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Ladies Auxiliary
5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507 (810-732-0720)

Holiday *Take-Out* Bake Sale

Sunday, December 19th

The Auxiliary is selling a variety of items: Arabic sweets, Spinach and Meat Pies, sweets, etc. If you have any questions, see any member of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Please fill out the form below, send it to the Church with your check, or give it to any member of the Ladies Auxiliary by December 12th.

Thank you for your Support!

DEADLINE is December 12th!!!

Item	Number of Dozens	Price *($18 per dozen)*
Spinach Pies		
Meat Pies		
Baklava		
Ghraybeh		
Maamoul		
Date Cookies *(Kaak)*		
TOTAL		

Name_____

To Tithe is to Love!

The Bible says a "tithe" is giving 10% of our income to God through His Holy Church. In the Old Testament, the tithe was the maximum.

For Christians (yes, US!), the tithe is the minimum!

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

ALL of our **240 families** are asked to make an Offering. Why? Because it is such a blessing to give back to God a little of what He has given us!

- Our 2022 Budget is $287,753
- To meet our budget, our weekly offerings need to average: $5,534
- Number of Families who need to offer: ALL THOSE WHO BELONG TO OUR ST. GEORGE FAMILY!
- Offering Range: ***according to how God has blessed you!***

Your commitment is NEEDED!
Please fill out your 2022 Offering Form -- as soon as possible.
THANK YOU!!!

To Tithe is to Love!

2022 Offering Update

As of November 22, 2021

We thank the following families for turning in their 2022 Offering Form in support of God's work at St. George. If your name is not listed, please fill out your 2022 Offering Form and mail it to the Church or put it in the Sunday Offering Tray.

Thank You and God Bless You!

New this year in Underlined (did not fill out a form last year)
Increase in Offering is **BOLD**

Add Your Name to the List!!!

1. Fr. Joe and Kh. Leslee Abud
2. Laila Abud
3. **Michael and Ola Alqazaha**
4. Adeeb and Inam Bathish
5. Areen Bathish
6. Mr. Robert Teunion

2022 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church ~ Flint, Michigan

I Want To Be Counted!

Frequency	Amount	A % of Income
Weekly	$	
OR Twice Monthly	$	
OR Monthly	$	
OR Quarterly	$	
OR Annually	$	

~ Offerings Are Treated confidentially ~ Please fill out completely.

Name(s)	
Address	
City	
ZIP	
Telephone	

Offerings can be made in different ways.

- Put your offering in the **Sunday Tray** or **send it to St. George**.
- Online at https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint.
- Call the office (810-732-0720) and use a **Credit Card**.
- An **ACH** direct-payment transaction from your bank account.

Signature: _____ Date:_____

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse" (Malachi 3:10)

Seeing the rich bringing their gifts and then a widow bringing a few pennies, Jesus said, *"Truly I say to you that this widow has put in more than all."* (Luke 21:3)

2022 بطاقة التبرعات لعام

كنيسة القديس جورج للروم الاورثودوكس فلنت، متشغن

أريد أن أكون معدودا !

الدفعات	المبلغ	% من قيمة الدخل
اسبوعيا	$	
مرتين بالشهر	$	
شهريا	$	_____
كل ثلاثة شهور	$	
سنويا	$	

كل التبرعات يتم التعامل معها بسرية تامة ~ الرجاء تعبئة كل البطاقة.

الاسم / الأسماء	
العنوان	
المدينة	
الرقم	
رقم الهاتف	

يمكن تقديم التبرعات بعدة طرق مختلفة.

- يمكن وضع التبرعات في صينية التبرعات يوم الأحد أو ارسالها الى عنوان الكنيسة.
- عن طريق الانترنت https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint
- عن طريق الاتصال على رقم تلفون مكتب الكنيسة 0720-732(810) واستخدام بطاقة الائتمان (كريديت كارت).
- أو عن طريق الدفع أو التحويل المباشر من حسابك المصرفي-ACH.

الامضاء _____التاريخ _____

هاتوا العشور جميعها الى بيت الجزية (ملاخي 10:3)

عندما رأى الأغنياء يتقدمون بتبرعاتهم والأرملة الفقيرة تقدم القليل قال يسوع: *"الحق أقول لكم أن هذه الأرملة الفقيرة قد ألقت أكثر منهم جميعا"* (لوقا 3:21)

Christmas Decorations

I would like to donate for Christmas

Poinsettia plants @ $25.00 each.

Number of Poinsettias = _____

TOTAL = $_____

At the Prothesis service where the bread and wine is prepared to offer at the Christmas Liturgy (which becomes the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion), Father will remember the 'Living' and 'Departed' members of our family and friends.

Please print clearly!

For the health of:

_____

_____

In loving memory of:

_____

_____

From: _____

Deadline: Sunday, December 19th

Make checks payable to: *St. George* with the memo: *Decorations*

Please include this form and your donation in a **Pew Envelope**
and place it in the Sunday Offering Tray – Thank You!

The Twelve Days of Christmas

From the Internet

People often think of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* as the days preceding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian Year beginning December 25 and lasting until January 5-the day before Epiphany, our Lord's Baptism. This is when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote "*The Twelve Days of Christmas*" as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation -- the surface meaning and a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious truth and reality! The "true love" mentioned in the song refers to God Himself and the "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person!

The partridge in a pear tree is *Jesus Christ*.

The two turtledoves are the *Old and New Testaments*.

Three French hens stand for *faith, hope and love* (1 Corinthians 13).

The four calling birds are the *four Gospels* (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

The five gold rings recall the *first five books of the Old Testament* (the Torah or Law).

The six geese a-laying stand for the *six days of creation* (Genesis 1).

Seven swans a-swimming represent the *sevenfold gifts of the Spirit*.

The eight maids a-milking are the *eight beatitudes* (Matthew 6).

Nine ladies dancing are the *nine fruits of the Spirit* (Galatians 5).

The ten lords a-leaping are the *Ten Commandments* (Exodus 20).

Eleven pipers piping stand for the *eleven faithful disciples*.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the *12 points of belief in the Creed*.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

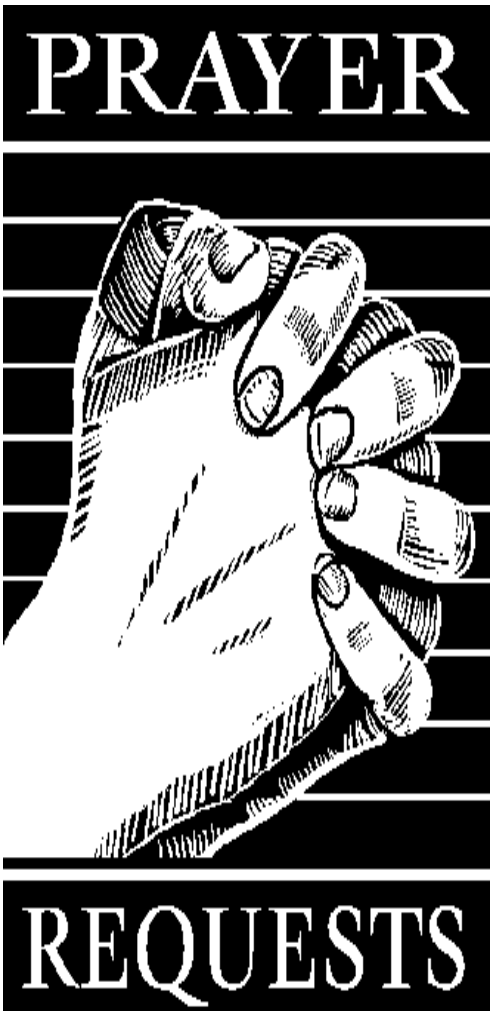
المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فمجدوهُ!

Daily Prayer Life

- For the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Matthew** Handley (+October 28th, friend of Nataly Odeh), Dr. **Amal** Khoury (+November 16th, niece of Aida Nassar), **Roza** Alied (+November 17th, grandmother of Dania Hanna), and **Vera** Farah (+November 21st).

May their memory be eternal!

- Remember our parishioners and those who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar** Abdallah, **Shafiqa** Abuaitah, **Suheil** and **Abeer** Abuaita, **Anwar** Abueita, **Chelsy** Abufarha, **William** Alsahouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Elias** Gantos, **Phyllis** Good, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Juliette** Qumseya, **Roger** Saadeh, **Deborah** Salim, **Elaine** and **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, and **Michael** Silpoch; *all first-responders and medical personal, those who worked and those who continue to work on a COVID-19 cure, those suffering in our community and the Middle East, the supporters and benefactors of St. George, the members of our Parish Council, Ladies Auxiliary, Teen SOYO, Altar Servers, Altar Society, Chanters, Choir, Church School, OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), Preschool Ministry, and Ushers.*



- Remember the servants of God who are with child: **Jasanta** and **Ghassan** Al-Khouri, **Natania** and **Rene** Hanna, **Kari** and **Panagiotis** Mikroudis [daughter of John and Theresa Farah], and **Yara** and **Mudaffer** Rishmawi.

  - *Please update Fr. Joe if the following should remain on our prayer list!*

- Remember the friends of St. George parishioners: **Sharon** Ballreich (sister of Nancy Silpoch and Debbie Salim), **Kinan** Turjman (nephew of Sahar Abdallah), **Gerry** Alcorn, **Angelo** and **Chrisodolus** Bastounis, **Heather** Campbell, Chaplain **Mark** and **Marcia** Green, **David** Jordan, **Becky** Meredith, **Zoe** Moore, **Bryan** Stewart, and **Monica** Wotring (family/friends of Fr. Mike and Pam Bassett), **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Youssef** and **Georgette** Damouni (parents of Lina Burbar and May Gantos), **Ranna** Esho (friend of Batoul Burbar), **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Nihad** Bannura (cousin of Jane Abu-Eita), **Amy** Handley (friend of Nataly Odeh), **Abdulnour** Hanna (brother of the Hanna, Elias, Joubran families), **Maha** Qassis and **Nadia** Ibrahim (sister/mother of Ziyad), **Shafeka** Qurpan and **George** Ishak (mother/nephew of Amira Hanna), **Joann** (Haddad) Merrelli (former parishioner), **Philip** Jones (brother of Dannie Jones), **Elias** Ibrahim and **Taghrid** (uncle/friend of Rula Alkazaha), **Mary** Khal and **Hanna** Abu-Nimer (relatives of Karam and Aida Nassar), **Scott** Lints (friend of Mary Jo Ghattas), **Tom** Ellenburg (friend of Sally Joseph), **Saliba** Musleh (father of Julianna Abuaita), **Ibtisam** Odeh (cousin of Elham Ishak), **Megan** Meade and **Casey** Webb (relatives of Bob Teunion), **Sanaa** Alqassis (former parishioner), **Eva** Saseen (daughter of Nicholas), **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe), **Dominique** Vasquez (friend of Areen Bathish), **Imad** Isaac (friend of St. George), **Nabil** Andoni (brother of Vera Daoud), **Lan** Kiley (niece of Raji and Sue Salomon), **Shirley** Zerka (mother of Victoria), **Jennifer** Craft and **Brionna** Gorbutt (friends of Mariann Hayek).

Congratulations and God bless:

❖ The newly elected 2022 officers of *St. George Ladies Auxiliary*:
Hiam Bathish, President **Manal Abuaita**, Vice-President
Anaam Abueita, Treasurer **Areen Bathish** and **Janet Abueita**, co-Secretaries

❖ **Robert Andrew** Gagne who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of his First Communion on November 20th. Godparents: **Liam Cooper** and **Yvette Ghantous**. Parents: **Gary** and **Katrina**.

❖ **Jarrett**, **Elise** [daughter of Habeeb & Denise Ghattas and Jill Smith], and newborn **James Michael** Lane (October 25th).

❖ **Ayman**, **Diana**, and newborn **Alyana** Khair (November 11th).

Announcements

FASTING DISCIPLINE FOR DECEMBER On Sunday, November 15th, we began the traditional forty-day **Nativity Fast** (also called the Christmas or Advent Fast) in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ on December 25th. The Fast is divided into two periods. The first period is until December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline *(no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products)* is observed on all days except Tuesdays and Thursdays when *wine and oil* are allowed and Saturdays and Sundays when *fish, wine, and oil* are allowed. The 2nd period is from December 20th through 24th, when the traditional fasting discipline *(no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, oil and their by-products)* is observed except on Saturday and Sunday when *wine and oil* are permitted. There is no fasting from Christmas Day December 25th until January 4th.

Pre-Christmas Family Night

~ Saturday Evening, December 11th ~

⏩ Great Vespers at 5pm
⏩ A Special Visitor!
⏩ Lenten Dinner, karaoke, trivia, etc.!
⏩ Lenten Potluck Dinner *(sign up to bring a dish with Amal Abu-Aita or Evette Rishmawi)*

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED!

WANT TO BE AN ANGEL?

Our parish is again participating in the **North End Soup Kitchen *Angel Tree***. Thirty-two (32) children are looking for "angels" to brighten their Christmas. Gift range is between $30 and $50. Gift cards are OK for children 15-17 years old. Several items may be requested, but you only need to pick one or more of these items. Attach the provided gift tag that has the child's name, the code number to the gift, and place in gift bags. All gifts must be returned by December 5th! The *Angel Tree* with tags can be picked up after Divine Liturgy in the Banquet Center or by contacting May Gantos (810-869-4012). If you would like to make an online donation or send it directly to the church with the memo *Angel Tree* so our coordinators can purchase gifts, thank you! If you have any questions, please speak with our coordinators May, Gabby, or Lauren Gantos. Again, thank you, and God bless your generosity!

Divine Services for the Christmas Fast and Christmas Eve

- Wednesdays (1st, 8th, and 15th) in December ***Nativity Fast Evening Service*** – 6pm
- Sunday before Christmas, December 19th:
  Matins – 8:50am ***Divine Liturgy*** – 10am
- Thursday, December 23rd – ***Royal Hours of Christmas*** – 6pm
- Christmas Services, Friday night, December 24th:
  Christmas Festal Matins – 4:50pm ***Christmas Divine Liturgy*** – 6pm
- Christmas Day begins the **Twelve Days of Christmas** (no fasting) until January 5th!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Since there are a huge diversity of family commitments, customs, and social obligations, if you cannot attend our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord on Christmas Eve, Assumption, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Nicholas will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day, December 25th:

Assumption (10am) 2245 East Baldwin Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
St. Mary Magdalene (10am) 2439 South Long Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430
St. Nicholas (10am) 2143 Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

ST. GEORGE BOOKSTORE Do some Christmas shopping in our Bookstore! We have many items that make excellent gifts: The Orthodox Study Bible, Icons, CD's, jewelry, gift certificates, etc.!

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, & DONATIONS Though everyone is not attending church due to the pandemic or other reasons, **our stewardship, offerings, and donations are still very badly needed**. PLEASE help our/your parish by continuing to bring or mail your offerings to St. George, 5191 Lennon Road, Flint, MI 48507. You can also go to our parish website (https://saintgeorgeflint.org/) and donate online.

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Celebrated on December 6th (some refer to St. Nicholas as "Santa Claus")

Saint Nicholas is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. St. Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord, the youth was fervent of spirit and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kind-heartedness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom St. Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for his daughter. St. Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, St. Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.

The Bishop of Patara decided to go on pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem, and entrusted the guidance of his flock to St. Nicholas, who fulfilled this obedience carefully and with love. When the bishop returned, Nicholas asked his blessing for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Along the way the saint predicted a storm would arise and threaten the ship. St. Nicholas saw the devil get on the ship, intending to sink it and kill all the passengers. At the entreaty of the despairing pilgrims, he calmed the waves of the sea by his prayers. Through his prayer a certain sailor of the ship, who had fallen from the mast and was mortally injured was also restored to health.

When he reached the ancient city of Jerusalem and came to Golgotha, St. Nicholas gave thanks to the Savior. He went to all the holy places, worshiping at each one. One night on Mount Sion, the closed doors of the church opened by themselves for the great pilgrim. Going round the holy places connected with the earthly service of the Son of God, St. Nicholas decided to withdraw into the desert, but he was stopped by a divine voice urging him to return to his native country. He returned to Lycia, and yearning for a life of quietude, the saint entered into the brotherhood of a monastery named Holy Sion, which had been founded by his uncle. But the Lord again indicated another path for him, *"Nicholas, this is not the vineyard where you shall bear fruit for Me. Return to the world, and glorify My Name there."* So he left Patara and went to Myra in Lycia.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, Nicholas was chosen as Bishop of Myra after one of the bishops of the Council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision of a radiant Man, Who told him that the one who came to the church that night and was first to enter should be made archbishop. He would be named Nicholas. The bishop went to the church at night to await Nicholas. The saint, always the first to arrive at church, was stopped by the bishop. *"What is your name, child?"* he asked. God's chosen one replied, *"My name is Nicholas, Master, and I am your servant."*

After his consecration as archbishop, St. Nicholas remained a great ascetic, appearing to his flock as an image of gentleness, kindness, and love for people. This was particularly precious for the Lycian Church during the persecution of Christians under

the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Bishop Nicholas, locked up in prison together with other Christians for refusing to worship idols, sustained them and exhorted them to endure the fetters, punishment, and torture. The Lord preserved him unharmed. Upon the accession of St. Constantine (May 21) as emperor, St. Nicholas was restored to his flock, which joyfully received their guide and intercessor.

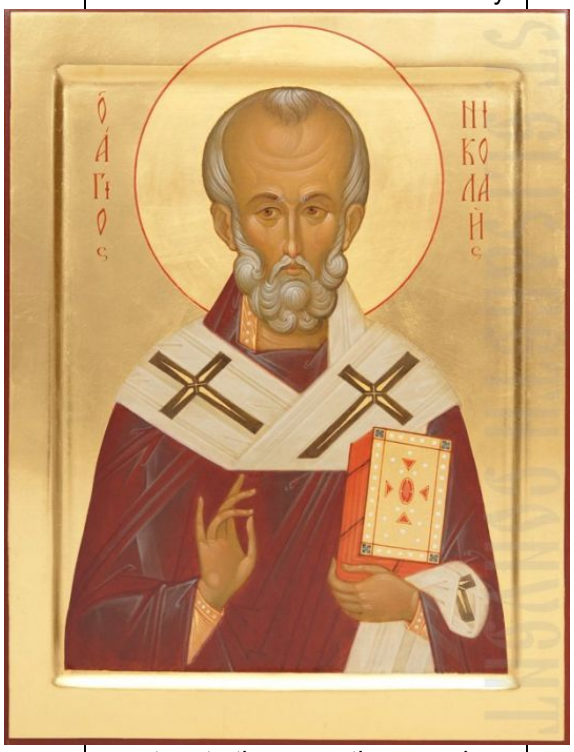
Despite his great gentleness of spirit and purity of heart, St. Nicholas was a zealous and ardent warrior of the Church of Christ. Fighting evil spirits, the saint made the rounds of the pagan temples and shrines in the city of Myra and its surroundings, shattering the idols and turning the temples to dust.

In the year 325, St. Nicholas was a participant in the First Ecumenical Council. This Council proclaimed the Nicean Symbol of Faith, and he stood up against the heretic Arius with the likes of Sts. Sylvester the Bishop of Rome (January 2), Alexander of Alexandria (May 29), Spyridon of Trimythontos (December 12), and other Fathers of the Council.

St. Nicholas, fired with zeal for the Lord, assailed the heretic Arius with his words, and also struck him upon the face. For this reason, he was deprived of the emblems of his episcopal rank and placed under guard. But several of the holy Fathers had the same vision, seeing the Lord Himself and the Mother of God returning to him the Gospel and omophorion. The Fathers of the Council agreed that the audacity of the saint was pleasing to God, and restored the saint to the office of bishop.

Having returned to his own diocese, the saint brought it peace and blessings, sowing the word of Truth, uprooting heresy, nourishing his flock with sound doctrine, and also providing food for their bodies.

Even during his life the saint worked many miracles. One of the greatest was the deliverance from death of three men unjustly condemned by the Governor, who had been bribed. The saint boldly



went up to the executioner and took his sword, already suspended over the heads of the condemned. The Governor, denounced by St. Nicholas for his wrong doing, repented and begged for forgiveness.

Witnessing this remarkable event were three military officers who were sent to Phrygia by the emperor Constantine to put down a rebellion. They did not suspect that soon they would also be compelled to seek the intercession of St. Nicholas. Evil men slandered them before the emperor, and the officers were sentenced to death. Appearing to St. Constantine in a dream, St. Nicholas called on him to overturn the unjust sentence of the military officers.

He worked many other miracles, and struggled many long years at his labor. Through the prayers of the saint, the city of Myra was rescued from a terrible famine. He appeared to a certain Italian merchant and left him three gold pieces as a pledge of payment. He requested him to sail to Myra and deliver grain there. More than once, the saint saved those drowning in the sea, and provided release from captivity and imprisonment.

Having reached old age, St. Nicholas peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. His venerable relics were preserved incorrupt in the local cathedral church and flowed with myrrh, from which many received healing. In the year 1087, his relics were transferred to Bari, Italy (See May 9).

The name of the great saint of God, the hierarch and wonderworker Nicholas, a speedy helper and suppliant for all hastening to him, is famed in every corner of the earth, in many lands and among many peoples. Throughout the world there are a multitude of cathedrals, monasteries, and churches consecrated in his name. There is, perhaps, not a single city without a church dedicated to him.

St. Nicholas is the patron of travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. He has promised to help those who remember his parents, Theophanes and Nonna.

St. Nicholas is commemorated on December 6 (falling asleep), on May 9 (the transfer of his relics), and on July 29 (his birth).

Namedays, Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 1 to December 31, 2021

Birthdays

December

1 Samir S. Meshraky
2 Jackleen Q. David
4 Carol A. Haddad
5 Majeda Abuaita
Manal Abuaita
Philip Abuaita
7 Elias Alqazaha
9 Ellis "Al" P. Salim
Nicholas A. Shahin
10 Atallah "Arthur" Y. Abueita
11 Issa Abufarha
Daniel "Danny" A. Isaac
12 Christina M. Alqazaha
Laura C. Farah
Andrea Sahouri
14 Brittany J. Abdallah
15 Olivia E. Benson
Gizelle Khouri
16 Evelyn Delbridge
Shane M. Gantos
Tanas Khoury
Adam J. Odeh
Fadi G. Odeh
Adnan "Eddie" Yacoub
17 Natalia AbuAita
Thomas "Tom" F. David
Mariann Hayek
18 Sebastian S. Abdallah
Robert A. Gagne
Elias G. Mitri
19 Karen Hargreaves
Angela D. Qazaha
20 Amer "Amo" E. Bathish
Angel I. David
Reem W. Hayek
Lubna Jones
Natalie M. Khoury
Christine Kokaly
Yara Rishmawi
22 Benjamin G. Benson
23 Leyla D. Andoni
George E. Mitri
24 Matthew K. Abuaita
Jeyad W. Alsahouri
Stacy L. Tijerina
25 Midhat Abu Aita
Chrissy L. Abueita
26 Mary J. Farah
Rodny E. Helal
28 Joseph "Joe" Ghattas
Mairna Ishaq
29 Alexander Mikhail
Cameron D. Smith
30 Romanos AbuAita
Matthew W. Hayek
Mary A. Meshraky
31 Zahra Abuaita
Angela E. Rishmawi

Namedays

December

6 Laila Nicole Abdallah
Nicholas Fares Abdallah
Nicholas "Nick" Paul Abud
Lindsey Nicole Brunner
Nicholas Thomas David
Rana (Nicole) May Fanous
Landon Nicola Gantos
Vivian Nicole Isaac
Nicola "Nick" Khoury
Mila Nicole Mitri
Nicholas "Nick" Saseen
Nicholas "Nick" M. Shadeed
Taylor Nicole Tipton
13 Lucy AbuAita
Rubina AbuAita
Lucia Marian Qazaha
17 Daniel "Danny" James Andoni
Julius Daniel Andoni
Leyla Danielle Andoni
Zayna Danielle Andoni
Daniel Daoud
Daniel "Danny" Gantos
Daniel "Danny" Allen Isaac
Dannie E. Jones
Danielle Mikhail
Danial Elias Mitri
Danny Mortensen
Daniel Rodriguez
Daniel Elliis Tijerina
22 Staci (Anastasia) Lauren Bator
Stacy (Anastasia) Lynn Tijerina
23 Bianca Victoria Baverle
25 Issa Abuaita
Issa Abufarha
Jehad Issa Abufarha
Issa Alqazaha
Issa Abdallah Burbar
Issa Y. Daoud
Issa Ibrahim
Issa Ishaq
Issa Giries Odeh
Issa Saman Odeh
27 Steven Walid Hayek
Stephanie Nicole Silpoch
29 Joseph Assaf
Joseph Jae Brack
Ryan David Brack
Joseph "Joe" Thomas David
Waleed Youssef El-Chaer
Youssef El-Chaer
Joseph "Joe" Farah
David John Gantos
Alexander "Alex" Joseph Ghattas
Joseph "Joe" Ghattas
Joseph "Joe" Nasri Haddad
Evan (Joseph) Walid Hayek
31 Cameron David Smith

God Grant You All Many Years!

Wedding Anniversaries

December

1 Mr. and Mrs. Ghassan Al-Khouri
4 Mr. and Mrs. Jubrael Rishmawi
5 Mr. and Mrs. Wael Hayek
23 Mr. and Mrs. Maher Qazaha
Mr. and Mrs. Ric Shahin
29 Mr. and Mrs. Troy S. Farah

ATTENTION!

If parishioners such as you, a family member, or friend's name does not appear in **THE VOICE** under *Birthdays, Anniversaries, or Namedays*, it is because we do not have your information on our church computer.

Please e-mail our Office Manager, Kelly, at kellysecstgeorge@gmail.com and your name will be added.

God Grant You All Many Years!

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The **Christmas Fast** shaded dates (also called the *Nativity or Advent Fast*) began on November 15th. Please see the **December Fasting Discipline** under *Announcements* for more information!			1 **Prophet Nahum** Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm Advent Service 6pm	2 Pan-Orthodox Young Adults Book Club *at St. George* 6pm	3	4 **Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm**
5 **Venerable Sabas the Sanctified**	6 **Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, the Wonder-worker** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	7	8 Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm Advent Service 6pm	9 **Conception of the Virgin Mary by Righteous Anna** Parish Council 6:15pm	10	11 **Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm** **Parish Xmas Program**
12 **Holy Forefathers of Christ**	13 **Virgin Martyr Lucia of Syracuse** Bible Study 3-5pm SOYO Monday 6-8pm	14	15 Arabic/English Bible Study 12-2pm Advent Service 6pm	16	17 **Prophet Daniel**	18 **Great Vespers and Confessions 5pm**
19 **Holy Fathers of Christ**	20 **Hieromartyr Ignatius of Antioch, the God-bearer** Great Compline 6pm	21	22 **Great Martyr Anastasia**	23 **Virgin-Martyrs Victoria and Anatolia** **Royal Hours for Christmas** 6pm	24 **Xmas Matins** 4:50pm **Xmas Liturgy** 6pm	25 *Christ is Born! Glorify Him!* المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فمجدوه!
26 **Synaxis of the Virgin Mary Joseph the Betrothed, King David the Prophet, & James the Brother of our Lord**	27 **Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon**	28	29	30	31	

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Divine Services for the Lord's Day

- Saturday
  - ***Great Vespers*** **5:00 PM**
  - * Confessions may also take place by appointment with Father Joe or Father Michael during the week.
- Sunday
  - ***Sacrament of Repentance*** {Confession*} **8:30 AM—9:30 AM**
  - ***Matins*** {Arabic & English} **8:50 AM**
  - ***Divine Liturgy*** **10:00 AM**
  - ***Church School***: Classes are in session following Holy Communion from September to May

Major Feast Days (see Calendar)

2021-22 Theme for
Church School,
Creative Festivals,
and our
Parish Life Conference

Parish Council, Departments, & Organizations

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