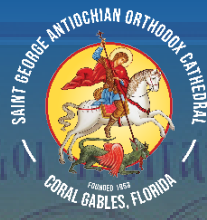


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SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." Acts 11:26

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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

CHANGES IN THE DIVINE LITURGY

تغييرات في القداس

At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m., please turn to page 92 in the Red Service Book to follow along with the Divine Liturgy. Likewise, please follow along the inserts in this *Weekly Bulletin* for the changes in today's Divine Liturgy (SEE BELOW).

~ During the Little Entrance ~

Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone One)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ مَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ أَيُّهَا الْمُخَلِّصُ، مَانِحاً الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ، الْمَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُحِبَّ الْبَشَرِ وَخَدَكَ

The Entrance Hymn for Ordinary Sundays (Tone Two)

*O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God. **Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.***

هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرَتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِّلُوبِيَا.

~ After the Little Entrance ~

Apolytikion of The Forefathers (Tone Two)

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لَقَدْ زَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْآبَاءَ الْقَدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فَخَطَبْتَ الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، فَالْقِدِّيسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ يَفْتَخِرُونَ، إِذْ مِنْ زَرْعِهِمْ أَتَيْتَ ثَمَرَةً حَسْبِيَّةً، وَهِيَ الَّتِي وَلَدَتْكَ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُ ارْحَمْنَا

Apolytikion of St. George (Tone Four)

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

بِمَا أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتِقٌ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرِ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ إِلَهُ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion of the Preperation of Christ's Nativity (Tone Three)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him

* Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God. الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَ الدَّهْورِ، وَلِأَدَّةٍ لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَافْرَحِي أَيُّهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتَ، وَمَجْدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدَّهْورِ

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

مُبَارَكٌ أَنْتَ يَا رَبُّ إِلَهَ آبَائِنَا.
لَأَنَّكَ عَدْلٌ فِي كُلِّ مَا صَنَعْتَ بِنَا.
فَفَصْلٌ مِنَ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى كُولُوسَي.
يَا إِخْوَةُ، مَتَى ظَهَرَ الْمَسِيحُ الَّذِي هُوَ حَيَاتُنَا، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً تُظْهِرُونَ حَيَاتَكُمْ فِي الْمَجْدِ. فَأَمَيْتُوا أَعْضَاءَكُمْ
الَّتِي عَلَى الْأَرْضِ: الزُّنَى، وَالنَّجَاسَةَ، وَالْهَوَى، وَالشَّهْوَةَ الرَّدِيَّةَ، وَالطَّمَعَ الَّذِي هُوَ عِبَادَةٌ وَثَنٍ. لِأَنَّهُ لِأَجْلِ
هَذِهِ يَأْتِي غَضَبُ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَبْنَاءِ الْعِصْيَانِ. وَفِي هَذِهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً سَلَكْتُمْ حِيناً إِذْ كُنْتُمْ عَائِشِينَ فِيهَا. أَمَّا
الآنَ، فَأَنْتُمْ أَيْضاً اطَّرَحُوا الْكُلَّ: الْعُصَبَ، وَالسَّخَطَ، وَالْخُبْثَ، وَالتَّجْدِيفَ، وَالْكَلامَ الْقَبِيحَ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِكُمْ.
وَلَا يُكْذِّبُ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً، بَلِ اخْلَعُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْعَتِيقَ مَعَ أَعْمَالِهِ. وَابْسُوا الْإِنْسَانَ الْجَدِيدَ الَّذِي يَتَجَدَّدُ
لِلْمَعْرِفَةِ عَلَى صُورَةِ خَالِقِهِ. حَيْثُ لَيْسَ يُونَانِيٌّ وَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ، لَا خِتَانٌ وَلَا قَلْفٌ، لَا بَرَبَرِيٌّ وَلَا اسْكِيثِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ
وَلَا حُرٌّ، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ هُوَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ وَفِي الْجَمِيعِ.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقِدِّيسِ لَوْقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ هَذَا الْمَثَلُ: إِنْسَانٌ صَنَعَ عَشَاءً عَظِيماً وَدَعَا كَثِيرِينَ. فَأَرْسَلَ عَبْدَهُ فِي سَاعَةِ الْعَشَاءِ يَقُولُ لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ: تَعَالَوْا فَإِنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قَدْ أُعِدَّ. فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ وَاحِدٌ فَوَاحِدٌ يَسْتَعْجِفُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْأَوَّلُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ حَقْلاً، وَلَا بُدَّ لِي أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَنْظُرَهُ، فَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ اشْتَرَيْتُ خَمْسَةَ قَدَادِينَ بَقَرٍ وَأَنَا مَاضٍ لِأَجَرِهَا، فَأَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَعْفَيْنِي. وَقَالَ الْآخَرُ: قَدْ تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً، فَلِذَلِكَ لَا أَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ أَجِيءَ. فَأَتَى الْعَبْدُ وَأَخْبَرَ سَيِّدَهُ بِذَلِكَ. فَحِينَئِذٍ، غَضِبَ رَبُّ الْبَيْتِ، وَقَالَ لِعَبْدِهِ: أَخْرُجْ سَرِيعاً إِلَى شَوَارِعِ الْمَدِينَةِ وَأَزِقِّهَا وَأَدْخِلِ الْمَسَاكِينَ وَالْجُدَعَ وَالْعُمْيَانَ وَالْعُرْجَ إِلَى هَهُنَا. فَقَالَ الْعَبْدُ: يَا سَيِّدُ، قَدْ قُضِيَ مَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ، وَبَيِّقَى أَيْضاً مَحَلٌّ. فَقَالَ السَيِّدُ لِلْعَبْدِ: أَخْرُجْ إِلَى الطَّرِيقِ وَالْأَسْجَةِ وَاضْطَرِّزْهُمْ إِلَى الدُّخُولِ حَتَّى يَمْتَلِئَ بَيْتِي. فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَا يَذُوقُ عَشَائِي أَحَدٌ مِنَ أُولَئِكَ الرِّجَالِ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ. لَأَنَّ الْمَدْعُوعِينَ كَثِيرُونَ وَالْمُخْتَارِينَ قَلِيلُونَ.



THE SYNAXARION

On December 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate **Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople.**

Saint Daniel the Stylite was born in the village of Bethara, near the city of Samosata in Mesopotamia. His mother Martha was childless for a long while and in her prayers she vowed that if she had a child, she would dedicate him to the Lord. Her prayers were heard, and Martha soon gave birth to a son, who was without a name until he was five years of age.

The boy's parents desired that since he was born through the good-will of God, he should also receive his name from God. They took their son to a monastery located nearby and approached the igumen.

The igumen gave orders to take down one of the service books, and unrolled it at random. He found the Prophet Daniel (December 17) mentioned in it. Thus did the boy receive his name. The parents asked that he might remain at the monastery, but the igumen would not accept him, since he was still only a small boy. At twelve years of age, saying nothing to anyone, the child left home for the monastery.

His parents were happy when they learned where their son was, and they went to the monastery. Seeing that he was still going about in his worldly clothes, they besought that the igumen should clothe him in the angelic garb. That Sunday the igumen fulfilled their request, but permitted them often to visit their son. The brethren of the monastery were astonished at the saint's ascetical efforts.

Once, Saint Simeon the Stylite (September 1) visited the monastery. He foretold to the young monk that he too would undertake the feat of pillar-dwelling. Saint Daniel continued with his ascetic life in seclusion. When the place of a new exploit was revealed to him in a vision, he withdrew into the Thracian wilderness together with two disciples. They set up a pillar, upon which Saint Daniel dwelt for 33 years. People thronged to the pillar, the unfortunate and those who were sick, and all received help and healing from Saint Daniel. Byzantine emperors also sought the prayers of the holy ascetic. The most notable of the saint's predictions was about a great fire in Constantinople. Saint Daniel possessed also the gift of gracious words. He guided many onto the path of correcting their lives. The monk reposed in his eightieth year.

The Mystery of Repentance:

Every Christian feels a natural yearning of the heart towards God, a true desire to taste the sweetness of communion with Him as He created us to be. This longing for inner peace can be fulfilled as we participate in the spiritual life within the Orthodox Church. In particular, the Mystery of Repentance (Holy Confession) restores us to a blessed union with the Living God. Confessions are heard after Saturday Vespers or by contacting Fr. Paul for an appointment on Tuesdays-Fridays. An excellent resource to assist us in preparing for confession is available at: <http://www1.antiochian.org/orthodox-prayers/self-examination-confession>.



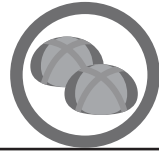
TODAY

December 11, 2022

EPISTLE READER

English: Jackie Barakat

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HOLY BREAD OFFERING

TODAY December 11	Baire Alonso and Maria Pons For the good health of their family Amleset Beyene and family In memory of +Sylvie Murad
December 18	Order of Saint Ignatius For the good health of their members and their families
December 25	George and Myrna Khouri For the good health of Taima and Thaer Khouri
January 1	The Cathedral Council, Organizations and Parishioners of Saint George Cathedral For the good health of Fr. Paul, Kh. Jane and the Saint George community for a blessed New Year Andrew, Michael and Natalie Abu-Akel For the good health of Atalla and Andrea on the occasion of their anniversary and good health of the Abu-Akel and Mickel families George and Myrna Khouri For the good health of Taima and Thaer Khouri

COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR

TODAY December 11	Baire Alonso and Maria Pons For the good health of their family
December 18	Order of Saint Ignatius For the good health of their members and their families
December 25	OPEN
January 1	Atalla and Andrea Abu-Akel For the good health of the Abu-Akel and Mickel families

The Holy Bread and Coffee Hour are ministries of the Antiochian Women. Please see the coordinator of these ministries, Mrs. Salma Zacur, to inquire on scheduling and requirements.



ALTAR VIGIL CANDLE

The Candle remains lit for an entire month on the Holy Altar. There is no fee required to offer the Altar Vigil Candle. The offering is by donation only. Please see schedule below (in order of submission by month).

December

Mouna Dahlan & Family, Mabardi Family
Shammaseh Pat Nimer and the Nimer & Ameen Families
In loving memory of +Archdeacon David Nimer
Charles and Diana O'Brien
In memory of +Sean Nicholas O'Brien

January

Yamil & Salma Zacur
Mouna Dahlan & Family, Mabardi Family

PRAYER LIST

Prayer List of the Living

Baire Alonso and Maria Pons; Fr. Ayman, Kh. Elaina, Maya, Layla and Stella Kfouf; Jorge Luis; Carol Bardawil and Hala Massani; Mouna and Laura Dahlan; Wadia, Maha, Nicholas, Nicole Mabardi; Shammaseh Pat Nimer and the Nimer & Ameen Families; Naya Sesin; Tabte, Jamal, and Mona Habib; Souad Nahas; Laila Soufia; Jeanette Haddad-Stern; Elsa Merino; Roger Nimer, The Entire Sayfie Family; Aregash Gebriel, Susan Panayotti Elias, George and Charme Elias, Virginia Elias, Gwynn Elias, Dr. Richard Elias, Dr. Lewis and Deanna Elias, Jean Joseph, Martha Alfonso, Kiwan Khoury; Najat Zacur, Yolanda Warwar-Feanny, Salam Al-Issa, Rita Zaidan.

Prayer List of the +Departed

+Archdeacon David Nimer
+Sylvie Murad
+Asmerom Beyene
+Dr. Eugene Sayfie
+Dr. Maurice Bardawil
+Kareem Zakharia
+William Bardawil
+Sean Nicholas O'Brien
+Emile Farah
+Ibrahim Khoury
+Michel Husson
+Michael Dahlan
+Samira Abou Rjaily
+George Chukrallah Habib
+Jorge Diab Zacur



Cathedral Calendar



Today	Orthros (Matins)	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Today	Sunday School Classes	following Divine Liturgy

Save the Date!

Catachumens Class	Wed. December 14, 2022
Akathist of Thanksgiving	Wed. December 14, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School Concert and Cathedral Luncheon	December 18, 2022
Teen SOYO Pilgrimage	January 2023



TODAY

There will be a 6 month memorial service for the handmaid of God,
Sylvie Murad offered by Ameleset Beyen and Family.

May Sylvie's Memory be Eternal!

TODAY

There will be a **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** to vote on delegates to represent the Cathedral at the National Nomination Convention for Metropolitan of our Archdiocese. All eligible to vote (see letter previously mailed and email sent) will receive a ballot. We encourage you to attend this very important meeting.



**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Nativity 2022

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!



Blessed is He Who gave Thee to us without our asking,
so that by Thee we might thank Thy Father for His gift.

—St. Ephraim the Syrian, Hymn 4 on the Nativity

On this holy feast of the Nativity of Christ, God gives us everything through Christ: true knowledge of Him, inspiration to seek Him, empowerment to serve Him, and the means by which to thank and praise Him. May His Gift spiritually enrich all our lives, always and in every way.

Wishing you and your loved ones a most joyous feast, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

✠Metropolitan ANTONIOS

Antonios

Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek, and Dependencies
Patriarchal Vicar of New York and All North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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Antiochian Orthodox Musician Appreciation Sunday



Each year on the second Sunday in December, this year falling on December 11, the Antiochian Archdiocese recognizes the contributions of all our church singers. The Church Musician plays a vital role in communicating the theology and teachings of the Church through melody while maintaining the beauty and dignity of our divine services. It is a God-given gift, indeed, to our parishes and missions.

The Department of Sacred Music joins the Clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese to say “Thank You” to our Church Musicians for their selfless commitment of time and talent. Your ministry is a treasure to the church and a fountain of love and joy to your parish.

The Antiochian Archdiocese has chosen the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Christ, with much forethought and wisdom. Mid-December the whole world is singing, believers and non-believers. Music is playing wherever we go. We Orthodox are at the midpoint of the Nativity Fast. Church musicians are learning and rehearsing music for the Feast, to properly prepare for the Birth of our Savior. It is a good time to give thanks for this ministry.

The Nativity Sermon of St. John Chrysostom begins with much reference to song.
“I behold a new and wondrous mystery! My ears resound to the Shepherd’s song, piping no soft melody, but loudly chanting a heavenly hymn! The Angels sing! The Archangels blend their voices in harmony! The Cherubim resound their joyful praise! The Seraphim exalt His glory! All join to praise this holy feast...”

Yes, it is a good time to give thanks and gratitude for the gift of song!

May God continue to bless you in your music ministry and grant you health and many years! ♪

The Order of Saint Ignatius
SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL

DECEMBER IS ORDER MONTH!



*What a great time of
year to join
The Order!*



**Order Members,
Please remember to wear your
Crosses of The Order
every Sunday and also on Christmas Eve
this month.**

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Who Is Saint Ignatius Of Antioch?

The Patron Saint Of The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

The Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer, was a disciple of the holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, as was also St Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (February 23). St Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch, and successor to Bishop Euodius, Apostle of the Seventy (September 7).

Tradition suggests that when Saint Ignatius was a little boy, the Savior hugged him and said: unless you turn and become as little children you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt.18:3). The Saint was called God-Bearer (Theophoros), because he bore God in his heart and prayed unceasingly to Him. He also had this name because he was held in the arms of Christ, the incarnate Son of God.

Saint Ignatius was a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian, together with St Polycarp of Smyrna. As Bishop of Antioch, Saint Ignatius was zealous and spared no effort to build up the church of Christ. To him is attributed the practice of antiphonal singing (by two choirs) during church services. He had seen a vision of the angels in heaven alternately singing praises to God, and divided his church choir to follow this example. In the time of persecution he was a source of strength to the souls of his flock, and was eager to suffer for Christ.

In the year 106 the emperor Trajan (98-117), after his victory over the Scythians, ordered everyone to give thanks to the pagan gods, and to put to death any Christians who refused to worship the idols. In the year 107, Trajan happened to pass through Antioch. Here they told him that Bishop Ignatius openly confessed Christ, and taught people to scorn riches, to lead a virtuous life, and preserve their virginity. Saint Ignatius came voluntarily before the emperor, so as to avert persecution of the Christians in Antioch. Saint Ignatius rejected the persistent requests of the emperor Trajan to sacrifice to the idols. The emperor then decided to send him to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts. St Ignatius joyfully accepted the sentence imposed upon him. His readiness for martyrdom was attested to by eyewitnesses, who accompanied Saint Ignatius from Antioch to Rome.

On the way to Rome, the ship sailed from Seleucia stopped at Smyrna, where Saint Ignatius met with his friend Bishop Polycarp. Clergy and believers from other cities and towns thronged to see Saint Ignatius. He exhorted everyone not to fear death and not to grieve for him. In his Epistle to the Roman Christians, he asked them to assist him with their prayers, and to pray that God would strengthen him in his impending martyrdom for Christ: "I seek Him Who died for us; I desire Him Who rose for our salvation... In me, desire has been nailed to the cross, and no flame of material longing is left. Only the living water speaks within me, saying, Hasten to the Father."



From Smyrna, Saint Ignatius went to Troas. Here he heard the happy news of the end of the persecution against Christians in Antioch. From Troas, Saint Ignatius sailed to Neapolis (in Macedonia) and then to Philippi.

On the way to Rome Saint Ignatius visited several churches, teaching and guiding the Christians there. He also wrote seven epistles: to the churches of Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles, Rome, Philadelphia, and Smyrna. He also addressed a letter to St Polycarp, who mentions a collection of the letters of Saint Ignatius in his letter to the Philippians (Ch. 13). St Frenaeus of Lyons quotes from Saint Ignatius's letter to the Romans (Against Heresies 5:28:4). All these letters have survived to the present day.

The Roman Christians met Saint Ignatius with great joy and profound sorrow. Some of them hoped to prevent his execution, but St Ignatius implored them not to do this. Kneeling down, he prayed together with the believers for the Church, for love between the brethren, and for an end to the persecution against Christians.

On December 20, the day of a pagan festival, they led Saint Ignatius into the arena, and he turned to the people: "Men of Rome, you know that I am sentenced to death, not because of any crime, but because of my love for God, by Whose love I am embraced. I long to be with Him, and offer myself to him as a pure loaf, made of fine wheat ground fine by the teeth of wild beasts."

After this, the lions were released and tore him to pieces, leaving only his heart and a few bones. Tradition says that on his way to execution, Saint Ignatius unceasingly repeated the name of Jesus Christ. When they asked him why he was doing this, Saint Ignatius answered that this Name was written in his heart, and that he confessed with Him Whom he always carried within. When the saint was devoured by the lions, his heart was not touched. When they cut open the heart, the pagans saw an inscription in gold letters: "Jesus Christ." After his execution St Ignatius appeared to many of the faithful in their sleep to comfort them, and some saw him at prayer for the city of Rome.

Hearing of the Saint's great courage, Trajan thought well of him and stopped the persecution against the Christians. The relics of Saint Ignatius were transferred to Antioch (January 29), and on February 1, 637 were returned to Rome and placed in the church of San Clemente.



The Order of
Saint Ignatius
of Antioch

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Hope

With The Blessing Of His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH,
The Order of St. Ignatius Supports

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Hope is the "real" gift you give that provides a needed "hand up" to the lives of those struggling to provide the basic necessities for their children and families.

The 3 Tenets Of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Act Of Faith

Rooted In Love &
Compassion

All the way back to our earliest years as a child we are taught to share with others, especially those less fortunate. When we share, we give up what we believe to be control in our lives. We put our faith in God that He will provide for our needs in abundance. Through your financial commitment you are allowing God to work through you for the benefit of others. Your gift to the Order is an expression of love and compassion for countless lives and most importantly ... it is an act of Faith.

A Sacrifice

Immeasurable In Its
Capacity

To sacrifice for one another is to love. Deciding to "do without" for the benefit of someone you don't know is the beginning of a true sacrifice. Your sacrifice helps a struggling family send their children to camp enabling them to experience God's world if only for two weeks. It provides reassurance to a new parish, that it can meet its monthly financial obligations and continue its ministry. As a member of the Order you may consider your sacrifice to be small, but it is immeasurable in its capacity to change people's lives.

Infinite In Its Effect

Making A Difference
Together

Your annual gift, less than the cost of your daily cup of coffee, is merely a drop of water in a vast ocean of need. However, the ripple from your gift never ends. It expands to enrich the lives of our youth by strengthening their hearts and minds as future leaders of the Faith. It multiplies to help care for our retired clergy and our devoted seminarians. The ripple from your annual or lifetime gift touches the lives of so many that you would never been able to reach alone.



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THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

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SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Date: December 18, 2022 after liturgy

Location: Cathedral Hall

Dress Code:

Girls - red dress

Boys - black pants, white dress shirts, red tie

**Rehearsals are mandatory and will be held every
Sunday after Liturgy!**

**Mandatory rehearsals will be on
Saturday December 10 and Saturday, December 17**



WE WISH YOU A

Merry Christmas

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*Saint George Cathedral
Sunday School*

Advent **Humanitarian Drive:** **Donna's Angel Tree**

The Sunday School is working together with the Antiochian Women's ministry Donna's Angel Tree to donate toys for the Embrace Girls Power Foundation. Please donate new, unwrapped toys for girls and boys ages 6 months to 17. Please bring all toys to the hall.

DEADLINE TO DONATE IS DECEMBER 18, 2022

TOYS MUST BE UNWRAPPED!

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2023 Stewardship Commitment Form

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)*

Step 1: Family Name: _____

Step 2: If any changes, please use Membership Information Form to update all personal information.

Membership Information Form located at the church front entrance / or ask for a Stewardship Committee member

Step 3: Know your Membership Number: _____

Step 4: Be a Steward! – Share your Time and Talent by volunteering for a ministry! (Visit Website)

Step 5: Be a Steward! – Share your Treasure by making your Stewardship Commitment TODAY!

Please consider "prayerfully and sincerely" about your 2023 Stewardship Commitment.

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we offer the following 2023 'WEEKLY' Stewardship Commitment

(Please Select):

☐ \$20/Week ☐ \$30/Week ☐ \$50/Week ☐ \$100/Week ☐ Other \$____/Week
(\$1,040 Annually) (\$1,560 Annually) (\$2,600 Annually) (\$5,200 Annually) (\$____ Annually)

Step 6: Please complete Payment Information below

Payment Options: (please select option A, B, or C)

(A) - ☐ Credit Card (please complete the following credit card information)

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Please select:

☐ \$ _____ monthly (recurring donation)

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(C) - ☐ One-time check enclosed

Step 7: Please sign below

By signing this form, I commit myself / family as a Steward of Saint George Cathedral.

Signature: _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

Please note: For the General Assembly voting privilege in 2024, this form must be completed and 2023 pledge fulfilled.

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Please return your completed form to the Cathedral Office promptly.

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