARRIER DECORATIONS- Donated by Sam and Frieda Kalil for the health and well being of their family. Many years!

#350 LOOSE LAVENDER CARNATIONS FOR GOOD FRIDAY BLESSINGS— Donated by Najah El Abu, for the health and well being of her children and their families. Many years!

EASTER

#18 Large Easter Lily Plants for Sanctuary and Solea

Donated by *Vicki Akel, Nadia Jack Farah Jr., Suad Akel, Kathy Kassees, Johnny and Joy Rukab, Atalla and Helen Tannous, Hiyam Odeh, Abla Al Hirsh and Hanan Salem.*

#6 EASTER LILY PLANTS FOR BIG CROSS: Donated by Amanda Rafidi Delgado In memory of Sue Rafidi. Memory eternal!

CASE OF FRESH EGGS (#350)- Donated by Hind Hanania and Family-In memory of beloved husband Musa Hanania. Memory eternal! **Continued>>>>>>>>**

PASCHAL CANDLE FOR SOLEA

#2 Paschal Candles– Donated by **Gloria Hanania** for her health and well being. Many Years!

ALTAR INCENSES (1 BOX) ROSE SCENTED AND PENTECOSTAL

ALTAR CANDLES -Donated by **George and Odette Shaqareq** for the health and well being of their families

(Altar incenses, particularly rose-scented varieties, and Pentecostal altar candles are used in liturgical settings to enhance worship, symbolizing prayer, joy, and the descent of the Holy Spirit)

LARGE PASCHAL CANDLE CARRIED BY FR. KAMAL DURING

EASTER SEASON FOR BLESSING– Donated by **Salwa, Waleed and Jamie Eadeh and family** –For the health and well being of their families. Many years!

ALTAR EASTER CROSS: Donated by **Victor Kassees and his children** in memory of **Sylvia Kassees**. Memory eternal

ST GEORGE'S ICON DECORATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE:

Donated by **Odette Shaqareq and her children** for the health of **George Shaqareq** on his name day!

Quantity of 4 Bottles: Each bottle = **2-liter (2L)** of **Extra Virgin Olive Oil** for Altar
Donated by **Hanan Salem** for the health of well being of her children and grand Children. Many Years!

Easter Decorations for 2 Crosses: Donated by **Randa Samaan**–In memory of **Khalil, Suad, Nidal, Riyad and Issam Samaan**

One case of special Altar Charcoals **-\$350–** Donated by an **Anonymous family**





Items Still Needed for Palm Sunday and Easter

\$100 for miscellaneous Altar's items for Holy Week and Easter

\$150 for Myrrh Bearing women Veil, basket and Dried Flowers Petal (Good Friday)

Plam Sunday & Good Friday Servers

Altar Boys: Michael Al Ashhab, Nicholas Odeh, Edmond Saoud, Anthony Odeh , Andrew Saoud,

Matthew Messink, Thomas and Lucas Bateh, Caleb Campbell, Christian Bajalia, Andrew Rustom, Archange Kotaish, Dany Jarjour, and Frank Mackoul the III.

The 2026 Myrrh-Bearing Women chosen by Fr. Kamal to serve for the Good Friday Lamentation Service are:

Olivia and Juliette Bateh
Juliana, Elisabeth and Sophia Fakhouri
Genevieve and Juliana Farha
Maria Fahdi
Nour Kassees
Stephanie Mitias
Maria Samaan
Lily Salameh
Olivia Mackoul
Ava Saoud

The Bier of Christ's Pallbearers for Holy Friday are:

Issa Odeh, Jad Hanania , George Kishek, Sami Samaan, Ramey El-Abu, Kamal Fakhouri, Jiries Fakhouri, Jameel, Jacob and Anthony Akel, Dominic and Nick Joseph, Chad Atallah, Samer Salloum, Zaher Salloum, Dr. Ibrahim Fahdi, Dr. Rami Manochakian, Bassam Aouil, Hussam Al-Alam, Bassem Rustom, Abe Mitias, and Michel Mreish.

*****The first two pews on the right and left sides will be reserved for the Myrrh-Bearing Women and Christ's Tomb pallbearers.*****

P.S. Anyone who has not been assigned but would like to participate in carrying the Bier of Christ, please come and take a turn on Holy Friday.

We understand that unexpected circumstances could arise, therefore, if you are not able to do your assignment, please call Fr. Kamal and let him know ahead of time, so he can assign somebody else who can.

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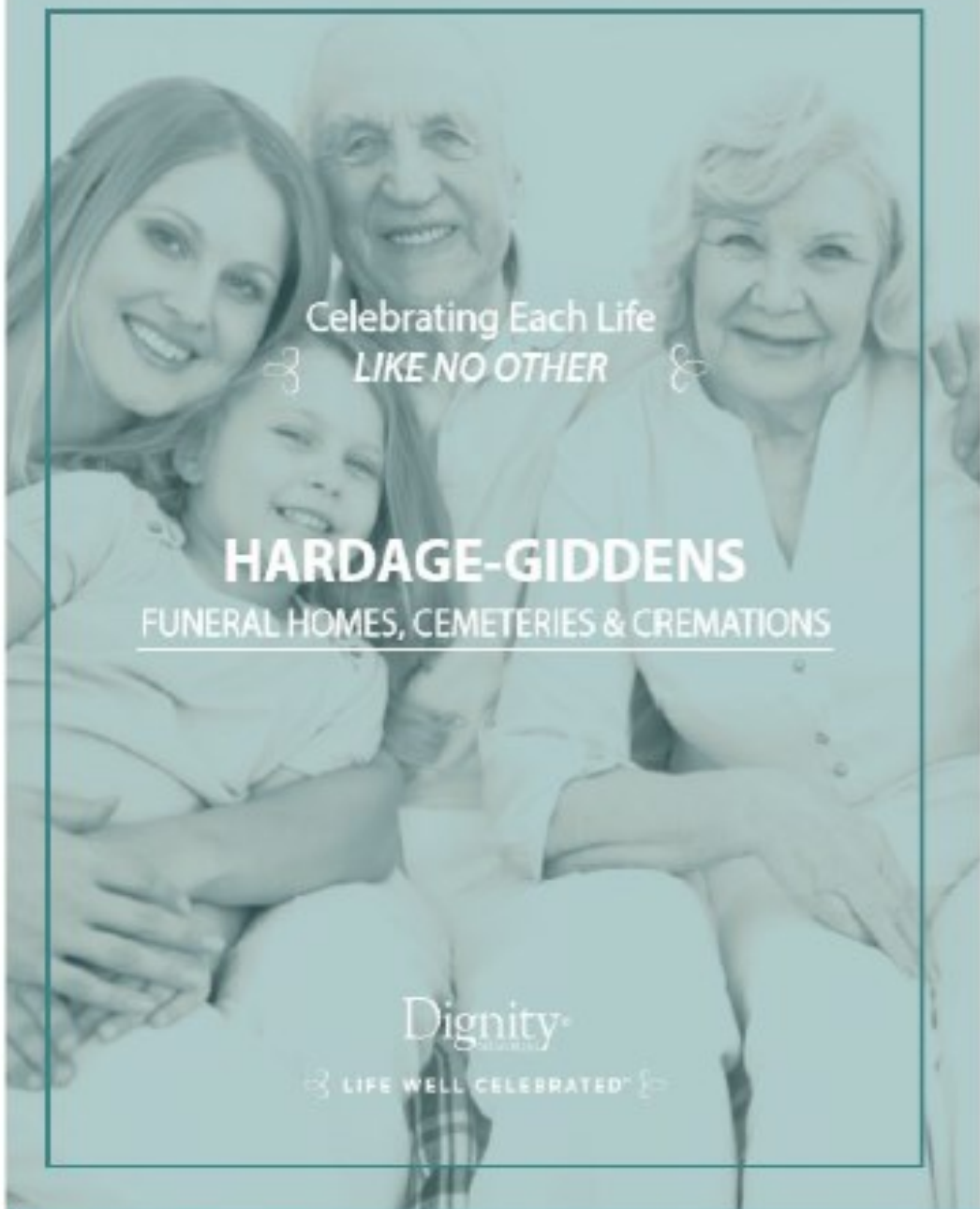


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