

## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL - JUNE 29TH

**PETER THE APOSTLE.** His brother, the apostle Andrew the First-Called, brought Peter to Jesus. His name was Simon, but Jesus called him Peter, which means "rock", from the Greek word *petra*. He said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church." Peter was at Jesus' side throughout His ministry. He saw Jesus walk on water and multiply the loaves, and he witnessed the Resurrection. Though he denied Jesus three times, he became a fearless and powerful preacher. His first teaching after Pentecost converted three thousand people. He preached in Palestine, Asia Minor, Italy, Samaria, Caesarea, Joppa, and Lydia. He became the first Bishop of Antioch. He could heal the sick and raise the dead. Even his shadow could heal. Peter, Paul, and Barnabas pulled Jerusalem out of a famine. A nemesis of his was Simon the Magician, a servant of the devil and friend to Emperor Nero. He defeated Simon, but Nero had Peter crucified. He went joyfully to his death and asked that he be crucified upside down since he was unworthy to die as his Master. Nero ended his life by suicide.

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# The Faith

**The Newsletter of St. George**

**June 27, 2021**

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*V. Rev. Fr. Kamal Al-Rahil; Pastor*

*1st Sunday after Pentecost*  
(All Saints)

*Tone 8 Eoth.1*

**Epistle:** Heb. 11:33-12:2

**Gospel:** Matt. 10:32-33-37-38;  
19:27-30

*Sunday Services*

*Matins ~ 9:00 AM*

*Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 AM*

*Office Hrs.:*

*Monday - Friday*

*9:00 AM - 1:00 PM*

*Confession by appointment*

**Church Banquet Hall**

**Capacity: 160 people seated**

**NO Hall Rental until further notice... Covid 19**

**Church Hall remains CLOSED until further notice....**

## Servers for Saturday June 27, 2021

### Epistle Readers:

English: Tarek Kishek

### Chanters:

Sbdn. Nadeem Tannous

Tarek Kishek

Elias Farah

### Ushers:

Dr. Rami Manochakian and Dr. Ibrahim Fahdi

### Altar Servers:

Ameen Hakim, Jamil and Jean Fayad, Nicholas and Anthony Odeh



**SAVE THE DATE ! !**

**Sunday August 8th**  
**"Blessing of Backpacks"**

**Saturday September 11th**  
**Sunday School Kick Off Picnic**

**"Outdoor"**

**Sunday September 12th**  
**First Day of Sunday School in person**



## **July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### Happy Birthday to:

Waleed Eadeh (1), Nagib Maron (1), Janet Farah (3),  
Frank Mackoul (3), Sally Salem (3), Abraham Farhat (3),  
Yasmine Natalie Saman (3), Eva Marie Saoud (3),  
Melissa Kalil Farhat (5), Sharon Beatty (5),  
Salwa Eadeh (6), Haley Gabriella Samaan (6),  
Dr. Kristy Griffin (8), Jacqueline Jaghab Rafidi (9),  
Lina Jalouk Farah (9), Odette Shaqareq (9),  
Haitham Atallah (10), Wafa Hanania (10),  
Daniella Attalla (11), Majed Farmand (11),  
Alex Hanania (12), Leila A. Bateh (15), Dr. Jarrod Mousa (15), Jad Tamari (15),  
Lily Isabelle Bitar (15), Joseph Samir Farhat (16), Adam Phillip Dabit (17),  
George Kishek (18), Lora Bateh (18), Jimmy Farhat (19),  
Genevieve Farha (19), Marcelle Akel (20), Mageda Daoud Yazigi (21),  
Victor Abraham Kassees III (21), Jamie Farhat (21), Shirley Kishek (22),  
Hiyam Odeh (23), Sam Kalil, (23), Mikayla Faith Samaan (23),  
Jeannie Farmand (23), Timothy Tarek Farhat (24), Badia Bitar (25),  
John Michael Rukab (26), Matthew George Messink (26),  
Dunia Odeh Taylor (26), Marwan Eways (27), Nancy Elias Harrison (28),  
Elias Salameh (28), Nadia Zacharia Dammous (29), Elizabeth R. Bateh (30).



### Happy Anniversary to:

Robert & Melinda Elias (2), Jonathan & Raoaa Essa (3),  
Buddy & Cindy Gazaleh (4),  
Dr. Konstantine & Anita Sayaf (5),  
Yacoub & Jamilih Zacharia (5),  
Kenneth & Bryttnee Joseph (6),

Bassem & Miriam Rustom (6), Nagib & Rima Maron (7),  
Farid & Nabila Hawwa (11), Fred & Sumia Gazaleh (12),  
Charlie & Shannon Saman (13), Essa & Abla Farhat (14),  
Victor & Lena Calatrava (15), George & Abeer Bateh (20),  
Albert & Betty Kishek (20), Tarik & Lola Saleh (21),  
Dr. Justin & Lora Bateh (24), Sam & Hanan Salem (26),  
George & Rossait Kishek (26), Chafic & Gidah Hawa (26),  
Haitham & Asma Atallah (27), Issa & Shadia Odeh (28),

Dr. Muneer & Lana Hanna (30), Zaher & Nancy Salloum (31),  
Suheil & Salwa Akel (31), Sami & Rosa Brou (31).



## Announcements

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** from **June 30 – July 2** in observance of **4th** of July and the **62nd Annual American Federation of Ramallah Palestine Convention** - Hosted by the Ramallah Club of Jacksonville.



## **“Summer Break”**

The Ladies Auxiliary and the Parish Council will be on summer break in July.

## Message from the Parish Council

Per the June 21 council meeting, a motion was made to approve the following:

“Wearing a **mask** is highly **RECOMMENDED** inside St. George Church during Divine Liturgy. The Church Hall **will reopen** in the near future”.

## **St. George’s COVID-19 Updates– June 2021**

Considering recent updates from Metropolitan Joseph and the CDC, we are sharing the following:

### **Vaccinations**

1. Parishioners who **ARE FULLY VACCINATED** are no longer required to wear a mask in Church. **However**, to make it safer for the immunocompromised and children under 12 who could not have the vaccine, **we encourage EVERYONE** to voluntarily wear a mask.

2. As directed by the CDC and Duval County health advisors, parishioners who are **NOT FULLY VACCINATED must continue to wear a mask** at all times while on church property. PLEASE continue to practice social distancing (of at least 6 feet) within the church.

**Children 5 and up must** continue to wear a mask at all times while on church property as directed by the CDC and Duval County.

**All Teens (not vaccinated) must** continue to wear a mask at all times while on church property as directed by the CDC and Duval County.

### **Other Guidelines**

Capacity in the church has increased to **100%**.

**Sign-ups are no longer required. Please–** You must arrive **no later than 10:00 am** on Sunday. Doors will be locked at 10:15am.

### **The following safety protocols will remain.**

A) We have not resumed passing the tray collection baskets yet. However, you may place your ‘Pledge Dues’ or donation to St. George Church, on your way in or out, in the basket that is located at the Church entrance.

B) To venerate Icons, Gospel book, or the Cross, simply bow in reverence, but do not actually touch the item with lips or hands.

C) For receiving the “**Antidoron**” (blessed bread) at the dismissal, please cup your hands together, and an altar boy will drop a piece of the blessed bread in them. Please do not put your hands into the bread basket.

D) Holy Communion is the “medicine of immortality,” given “for the remission of sins, for healing of soul and body and for life everlasting.” Please approach the Chalice with mouth wide open and head tilted back. This will allow the priest or deacon to insert the spoon, turn it over in your mouth and pull it out without touching your tongue or lips. Please do not wipe your mouth with the red cloth.



## Church Records.....

*“O Lord, our God, Crown them with Glory and Honor.”*



*Tyler Bateh*

*&*

*Katrina Awad*

*were united in marriage on Saturday June 19, 2021*

*Happy Parents*

*Mr. Ted and Mrs. Jackie Bateh*

*Mr. Ramzi and Mrs. Rula Awad*

*May you always walk together in happy  
ways of love, while trusting in the grace of God to  
lead you from above.*

*&*

*May God bless the two of you abundantly in love, joy,  
and happiness.*

## “40 DAY “CHURCHING OF BABY GUIDELINES

Churching is performed **after 40** days of the Birth and **not to exceed 60** days.

This ten (10) minutes service should be scheduled ahead of time on the Sunday which **is closest** to their 40th day of life and not to exceed 8 weeks of age.

### Church Guidelines:

It is important to remember that a mother who has recently given birth, has to be churching with her baby, before **she can** be present within the church services (**i.e.**, Sunday Divine Liturgy, Wedding, Baptism, or Memorial Services, etc....)

The churching of the baby will take place between **9:45a.m. - 9:55a.m.**, just before Divine Liturgy begins.

Please call the Church office, at least one week prior, to schedule a time for you and your baby to be churching and make sure to be at church on the day of churching at 9:45 am Sharp and be prepared to take communion.

### What does it mean to be churching after giving birth?

On the fortieth day after birth, the mother and child are invited to the church temple for a prayer service to reunite the mother and unite the child to the faith community. This practice is also based on the ancient Jewish rite and experienced by our Lord and Savior; Jesus Christ and His holy mother; Mary (recorded in Luke 2:22-40).

Ages ago it took nearly six weeks for a mother to recover from giving birth. This time was also spent bonding with the newborn child. Mother and child did not travel outside the home until both were strong enough. The first place they went was to the temple/church. Today, a mother can recover much more quickly.