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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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, August 9, 2026
Issa Odeh 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.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



Naeemeh Hanania and family

In memory of **Jamal Yacoub Hanania** (2 yrs). Memory Eternal!

Memorial Service Guidelines & Etiquette (40-Day, 6-Month, and 1-Year Commemorations)



40-Day Memorial: Held forty days after the passing, mirroring Christ's Ascension.

6-Month / 1-Year: Marks the continued milestones of prayer and remembrance for the soul's eternal rest.

To honor the memory of your beloved departed one, our church provides a dedicated memorial table during the service. Please review the following preparation steps and etiquette guidelines to ensure a peaceful and meaningful commemoration.

What to Bring to the Church

- **Framed Photograph:** One **8x10** portrait of your departed loved one to place on the memorial table.
- **Holy Bread Offering:** The traditional prosphora or bread offering required for the liturgical service.
- **The Koliva:** The traditional memorial wheat offering, beautifully prepared for the blessing.

OR

- **Bread of Mercy:** The traditional bread or baked goods to be distributed to the congregation afterward.

Service Etiquette & Arrival

- ♦ **Arrival Time:** Please arrive at least 5 –10 minutes before the service begins at 10AM
- ♦ **Modest Attire:** Dress in respectful, conservative, and dark-colored clothing out of reverence for the tradition.
- ♦ **Fellowship Distribution:** Coordinate with church ushers to distribute the Bread of Mercy immediately following the conclusion of the prayers.

Social Coffee Hour Sponsors

Sunday August 9, 2026

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Sunday, August 16, 2026

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Hiyam Odeh



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR: A MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

“Use hospitality one to another without grudging.” — 1 Peter 4:9

Sunday Coffee Hour is a cherished fellowship tradition following Divine Liturgy. To ensure its continued success, **each parish family is asked to host just twice a year** by providing community sweets.

Thank you so much to our upcoming volunteers! Your generosity keeps our community beautifully connected.

Absence Guidelines

If you are unable to attend church on your assigned hosting Sunday, please ensure your treats still arrive using one of the following options:

Advance Drop-off: Deliver your treats to the church kitchen ahead of time.

Send with Others: Entrust your treats to a friend or relative who will be attending the service.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, August 5th at 6:30p.m., Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Thursday August 13 at 6:30p.m: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Monday August 17, 2026 at 7:00p.m: Parish Council Meeting

Special Paraklesis Services

As we honor the falling asleep of the Mother of God during the month of August, we invite you to join us for special services of salutation and supplication during the Dormition Fast.

Paraklesis Services Schedule

Friday, August 7th at 7:00 PM

Bilingual (English & Arabic)

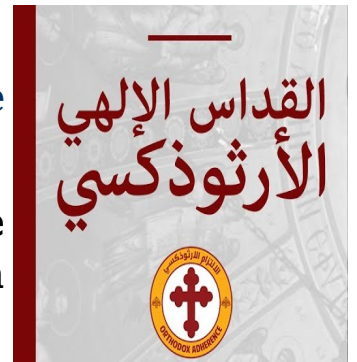
Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30 PM

Bilingual (English & Arabic)

Saturday, August 15th at 10:30AM

Join us for the morning **Arabic Divine Liturgy** for the feast of the Dormition.

A Middle Eastern **potluck breakfast** will follow in the church hall. Please bring a breakfast item to share with everyone!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

OF THE BACKPACKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH



CHURCH
AND SCHOOL
FAMILIES
JOIN US!



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Sunday, August 9th, we will hold our annual Blessing of the Backpacks.



THIS SPECIAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

is dedicated to all of our students, teachers, and parents.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DATE, plan to attend, and bring your school bags to receive a blessing for a safe and successful school year ahead.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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Happy Anniversary to:

Edmond & Hikmat Saoud (1), Dr. Ron & Nancy Salem (1), Issam & Laila Salameh (6), Joe and sandy Bajalia (6) Maher and Sally Jarjour (9) Charlie E. Jr. & Ruba Farah (10), Samir & Badia Farhat (14), Peter & Angela Farhat (15), Victor & Alicia Jubran (16), Ted & Jackie Bateh (17), Sam & Frieda Kalil (20), Mohannad & Manal Iwais (20), Dr. Frank & Deborah Gazaleh (28), Eddie & Roula Essa (30)



Silver Jubilee Gala Weekend Schedule

*Honoring the 25th Anniversary of Father Kamal's
Priesthood & Pastorate*

St. George Orthodox Church | September 5 – 6, 2026



Saturday, September 5, 2026

4:30 PM | Great Vespers

Location: **St. George Church**

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM | Grand Gala Reception & Dinner

Location: **The Ramallah Club**

Details: A festive cocktail reception followed by a formal sit-down dinner and dynamic live entertainment.

Sunday, September 6, 2026

The Jubilee Liturgy & Fellowship

10:00 AM | **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** (His Grace Bishop **Nicholas** presiding over the Liturgy)

Location: St. George Orthodox Church

Details: A divine service of thanksgiving celebrating Father Kamal's 25 years of dedicated priestly ministry and spiritual leadership (**September 1, 2001 – September 1, 2026**).

Following Liturgy | Grand Coffee Social & Reception

Location: **The Church Fellowship Hall**

Details: Hosted by the **Ladies Auxiliary** of St. George as a collective token of love, gratitude, and deep appreciation for their beloved pastor, Abuna Kamal!



Attention Church Community!

Sunday School Program

Seeking Teachers for 2026-2027 School Year

We are excited to announce that our vibrant and thriving Sunday School program is actively seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team as teachers for the upcoming 2026-2027 School Year. If you have a heart for nurturing the faith of our youth and a desire to make a positive impact on their spiritual journey, we invite you to consider this fulfilling opportunity.

As a Sunday School teacher, you will have the privilege of guiding and inspiring our young learners, fostering their spiritual growth, and helping them navigate the challenges and questions they may encounter along the way.

Qualifications and Responsibilities:

- 1) A firm commitment to living out your own Orthodox faith and a desire to instill these values in our youth.
- 2) Previous experience in teaching, mentoring, or working with school-aged students is not required but highly valued.
- 3) Excellent communication skills and the ability to connect with students at their level of understanding.
- 4) Consistent availability on Sunday mornings and occasional participation in special events or programs.

If you feel called to serve as a teacher in our Sunday School program, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out to Father Kamal or Deacon Raphael to express your interest or ask any questions you may have.

By joining our Sunday School team, you will not only play a **vital role** in shaping the lives of our young learners, but you will also have the opportunity to grow spiritually and build meaningful relationships within our church community. Together, let us make a lasting impact on the lives of our students as we guide them in their faith journey.

We look forward to welcoming passionate and dedicated teachers into our Sunday School program for the 2026-2027 school year. **Thank you for considering this important ministry opportunity!**

Blessings, The St. George Sunday School Ministry!



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