

## OUR ORTHODOX FAITH - CHILDREN & WORSHIP

*How can parents make participation in the Liturgy and other services meaningful for younger children?*

**Sit up front.** Help your children see what's going on by taking a seat in the front pews near the aisle; don't expect children to sit still, and don't be afraid to "take a break" if your children need one.

**Read along with children.** Use the liturgy books provided in the pews, or better yet a children's liturgy book filled with pictures and responses. Find the Epistle and Gospel readings in your Bible and follow the reading with them.

**Sing with your children.** If your children are young, encourage them to sing simple responses, like the "Alleluia's" or "Amen's". If they are older, point to the words (& music if your liturgy book provides) and encourage them to sing along, even if they're off-key.

**Help them notice what's going on.** Call your children's attention to the priest, icons and seasonal colors. Point out the Little and Great Entrances, the Consecration, and other key parts of the service.

**Help children participate.** Help them to memorize common responses at home, like the Litany and the Lord's Prayer so they can be part of the service, too.

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# The Faith

**The Newsletter of St. George**

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***Repose of John  
the Theologian***

***Tone 5 Eoth.3***

**Epistle:** I John 4:12-19

**Gospel:** John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

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

## Servers for Sunday September 26, 2021

### Epistle Readers:

English: Sbdn. Nadeem Tannous

### Chanters:

Tarek Kishek

Sbdn. Nadeem Tannous

### Ushers:

Yousef Al-Alam and Haitham Atalla

### Altar Servers:

Mr. Ameen Hakim ( *Acolyte* )

**Altar Boys:** Jamil and Jean Fayad, Michel Aschab, Nicholas & Anthony Odeh, Ronnie Manochakian, Andrew Rustom and George Al-Alam

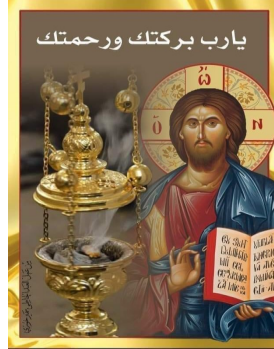
**“MASKS ARE MANDATED AT ST. GEORGE  
INSIDE THE CHURCH AND CHURCH HALL”**

### Membership Dues:

**Steady cash flow is VITAL** for the continuity of St. George Church and its ministries. So if you **are financially able**, we would appreciate your contributions (donations) to your beloved St. George Church.

#### Four Methods of Payment for Your Pledge Dues

1. **Personal Check** may be **sent via mail** to the church office,
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**
4. **Cash or check** maybe placed on Sunday Tray Collection



## **Parish Council Updates in regards Masks and opening of the church hall....**

The parish council met on Monday September 20th to **reevaluate** the Covid-19 Church safety protocols.

The Parish Council **unanimously voted** and agreed upon a motion to **open church hall** this coming Sunday September **26th, 2021** for socializing (**only**) after the Divine Liturgy with the following restrictions:

1. **Masks must** be worn in the church hall.
2. **No Coffee or Sweets** will be served.

Moreover the motion included the requirement that this protocol **must reviewed** in two(2) weeks.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and pray for everyone's good health including our precious children who do not yet have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

*Yours in Christ,*

**Diana Farhat, Parish Council chairwoman**

## Patron Saints and Name days

**REMEMBER** to keep holy your Name day, the annual commemoration of the Saint after whom you were named in Holy Baptism. If circumstances permit, you should make every attempt to attend the services for this day in church, and prepare yourself to receive the Holy Mysteries on this day each year.

If, as so often happens, this is not possible, then at least obtain a copy of the service to your Saint and read it with your prayers at home. Ask that you be remembered in the prayers in a church where the Liturgy is being celebrated, even if you cannot attend. Ask for your loved ones too. Always keep an icon of your Patron Saint at home and take it with you when you travel; also keep and read often the life of the Saint after whom you are called. In this way you will begin to form a spiritual bond with that Saint, and will experience the benefit of their intercessions for you. For children, especially young ones, it is good to make their Name day just as important to them as their birthday, not only with the church practices but by giving presents or even having a party.

In fact, it is more important, because the birthday simply marks the passage of time, whereas the Name day links us to one of the citizens of Heaven who has already shown his or her love for us by granting us their name. We should respond to that love and try in every way to enflame it.

## New Procedures For Dismissal To The Holy Communion Line, During This Pandemic...

### Communion Line:

**Sunday school children** ages; 2-18 are always dismissed first for Holy Communion.

Beginning **Last Sunday, September 19th**, School students and teachers will be dismissed to the church hall with Deacon Raphael for **Holy communion** for their own safety and in order to speed up the process in getting them to their classes ASAP.

**Parents**, please do not accompany your children into the Sunday school dismissal line. We ask that you allow your children to go to Communion **with their Classmates**. Please **don't leave** church and go to church hall, but rather wait until the Usher dismisses you from the pews.

**Adults:** The USHERS will dismiss you **ROW BY ROW**. Please do not leave your place until your row has been released by the usher for communion.

**Church begins at 10 AM Sharp:** Please make every effort to arrive on time. Anyone arrives after the Gospel has been read, **should not approach** the Chalice for Communion.

**After Communion:** we've just received the Body and Blood of the Lord; now is the time for prayer. Each parishioner is expected to return to their pew, standing quietly in reflective prayer, now is the time for **Thanksgiving prayer after Communion** (Red cover '**Service Book**'; pp. 128-131).

**No one should leave the church** to go to church hall until the final blessing is given by the priest.

## Spiritual Vitamins From the Desk of Fr. Kamal

### Christian One Liners

1. Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
2. Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited: until you try to sit in their pews.
3. Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
4. It is easier to preach ten sermons; than it is to live one.
5. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
6. When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
7. People are funny; they want the front of the bus, middle of the road, and back of the church.
8. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.
9. Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
10. If a church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
11. We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers and Judges.
12. God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
13. Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
14. Peace starts with a smile.
15. I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?
16. Be ye fisherman of men. You catch' em – He'll Clean' em.
17. Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.

18. Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
19. Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
20. Don't wait for 6 strong man to take you to church.
21. Forbidden fruits create many jams.
22. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
23. God grades on the cross, not on curve.
24. God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over 'religious nuts!'
25. God promise a safe landing, not a calm passage.
26. He who angers you, controls you!
27. If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!
28. Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!
29. The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.
30. The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
31. We don't change the message, the message changes us.
32. You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her.
33. The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
34. If being a Christian was illegal. Would there be enough evidence to convict you.



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