

## DAILY VITAMINS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

St. John Chrysostom became the “Golden Mouth” by practicing the presence of God; he was one of the greatest Christian preachers of all ages.

It is told that the turning point in his ministry is a vision he once had. He had a dream that was in the pulpit, and in the chancel all about him were angels.

In the midst of them and directly before him was the Lord Jesus; and he (Chrysostom) was to preach to the congregation which was just beyond. The vision greatly affected his spirit. From then on he never mounted the pulpit without recalling the scene: the holy angels gathered around him and the Lord Jesus listening to his words.

It was by practicing the presence of God in this dynamic way that an awesome power fell upon Chrysostom’s preaching. He truly practiced the Presence of God in every sermon he preached.

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# The Faith

**The Newsletter of St. George**

**November 29th, 2020**

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

**25th Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**Tone 8 Eothinon 3**

**Epistle: Eph. 4:1-7**

**Gospel: Luke 18:18-27**

**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 during COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Church Hall is Closed until further notice....**

## Servers for Sunday November 29th, 2020

### **Epistle Readers:**

English: Sbdn. Nadeem Tannous

Arabic: George Baghdan

### **Chanters:**

George Baghdan

Tarek Kishek

Nadeem Tannous

### **Ushers:**

Chris Farha and Dr. Ibrahim Fahdi

### **Altar Servers:**

Ameen Hakim, Jamil and Jean Fayad.

## **Membership Dues:**

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy during this pandemic. Due to such circumstances we understand that your financial situation may have been altered, yet if you **are financially able**, we would appreciate your contributions (donations) to your beloved St. George Church.

### Three methods of Payment for Your Pledge Dues

1. **Check / Cash** may be sent via mail to the church office, or you may place it on Sunday Tray Collection (Basket is located in the Church Foyer).
2. **Bill Pay: Online Bill Pay**, is set up through your Bank Acct.
3. **PayPal** : Donate online via Credit Card. It is a secure online donation through our church website: [www. jaxorthodox.com](http://www.jaxorthodox.com)

*We are very grateful for your continuous support to St. George during this pandemic.*



## Church Attendance During This Pandemic

During the COVID-19 crisis, attendance at the Divine Liturgy **is limited up to seventy (80) people** each Sunday. Because of this, **you must sign up each week**. Please call the church office or **text Kh. Ranwa**. Many, many thanks for your cooperation during this unprecedented.

**Walk-ins will not be allowed.** The church will be maintaining a list of those who signed up, and names will be checked at the door as well

As always, St. George services will continue to **be live-streamed**.

### November & December Attendance Chart

**Sunday November 29th: "A-J families"**

- ♦ Sunday December 6th: **K-Z families**
- ♦ Sunday December 13th: **A-J families**
- ♦ Sunday December 20: **K-Z families**
- ♦ Sunday December 27: **A-J families**

**Thursday Dec 24th : Christmas Eve Service begins at 5:00pm.**



**Capacity: Limited to 80 people.**  
**Registration is required!!** Please call the church office and register yourself.

**Doors will locked at 6pm.**

**Please note: Christmas Eve service will be live-streamed as well.**



## Sunday School Corner

We are reaching out with exciting news! The Parish Council has purchased two Zoom accounts for the church. This will allow us to teach your children safely and remotely.

While this is different than our normal Sunday School platform, we are happy to be able to extend some normalcy to our children's lives by continuing their Orthodox education. In a time when the world is experiencing so many issues, our Sunday School staff hopes to teach our kids how much He loves them. We want our children to learn to put away their worry and rely on Christ's love.

**To that end, we are blessed to be able to offer three age groups:**

- **Grades 1-3** will be taught by **Anna-Sarah Farha**
- **Grades 4-5** will be taught by **Shadia Odeh**
- **Grades 6-8** will be taught by **Heather Abodeely Kenney**

We do not currently have a teacher for the 4-6 year-old age group, but if you would be interested in leading a class, please let me know. Teens will be led by a different group. If you have questions about Teen SOYO, please reach out to Father Kamal.

Church school will be held **every-other** Sunday, beginning **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, continuing on December 6th, etc. Classes will begin **at 1:00pm, and last approximately 30-40 minutes, after which we will keep the call open so students have time to socialize with each other. We will send the Zoom dial-in information in a follow-up email.** We hope this schedule will allow you to find time both for Sunday School and for other activities your family may have on Sunday afternoons. We look forward to spending time with your kids again! We have missed them very much. Please let us know if for any reason this new schedule isn't possible for your family.

***Yours in Christ, Heather Kenney, Sunday School Coordinator***



## SPECIAL COVID-19 INSTRUCTIONS

Positive Covid19 tests are surging across the country and specifically in our diocese. We are still following the non-negotiable directives of Metropolitan Joseph and all CDC guidelines.

Please remember to maintain sufficient distance between your household and others. **Your family may all sit together, if you live in the same house**, but please **keep six feet distance between** yourself and members of other households.

Remember too **that masks are mandated** at our church. Be sure to wear them in a way **that covers your nose and mouth fully**. **Not wearing masks or wearing them incorrectly makes other people feel uncomfortable and unsafe**. Let us practice this important courtesy to others who may have health issues and for everyone's comfort and peace of mind.

**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.

**Venerate icons or the gospel book or the cross** with just a '*Bowing Gesture*' but do not actually touch the item with your lips or hand. While the Greek word in the Bible for veneration literally means to "approach and kiss," for now, approach as if to kiss, but then back away. The same goes for the priest's hand. For receiving the Antidoron (blessed bread) after Holy Communion and at the dismissal cup your hands together, and the usher (at dismissal) or an assistant (after Communion) will drop a piece of the blessed bread in them.

## Newborn Baby Girl!!

Congratulations to: **Eric and Ashley (Hanania)Lazo**  
on the birth of your new baby girl;



**"Sophia Rose Lazo "**

who was born on Tuesday  
November 8th , 2020

*May the Lord God shower the newborn baby girl and her loving  
parents with good health, prosperity, and long life.*

## Baptism

*" As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ"*

Congratulations **Jad and Christina Hanania** on the  
baptism of your twin girls;

**"Jenna and Jayda Hanania"**

who were baptized at our church on  
Sunday November 22, 2020.



The **Godparents** are:

**Mr. Jack Hanania Jr. & Mrs. Anoulla Ryan**  
**Mr. Sam Hanania Jr. & Mrs. Norma Zanayed**

We pray to the Almighty God to direct the newly illuminated child so that they may keep their baptismal garment undefiled and that the Holy Spirit which they received, will produce much of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their life. **Many Years!**