



The Faith

The Newsletter of St. George

*"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God." Romans 15:7*

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Sunday Services

Matins ~ 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy ~ 10:00 AM

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00AM - 1:00 PM

Confession by appointment



October 25th, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Altar Servers for Sunday October 25th

Epistle Readers:

English: Tarek Kishek

Arabic: George Baghdan

Chanters:

George Baghdan

Tarek Kishek

Nadeem Tannous

Ushers:

Issa Odeh and Robert Elias

Altar Servers:

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



Holy Bread of Oblation for Sunday October 25th

1. For the health and spiritual welfare of **George and Odette Shaqareq**, their children and their families, offered by George and Odette Shaqareq.

Membership Dues



If you are **financially able**, we ask that you continue to **fulfill** your pledge dues to your beloved St. George Church.

Options for Pledge Dues Donations

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

Due to limited capacity, you must register to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy. Registration is open on **Monday morning until Friday evening** of that week Sunday service. No registration will be accepted outside this period.

November Attendance Chart

Sunday November 1st: A-J

Sunday November 8th: K-Z

Sunday November 15th: A-J

Sunday November 22nd: K-Z

Sunday November 29th: A-J

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

Weekly Announcements

- **Sunday October 25th: "K-Z Families** are invited to attend Sunday Service.

During the COVID-19 crisis, attendance at the Divine Liturgy **is limited**. Because of this, you must sign up each week. Please call the church office or **text Fr. Kamal or Kh. Ranwa@**. Many, many thanks for your cooperation during this pandemic time.

- **Tuesday Oct.27th @ 6:30pm: Parish Council Meeting**

- **Saturday October 31st @m4 PM: Annual Community Trunk or Treat Festival (Outdoor Activities Only). See our "AD" on our Church Facebook and sign up for this event.**



- **Sunday Nov 1st, 2020: FALL TIME CHANGE**
Do not forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night Nov. 1st before you go to bed.



Sunday November 8th: "Fish Luncheon"
Curbside Lunch PICKUP (Drive thru).



Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of our church

Cost is \$10.00

Menu: Fried Fish, French Fries, and Coleslaw.

It is a **pre-order meal**. So please **call and place** your order with one of the following ladies: **Kh. Ranwa** or **Lamis Anki** or **Vicki Akel** or **Suha Bateh**.

Deadline to place your order is **Sunday November 1st, 2020**

Twelve (12) Golden Rules to be followed
Until this pandemic is over

- 1. Church attendance** during this pandemic will be limited to **Parishioners ONLY**.
- 2.** In order to attend Sunday service, you will need to register all family members. Please **CALL** the church office or **TEXT** Fr. Kamal or Khourieh Ranwa.
- 3. 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.

4. Doors will be propped or held open during peak periods when Parishioners are entering and exiting church, in accordance with security and safety protocols.

We encourage those who wish to attend the service to **arrive** between **9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** to allow enough time to enter the church properly.

At 10:15 a.m. Church entrance door will **be locked.**
No Church Entry after 10:15 am. We strongly urge all faithful to abide by the arrival time.

5. Parishioners who have children who might be **hard to control**, who might run around and touch surfaces, are also advised to **stay home** and participate via live stream services. Children should **remain seated** next to their parents at all times; **no wandering permitted.**

6. Please stay at home:

- A. If you are not feeling well-** in any way
- B. If you have any immune** deficiencies
- C. If were exposed to COVID-19** or have been tested **positive for COVID-19.**

7. Face Masks are required to enter the Church until further notice. **Mask must be worn at all the times**, before, during and after the services as well as around the nearby church exteriors.

8. Candles: If you want to use a prayer candle, the candle will be distributed by a gloved usher. If bringing cash for your candle donation, try to bring **exact change** to eliminate making change and mitigating all unnecessary contact. If donating by check, just place it.

9. Honor is to be shown to Holy Icons and the Holy Cross by making a cross and bowing. Keep in mind **not to kiss or to touch** the Holy Icons, Gospel, and the Holy Cross.

10. A designated person **will direct you to your seat**. We ask that you remain in that area for the duration of the service.

• **Members** of the same household may **sit** together. Once again, we will direct each family, one at a time, to the designated pew.

You must keep at least **6 feet** between you and members of another household in the same row.

There will be **no liturgy service books** in pews. Please **bring** your Prayer book with you, if you have one and do not leave it in church after service.

11. Follow these instructions during partaking communion:

A. Obey instructions from ushers for your turn and return to your seat.

B. Stand a few feet away from the clergy giving communion)

C. Tilt your head, open your mouth wide at all times so the Body and Blood can be placed onto the inside of your mouth without any or minimal contact.

D. Do not close your mouth on the spoon.

E. Do not wipe your lips with the Communion cloth.

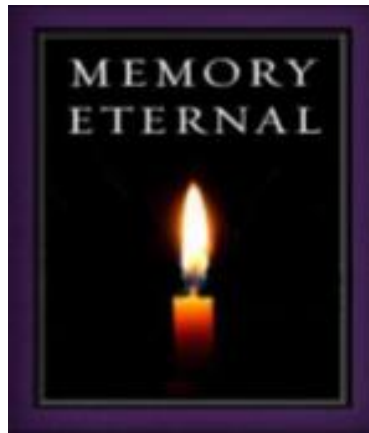
F. Keep your mask on until reaching the Chalice, and upon partaking of the Eucharist, place it back on your face.

G. Please do not kiss the Chalice or the Priest's hand and return quickly to your seat.

12. Please **EXIT** the Church **as instructed** after the service and go Directly to your vehicle.

**Our goal is to keep everyone healthy and safe during worship.
God endowed us with Reason, so we want to put our Reason in
the service of our Faith.**

+Memorial Services Guidelines during this Pandemic+



To ensure the safety of all our beloved parishioners the **following rules and guidelines** must be **followed** in regards memorial services at the church.

Memorial Services:

****40 Day. 6 mos., or 1 year** memorial services will be done as follow:

1. If the family **chooses** to come to the church and have a memorial Service for their departed loved one (s), then it will **be limited** only to the family members such as wife / husband, children (spouses), grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

Note: Each family is allowed to have up to **25 attendees** for their memorial services. ****Relatives and friends will pray with us virtually from home. ****

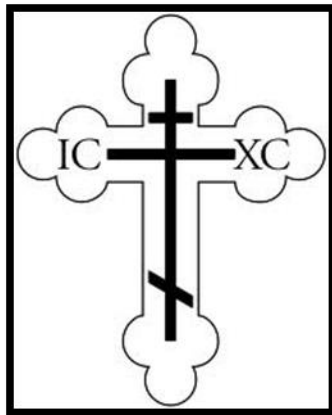
2. In lieu of Neyaha, Kaak or Mercy bread, a monetary donation may be made to St. George Church.

Please note: Neyaha, Kaak and sweets are discontinued during this pandemic until further notice.

3. Twenty dollars (\$20) for Holy Bread will be given to the church Directly. You will receive a loaf of bread in memory of your loved ones at the end of the service.

****Offering Condolences for the family inside the church is discontinued during this pandemic until further notice. ****

Your understanding and cooperation with our parish leadership as well as your respect for the needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ is greatly appreciated in this difficult task of managing attendance.



Daily Vitamins for spiritual Growth *Saints in the Orthodox Church*

In the Orthodox Church, **Saints** are men and women who have followed the teachings of Christ in a most exemplary way and have truly acquired the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God has filled the Saints with the Divine Truth. The Fathers of the church compare the saints to links in a golden chain united in faith, works and love with those still physically here

on earth. St. John Chrysostom said we should seek the intercession of the saints because they have a special boldness before God's throne. Saints are also the common friends of the human race, strong ambassadors in fervent prayer (St. Basil, Letter 360).

Saints are special friends of God. We petition their help in our prayers and ask their intercession before the Throne of Almighty God. They are also our special friends and teachers. We should become familiar with the lives of the saints, particularly one patron saint, and follow their example of holiness and dedication to the Faith.