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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026**

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (HOLY CROSS)**



**The Weekly Bulletin is an official publication of Saint George  
Antiochian Orthodox Church in Jacksonville, Florida.**

*A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
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**

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**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**March Is Ladies Month!**

**Vicky Akel and Rana El Issa**

## **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 and Lucas Bateh, Caleb and Christian Campbell, Dany Jarjour, Jimmy Thomas, Christian Bajalia, Anthony Sanjar, Andrew Rustom, Frank Mackoul the III and Noah Fakhouri.

# *A Taste of the Middle East Food Day*

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*St. George Orthodox Church of Jacksonville*

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**12:00 Noon – 10:00 PM**

Come spend a wonderful day with us enjoying authentic Middle Eastern food, warm fellowship, and a festive atmosphere!

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***\$5 Admission (Cash Only)***

***★ Kids Under 12: FREE***

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***Hookah Area: Bring Your Hookah & Supplies***

***\$10 Usage Fee Per Hookah***

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***Food Purchases: CASH ONLY***

*Please bring small bills & exact change*

***Don't Miss Out!***

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***See you this Saturday!***

## HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION- SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



### 40 Day memorial service for Joe Jubran

Offered by his loving sons Nader (Rasha) and Raja Jubran and their families. Memory Eternal!

### HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION OFFERED BY:

#### Mahran Salman and family

In memory of Laurice Elias Salman (3yrs.) Memory Eternal!

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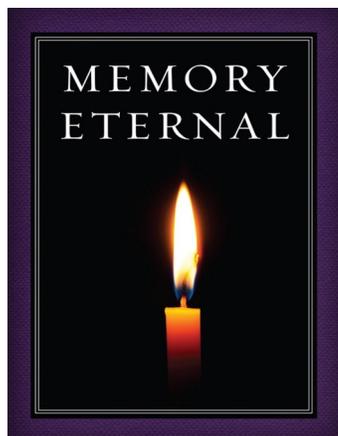
For the health and well being of Suzie Hanania (*in honor of her birthday*). Many years!

#### Najah El Abu and family

In memory of Yousef El-Abu. Memory Eternal!



## UPCOMING MEMORIALS



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

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**6 mos. memorial service for Rima Mousa**

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**1year memorial Service for Issa Kassis**

## **Church Etiquette: Honoring the Divine Liturgy**

### **10 Things We Should Avoid During Divine Liturgy**

*To preserve the holiness and reverence of Divine Liturgy, we kindly ask everyone to observe these practices:*

- ◆ *Do not talk during the service.* Maintain silence and prayerful attention.
- ◆ *Turn off mobile phones.* Do not text or make phone calls inside the church.
- ◆ *Do not save seats.* Please allow everyone to find their place respectfully.
- ◆ *Do not chew gum* in church.
- ◆ *Help children remain* calm and respectful.
- ◆ *Dress modestly and respectfully* for worship.
- ◆ *Do not receive Holy Communion* if you arrive after the Gospel reading.
- ◆ *Avoid walking* in front of the priest during the service.
- ◆ *Avoid conversations* or **social visiting** inside the sanctuary.
- ◆ *Avoid social hugging and kissing* during Divine Liturgy.



### **Maintaining a Spirit of Worship**

The Divine Liturgy is a sacred time for prayer, reflection, and communion with God. Silence, reverence, and attentiveness allow everyone to participate deeply in worship.

**Socializing**—such as talking, texting, greeting friends, hugging, or kissing—can distract others from prayer and should be reserved for coffee hour and fellowship after the service.

### **Respectful Devotional Practices**

**Venerating Icons and the Cross:** When kissing icons, the cross, or the priest's hand, please ensure lipstick is blotted to protect sacred items.

**No Distractions:** Avoid using phones or engaging in side conversations.

**Remain Until the Final Blessing:** After receiving Holy Communion, remain in church until the final dismissal and blessing.

Let us keep the church a place of prayer, peace, and reverence for all who come to worship.

*Yours in Christ,*

*The Very Reverend Dr. Fr. Kamal Alrahil, Pastor*

## March Is Ladies Month!

### Epistle Readers:

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**Arabic:** Sandy Bajalia

**English:** Helen Tannous

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**Arabic:** Widad Zacharia

**English:** Sally Dham

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**English:** Helen Tannous

**Arabic:** Rana El Issa

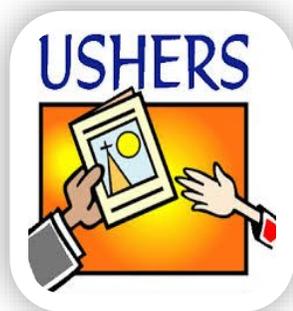


### Ladies' Ushers (*Usherette*)

**Sunday, March 15, 2026:** Vicky Akel and Rana (Habayeb) El Issa

**Sunday, March 22, 2026:** Nagham Fayad and Wedad Mardini

**Sunday, March 29, 2026:** Sandy Bajalia and Juliana Soufan



## ANNOUNCEMENT

Friday, April 3, 26 **NO EVENING SERVICE**

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM:** Making Palm Crosses in the church hall with Lenten covered dish

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

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

### Food for the Hungry program 2026

**"Food for the Hungry."** It is now time to **return** your box to the **church office**. If you didn't have a chance to pick up a box during the lent season *you may still make a monetary donation by writing a check payable to St. George Church/Memo: "Food for the Hungry" and mail it to the church before April 5<sup>th</sup>*, or you may give it to **Khourieh Ranwa** on Sunday at the Church.

## Social Coffee Hour Sponsors for the month of March

### March Is Antiochian Women Month!

#### Sunday, March 15, 2026

Clemance Hanania  
Muna Farhud  
Suhad Khoury

Suha Bateh  
Rana El Issa  
Jeanette Jubran



#### Sunday, March 22, 2026

Joy Rukab  
Rula Al Naber  
Nadia Jack Farah

Ghada Rukab  
Renee David Bateh  
Widad Zacharia

#### Sunday, March 29, 2026

Sandy Bajalia  
Juliana Soufan  
Wedad Mardini

Naghham Fayad  
Besima Batteh  
Suhad Khoury

## EVENING SERVICE DURING GREAT LENT



- ♦ **Wednesday** March 18, 2026: Presanctified Liturgy at **6:30pm**
- ♦ **Friday** March 20, 2026: 4th Akathesis Service at **6:30pm** followed by family night.
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 24, 2026:** Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of Annunciation at **5:30pm**
- ♦ **Friday, March 27, 2026:** Last Akathesis Service at **6:30pm.**

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**2026 Annual Fundraiser**

**A Chance At A Prize**  
*"Gift in an envelope"*

**Win Big  
Cash Prizes!**

**Tickets Sale:  
Sunday, March 15 to  
Sunday, April 19th.**

**Ticket Price: \$150  
Quantity: 200 tickets**

**1st Prize: \$1,000**

**2nd Prize: \$2,000**

**3rd Prize: \$3,000**

**Drawing will take place after social  
coffee hour on Sunday, April 26, 2026**

*Thank you for your Support!*



## Items needed for Holy Week and Easter

*The Lenten Season is upon us and soon,  
Holy week and Pascha will be here as well.*

With so many special services and traditions being observed during this time, the church is in need of certain items and we ask for your help and support.

### Donation in honor / Donation in memory

You may make your donations in honor of your loved one, or in memory of your departed loved one. We thank you and pray that you experience a most joyful and fruitful Lenten season and celebration of our Lord's Holy Resurrection.

So, in order to make any kind of special offering during this blessed season, please **Contact Khourieh Ranwa** or see her on Sunday in the church hall and specify the purpose of your donation.

## LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED AND PRICE

- ♦ Holy Cross Sunday ( **March 15** ) -Cross Flower: \$100
- ♦ Palm Sunday: Fresh long Palm Crosses: \$169.93

**"NO flower arrangements for Easter this year; we are buying fresh lilies instead."**

### Price TBD later after checking with a supplier

- ♦ 12 stems of Large Palm for Altar boys
- ♦ 20 Large Fresh Lily's Plants
- ♦ Altar items: Charcoal, Candles, Incenses, wine
- ♦ White Drapes and Decoration for large and small cross
- ♦ 2 Paschal Candles
- ♦ Wooden carrier for the bier of Christ (*Total of 4 Flower and candle centerpieces*)
- ♦ **350** large loose Carnations for Good Friday- Donated by Najah El Abu and family
- ♦ Bier of Christ Decoration: **\$700**–Donated by an Anonymous family
- ♦ Fresh Eggs (**#350**) for Easter Service -Donated by Hind Hanania and family





St. George Church is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt exclusively for Sunday School Children from **Prek-5<sup>th</sup> grade**, with their parents and siblings, on **Saturday ,April 4, 2026, from 11am -1 pm**

### **Food, Game and Egg Hunt**

**Note:** “Children do not forget to bring your own basket for the egg hunt”

### **Here is a breakdown of what you need to know:**

- Event:** Easter Egg Hunt
- Location:** St George’s Playground
- Date:** Saturday April 4, 2026
- Time :**11am-1pm
- Target Audience:** Sunday Schoolchildren from **Pre-K to 5th** grade, along with their parents and siblings.

St. George Orthodox  Church of Jacksonville

# *Palm Sunday Special*

*You Asked... and We Did It!*

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 For Purchase, Please See Mrs. Sally Dham

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# SAVE THE DATE!

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Virtual Lenten Retreat



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The Theotokos as Teacher, Model, and Mother*

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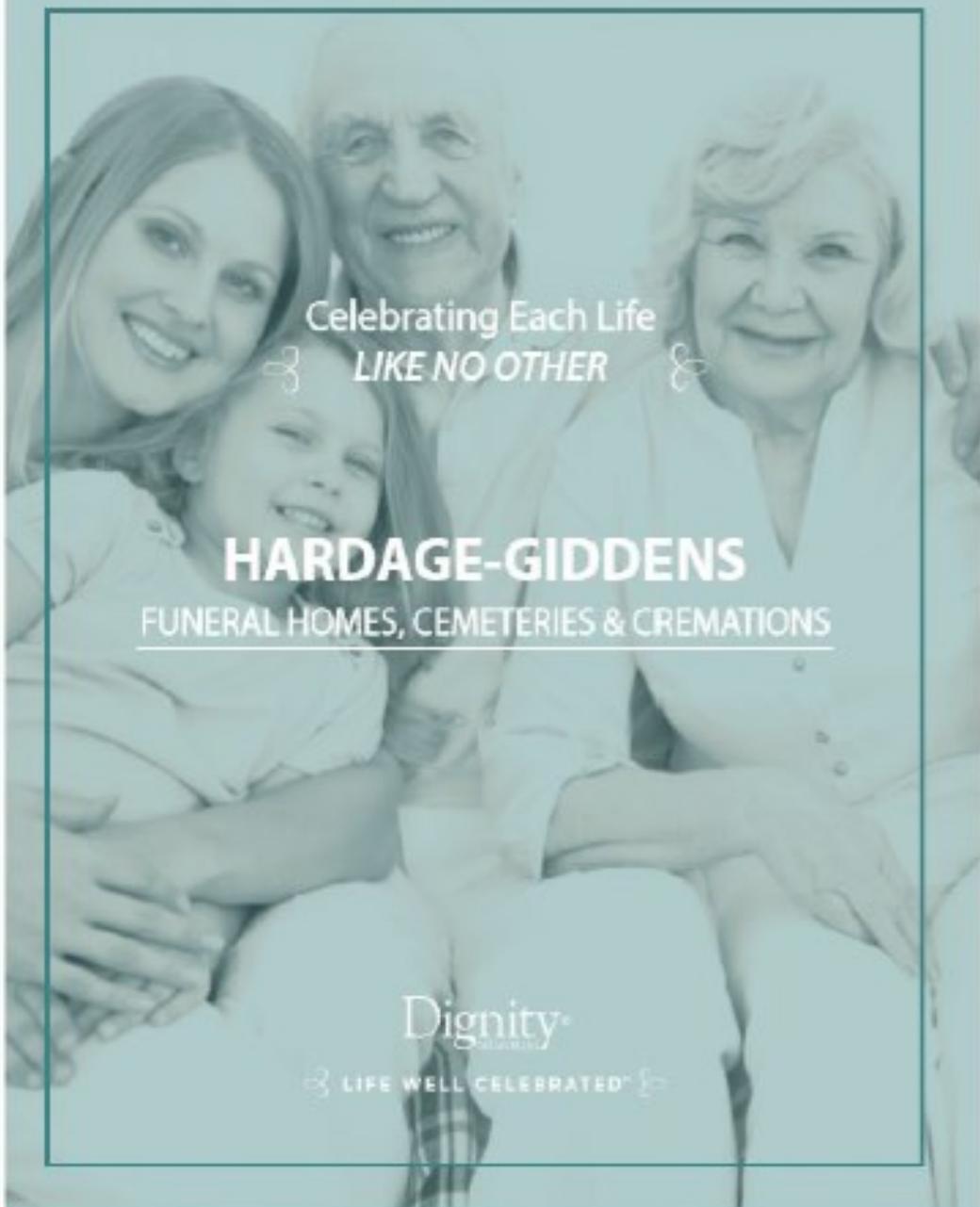


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