

*Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral
Coral Gables, Florida*



CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فَمَجِّدُوهُ!



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

كاتدرائية القديس جاورجيوس للروم الأرثوذكس

The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH, *Primate*
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

The Right Reverend Bishop ANTOUN, *Auxiliary Bishop*

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

النشرة الأسبوعية *Weekly Bulletin*

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**The Feast of the Nativity of
The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

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Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: Great Vespers (as announced in Calendar)

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Orthros (Matins) -- 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Confessions by Appointment



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Coral Gables, Florida

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Welcome to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral!

This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Universal (catholic), and Apostolic Church. As Antiochian Orthodox, this Church belongs to two thousand years of history and tradition, which express the continued commitment of its members to the faith in **The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

Visitors, please feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the Ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Saba at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally. *Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan!*

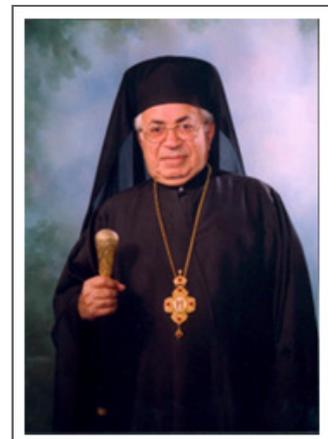
The Nativity of
**THE LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST**

المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فَمَجِّدُوهُ!



**Christ
is born!
Glorify Him!**

Welcome TODAY
His Grace Bishop ANTOUN
in our midst!



Father Saba's 2015 Nativity (Christmas) Message

"Christ is Born! Glorify Him!"

المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فَمَجِّدُوهُ!

My Beloved Saint George Cathedral Family,

I greet you with these words, "Christ is born! Glorify Him!"

Let us glorify God in everything we do. In fact, when we pray, we should not ask anything for ourselves before we glorify God first, then thank Him, and finally to ask Him to take care of us.

Whatever we may ask of Him, God has already given us the greatest gift He could give. So, then, what shall we ask of Him? Is there anything more precious than receiving His Son? Is there anything more important than His Son? His Son came to teach us how to be better people, better followers, better Christians. Let us during this feast of love receive the Son who is our teacher. He came to teach us and through this, save us.

To teach is to love. To love is to teach.

Let us be His disciples so we may understand why we glorify Him and why we thank Him. Let us be agents of the Prince of Peace so God may bring peace to the world through the peace we learn from Him. Merry Christmas to all of you!

Your Father in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

Dean

At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m., please turn to page 92 in the Red Service Book to follow the Liturgy.

Please use the inserts in this *Weekly Bulletin* for this week's changes.

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First Antiphon

الانديفونا الأولى

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, in the council of the upright, in the congregation; great are the works of the Lord.

اعترف لك يا رب من كل قلبي، وأحدّث بجميع عجائبك في مجلس المستقيمين وفي مجتمعهم. عظيمة أعمال الرب.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خالصنا.

Sought out in all the things that he hath willed; confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages.

مدبّرةً طبقاً لكلِّ مرادهِ بها. صنعهُ الأعترافِ وعُظم الجلال. وعدلهُ يدوم إلى دهرِ الدهرين.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خالصنا.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

المجد للآبِ والإبنِ والروحِ القدس، الآن وكل أوانٍ وإلى دهرِ الدهرين. آمين.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us.

بشفاعاتِ والدَةِ الإلهِ يا مخلصُ خالصنا.

Changes in the Liturgy

تغييرات في القداس

Second Antiphon

الانديفونا الثانية

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Glory and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness abides unto ages of ages.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

There hath risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous.

Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

O only-begotten son and word of God...

طوبى للرجل الذي يتقي الرب ويهوى وصاياه جدا. تكون ذريته في الأرض مقتدره.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

يكون المجد والغنى في بيته. وبره يدوم الى دهر الداهرين.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

اشرق النور في الظلمة للمستقيمين.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل لك، هلوليا!

المجد للآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكل اوان والى دهر الداهرين، آمين.

يا كلمة الله الابن الوحيد...

Third Antiphon**الانديفونا الثالثة**

The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet. The Lord shall send to you a scepter of power from Zion. With thee is dominion in the day of thy power, in the splendor of thy saints.

قال الربُّ لربي اجلس عن يميني حتى اجعل اعداءك موطناً لقدميك. عصا قوّة يرسل لك الربُّ من صهيون. معك الرئاسة في يوم قوتك. في بهاءٍ قديسيك.

Thy Nativity O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest thou didst come, O Lord, glory to thee!

ميلادك أيها المسيح إلهنا قد اشرق نور المعرفة في العالم. لأن الساجدين للكواكب به تعلموا من الكوكب السجود لك يا شمس العدل. وأن يعرفوا أنك من مشارق العلو أتيت. يارب المجدلك!

Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)

Out of the womb, before the morning star, have I begotten Thee.
The Lord hath sworn and will not change His mind: Thou art a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.
Save us, O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!
من البطن قبل كوكب الصبح ولدتك. حلف الربُّ ولن يندم، أن أنت كاهنٌ الى الأبد على ترتيب ملايكصادق.

خلصنا يا ابن الله، يا من ولد من البتول، لنرتل لك: هلوليا!

Troparion of the Feast of the Nativity (Tone Four)

Thy Nativity O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest thou didst come, O Lord, glory to thee!

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Kontakion of the Feast of the Nativity (Tone Three)

Today, the Virgin giveth birth to the transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes; God before the ages.

اليومَ البتول تلدُ الفائقَ الجوهر، والأرضُ تقرّبُ المغارة، لمن هو غير مقربٍ إليه. الملائكة مع الرعاة يمجدون، والمجوس مع الكوكب في الطريقِ يسيرون. لأنه قد ولد لنا صبيّ جديدٌ، وهو الإله الذي قبل الدهور.

Instead of the Trisagion Hymn, the following is sung (Tone One)

“As many as have been Baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!”

“أنتم الذين بالمسيح اعتمدتم المسيح قد لبستم، هليويا!”

Megalynarion for the Nativity (Tone One)

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath lain Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

عَظِّمِي يَا نَفْسِي مِنْ هِيَ أَكْرَمُ قَدْرًا وَأَرْفَعُ مَجْدًا مِنَ الْأَجْنَادِ الْعُلُويَّةِ.
إِنِّي أَشَاهِدُ سِرًّا عَجِيبًا مُسْتَعْرَبًا. الْمَغَارَةُ سَمَاءٌ وَالْبَتُولُ عَرْشًا شَارُوبِيمِيًّا. وَالْمَذُودَ مَحَلًّا شَرِيفًا
الَّذِي اتَّكَأَ فِيهِ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ غَيْرُ الْمَوْسُوعِ فِي مَكَانٍ فَلْنُسَبِّحْهُ مَعْظَمِينَ.

Koinonikon for the Nativity (Tone Eight)

The Lord hath sent redemption to his people. Alleluia!

أرسل الرب خلاصا لشعبه . هلولويا!

Instead of “We have seen the true light...”, sing:

Troparion of the Nativity (Tone Four)

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المجدلك!

الرسالة لعيد ميلاد ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح

Epistle for the Nativity of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee!
Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (4:4-7)

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.

يسجد لك كل أهل الأرض ويرتلوا لك!

هللوا لله يا جميع أهل الأرض!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (4:4-7)

يا اخوة لما حان ملء الزمان أرسل الله ابنه مولودا من امرأة مولودا تحت الناموس * ليفتدي الذين تحت الناموس لننال التبني * وبما أنكم أبناء أرسل الله روح ابنه إلى قلوبكم صارخا يا أبا الآب * فلست بعد عبدا بل أنت ابن. وإذا كنت ابنا فأنت وارث لله بيسوع المسيح.

الإنجيل لعيد ميلاد ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح

Gospel of the Nativity of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (2:1-12)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

الإنجيل لعيد ميلاد ربنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح

Gospel of the Nativity of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير, التلميذ الطاهر (2:1-12)

لَمَّا وُلِدَ يَسُوعُ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ فِي أَيَّامِ هِيرُودَسَ الْمَلِكِ إِذَا مَجُوسٌ قَدْ أَقْبَلُوا مِنْ الْمَشْرِقِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ قَائِلِينَ ، أَيْنَ الْمَوْلُودُ مَلِكُ الْيَهُودِ فَأَتْنَا رَأَيْنَا نَجْمَهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ فَوَافِينَا لِنَسْجُدَ لَهُ * فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ هِيرُودُسُ الْمَلِكُ اضْطَرَبَ هُوَ وَكُلُّ أُورُشَلِيمَ مَعَهُ * وَجَمَعَ كُلَّ رُؤَسَاءِ الْكَهَنَةِ وَكَتَبَةَ الشَّعْبِ وَاسْتَخْبَرَهُمْ أَيْنَ يُولَدُ الْمَسِيحُ * فَقَالُوا لَهُ فِي بَيْتِ لَحْمِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا قَدْ كُتِبَ بِالنَّبِيِّ: وَأَنْتِ يَا بَيْتَ لَحْمِ أَرْضِ يَهُودَا لَسْتَ بِصُغْرَى فِي رُؤَسَاءِ يَهُودَا لِأَنَّهُ مِنْكَ يَخْرُجُ الْمَدْبَّرُ الَّذِي يَرعى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ * حِينَئِذٍ دَعَا هِيرُودُسُ الْمَجُوسَ سَرًّا وَتَحَقَّقَ مِنْهُمْ زَمَانَ النَجْمِ الَّذِي ظَهَرَ * ثُمَّ أَرْسَلَهُمْ إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمِ قَائِلًا: انْطَلِقُوا وَابْحَثُوا عَنِ الصَّبِيِّ بِتَدْقِيقٍ وَمَتَى وَجَدْتُمُوهُ فَاخْبِرُونِي لِكَيْ آتِيَ أَنَا أَيْضًا وَاسْجُدَ لَهُ * فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا مِنَ الْمَلِكِ ذَهَبُوا فَإِذَا النَجْمُ الَّذِي كَانُوا رَأَوْهُ فِي الْمَشْرِقِ يَتَقَدَّمُهُمْ حَتَّى جَاءَ وَوَقَفَ فَوْقَ الْمَوْضِعِ الَّذِي كَانَ فِيهِ الصَّبِيُّ * فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا النَجْمَ فَرَحُوا فَرَحًا عَظِيمًا جَدًّا وَأَتَوْا إِلَى الْبَيْتِ فَوَجَدُوا الصَّبِيَّ مَعَ مَرْيَمَ أُمِّهِ فَخَرُّوا سَاجِدِينَ لَهُ وَفَتَحُوا كَنُوزَهُمْ وَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ هَدَايَا مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأُبَانٍ وَمُرٍّ * ثُمَّ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِمْ فِي الْحُلْمِ أَنْ لَا يَرْجِعُوا إِلَى هِيرُودَسَ فَانصَرَفُوا فِي طَرِيقِ أُخْرَى إِلَى بِلَادِهِمْ

Prayer List

The following names were submitted this week and remembered TODAY in the Holy Altar! If you desire to have your loved one(s) remembered on Sunday, please contact the Church Office and submit the name(s).

Please indicate the **reason** for the prayer (illness, name's day, birthday, anniversary, in memory, etc.) and the **duration** for inclusion on the list (one week, two weeks, etc.).

Names of the living and departed should be submitted by Wednesday morning for inclusion in the following Sunday's *Weekly Bulletin*.

Living	Departed
<p>The abducted Metropolitan PAUL The abducted Archbishop YOUHANNA All our brothers and sisters afflicted by war, hunger, poverty, oppression, persecution, and occupation in the Middle East and Worldwide. Officers and Members of the Cathedral Council Muazzi and Michelle Hatem and Family Salem, Hannan, Naife, Sammy, & Christian Mounayyer Michael, Mouna, and Laura Dahlan Charles and Diana O'Brien Said and Tamara Nassar Hilda Shaleesh Majed Barjoud Tom Dahlan Yvonne Soof, Osama Khoury Fadwa Habash Nasir, Anilu, and Alexa Katerina Acikgoz George and Charme Elias and family Guinevere Haddad, Richard and Gwynn Elias Sabah Khoury, Lubna Jahjah George Bchara Salwa Dammous, Asmerom Beyene Jim and Marsha Barrows Latife Zyne, Mona Habib Nicholas Shaheen, Dorothy Skaff, Terry Gotard Najlah Feanny-Hicks Denise Ede, Patty Hill President Jimmy Carter</p>	<p>All our brothers and sisters departed by war, hunger, poverty, oppression, persecution, and occupation in the Middle East and Worldwide. The departed Founders of this Cathedral Albert Elias Sanaa Dahi Fouad Mounayyer Aida Saba Sami Hakim Naife Mounayyer Sean O'Brien Ibrahim Khoury George and Julia Abdenour Amelda Mourad Linda Malouf</p> <div data-bbox="1003 1315 1276 1663" style="text-align: center;"> <p>The image shows a decorative cross with a central vertical bar and a horizontal bar. The top and bottom ends of the vertical bar are rounded and have a cloud-like or scalloped edge. The horizontal bar is also decorated with similar cloud-like edges. On the left side of the horizontal bar, the letters 'IC' are written, and on the right side, the letters 'XC' are written.</p> </div>

Altar Vigil Candle

To sign-up for the Altar Vigil Candle, please contact the Church Office to submit the names of your loved ones to be remembered for the duration of the month you choose.

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.

If you choose to make a donation, please make your donation payable to 'St. George Cathedral.'

Please see schedule below (in order of submission by month).



DECEMBER	Michael and Mouna Dahlan and Family Charles and Diana O'Brien Salem and Hannan Mounayyer and Family Raja Nassar
JANUARY	Salem and Hannan Mounayyer and Family Michael and Mouna Dahlan and Family
FEBRUARY	Salem and Hannan Mounayyer and Family George and Widaa Khoury and Family Michael and Mouna Dahlan and Family
MARCH	Salem and Hannan Mounayyer and Family Michael and Mouna Dahlan and Family
APRIL	OPEN
MAY	Sawsan Khuri and Michael Maunder and Family

Cathedral News

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.

Holy Bread Offering

TODAY

Cathedral Council

DECEMBER 27

Munif and Ruba Asfour and Family
Amey Elias and the Elias Family

JANUARY 3

Eric Thomas
Tony and Vivian Zammar and Family
Fr. Gustavo and Kh. Margarita Alfonso & Family

**JANUARY 5
(TUESDAY)**

Atalla and Andrea Abu-Akel and Family

JANUARY 10

Cathedral Council and All Organizations

JANUARY 17

Said and Lama Elhaj and Family

JANUARY 24

OPEN



Coffee Hour Sponsor

TODAY

Muazzi and Michelle Hatem and Family

DECEMBER 27

Munif and Ruba Asfour and Family

JANUARY 3

Eric Thomas

**JANUARY 5
(TUESDAY)**

Atalla and Andrea Abu-Akel and Family

JANUARY 10

Elevation Celebration Banquet

JANUARY 17

Said and Lama Elhaj and Family

JANUARY 24

OPEN





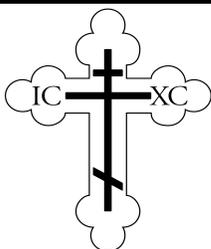
Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Diocese of Miami and the Southeast
Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba, Dean

The facilities of Saint George Cathedral will only be offered and used in accordance with the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church.

*Approved by Father Saba.
Approved unanimously by the Cathedral Council.*

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27:

Third/Ninth Memorial Service in memory of **Albert Elias**, offered by Amey Elias and the Elias Family.

Memory Eternal!

2015 SOYO Christmas Card

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the card:

**Haifa, George, Sdn. Charles, and Giselle Khoury
Dr. Michael Maunder, Dr. Sawsan Khuri, Catherine, and Peter Maunder**

Thank you for your continued support of SOYO!



Cathedral Calendar

TODAY	Orthros (Matins) Service for Feast of Nativity	5:30 p.m.
TODAY	Divine Liturgy for Feast of Nativity	6:30 p.m.
TODAY	December is 'Order of Saint Ignatius Month'	
Friday, Dec 25	<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	
Fri-Sat, Dec 25-26	Church Office CLOSED	
Saturday, Dec 26	The Great Vespers Service will NOT be celebrated.	
Sunday, Dec 27	Orthros (Matins) Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 27	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 27	No Sunday School Classes (Christmas Break)	
Sunday, Dec 27	Christmas Caroling by Youth Choir	Please see FLYER
Tuesday, Dec 29	Ladies Nativity Dinner Gathering	Please see FLYER
Thursday, Dec 31	New Year's Eve Hafli	Please see FLYER

Save the Date!

<u>Liturgy and Blessing of Waters for Feast of Epiphany</u>	<u>Jan 5, 2016</u>
<u>Home Blessings Begin</u>	<u>Jan 6, 2016</u>
<u>Elevation of Father Saba to the Dignity of Archpriest</u>	<u>Jan 9-10, 2016</u>
<u>Annual General Assembly Meeting</u>	<u>Jan 17, 2016</u>
<u>Election of Cathedral Council Officers</u>	<u>Jan 19, 2016</u>
<u>Induction of 2016 Cathedral Council</u>	<u>Jan 24, 2016</u>
<u>Southeast Diocese Delegates' Meeting in Jacksonville, FL</u>	<u>Jan 22-24, 2016</u>
<u>Annual Middle Eastern Festival</u>	<u>Feb 20-21, 2016</u>
<u>Clean Monday (First Day of Great Lent)</u>	<u>Mar 14, 2016</u>
<u>Great and Holy PASCHA (Easter)</u>	<u>May 1, 2016</u>
<u>Southeast Diocese Parish Life Conference in Pensacola, FL</u>	<u>Jun 15-18, 2016</u>
<u>53rd Biennial Archdiocese Convention hosted in Miami</u>	<u>Jul 23-30, 2017</u>

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ

Celebrated on
Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Divine Liturgy
for the Feast of Epiphany
7:00 p.m.

Great Blessing of Water
immediately after Liturgy

“Coffee Chat” to follow

Financial Update

Pledge Summary:

2015 Goal: \$150,000.00
Actual as of Nov 30: \$99,126.05

Still Needed in 2015:
\$50,873.95

Remaining **Mortgage** as of
November 2015: \$787,047.48

Thank you for your support!

The month of December in the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America
is the month recognizing

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 20th is the Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Members of the **Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch** are asked to wear their **Crosses** and assist with ushering, reading the Epistle, and other various tasks for the entire month of December.



If you are not a member of **The Order** and are interested in joining this great organization, please contact Fr. Saba, Tony Zammar or any member of **The Order** for information.

To view the website for **The Order**,
please visit www.antiochian.org/order



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Coral Gables, FL

Sunday School



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Dear Parents,

The Youth Choir will be Caroling again this year!

In the spirit of Christmas and wanting to share the joy of the Season with others, the Youth Choir has secured the afternoon of Sunday, December 27th to visit the elderly members of Saint George Cathedral in Miami-Dade County. All interested students are invited to participate. **All ages are welcome!** The plan is to travel as a group, leaving the Cathedral after Liturgy, returning around 3:30 pm.

Please complete the Parental Authorization form at the bottom and turn it in to Carmen Kostik or Anna-Sarah Farha by December 20th so proper arrangements may be made. A few volunteer chaperones will be needed to accompany the students; if you would like to go along, please enter your name at the bottom.

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION & LIABILITY FORM

Name: Last/First: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____

Relation: _____ Phone: _____

I _____, do absolve Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral of Coral Gables, FL, of any liability in the event of accident or injury to my child during his/her participation in the Christmas Caroling event trip to be held on Sunday, December 27, 2015.

Signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relation: _____



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December 17, 2015

Commemoration of the Prophet Daniel and the Three Youths

Dear Members of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

A blessed Nativity Season to you and your families! This is to inform you the 2016 Annual General Assembly Meeting for the voting membership of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2016, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda is enclosed with this letter.

To be recognized as a voting member of Saint George Cathedral, a parishioner must be at least eighteen years of age and have met both the necessary spiritual obligations (as determined by the Pastor) and financial obligations (as determined by the Financial Secretary and your signed 2015 Stewardship/Membership Form). If you have not already done so, please register as a member using the 2015 Stewardship/Membership Form and complete your financial obligation before December 31, 2015. If you have any financial circumstances, please see the Pastor. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact a member of the Cathedral Council.

The goal of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral is to have all eligible members vote.

As prescribed by the Saint George Cathedral Constitution, during the Annual Meeting, four members will be elected to the Cathedral Council for a term of three years. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to compile a list of qualified candidates. The members of the committee are Fr. Saba, Yamil Zacur and Muazzi Hatem. If you or someone you know is interested in running for Council membership and is willing to make the commitment required to fulfill this important obligation, please contact Fr. Saba or any member of the Nominating Committee for additional information.

It is important to note that pursuant to the Saint George Cathedral Constitution, no nominations will be accepted from the floor during the Annual General Assembly Meeting. All candidates' names must be submitted to the Nominating Committee by Friday, January 15, 2016 in order for the candidate's name to be included on the Ballot. There can be no exception to this rule.

During this meeting, all members will receive a full 2015 Financial Report, the proposed 2016 Annual Budget, and reports from the various organizations and hear about all current plans for the future. In addition, amendments to the Constitution will be proposed by the Cathedral Council which are overdue and very much needed to improve the effective ministry work of the Cathedral.

The Church is our spiritual home. Your involvement in the affairs of your Church is very important.

May God bless you all during this Holy Season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of the Savior!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

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Dean

Muazzi Hatem

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Cathedral Council President

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Thank You

to

**Van Orsdel Family Funeral Chapels
JL Plummer—Funeral Consultant**

for Sponsoring
The 2016 Cathedral Calendar!

You may receive one (per family) at end
of Liturgy when venerating the Cross.

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*

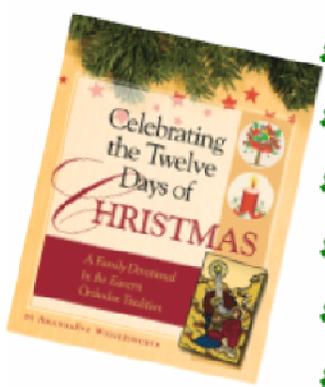


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The Gate of Antioch is open during Coffee Hour every Sunday following Divine Liturgy. Special orders are welcomed. Please see a bookstore representative to inquire about placing an order.



2017 Convention Updates

Email and Facebook Sign-up

www.AC2017Miami.org

**“Town Hall” Informational Meeting
Committee Sign-up
Sunday, January 31, 2016**



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ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

A SISTERHOOD SERVING CHRIST THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

*'Tis the season... for good friends and family
to gather and enjoy each other's company.
Please join us for the*

*Antiochian Women
Nativity Dinner and Gathering*

*Tuesday, December 29th at 7:00 pm
At Maroosh Restaurant in Coral Gables*

*The cost is \$30 per lady
RSVP by Saturday, December 26th
(305) 444-6541 or AW@StGMiami.org*

St. George Orthodox Cathedral Presents:

New Year's Eve Hafe

Featuring

Star Singer

George Kouz

Master Violinist

Gabriel Dahrieh

And Band:

Tony Tahan

Elias Kilzi

Mike Tahan

Fadi El Sabe

Bachir Dahrieh



Thursday,

December 31, 2015

Doors Open at 8:00 pm

Food Served at 9:30 pm

320 Palermo Avenue

Coral Gables, FL 33134

Donation (includes Mazza Only):

Back Row Ticket \$80

Middle Row Ticket \$100

Preferred Front Tables available for Sponsors (8 or 10 per table)

Ticket prices increase after Dec 1st

BYOB

(Bring your own drinks)

Additional dinner available
by prior reservation

For Reservations:

St George Cathedral (305)-444-6541

Dr. Shalhub, Co-Chairman (305)-710-7830

Tony Zammar, Co-Chairman (786)-325-7034

2015

2016



Save the Date!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

is honored to invite you to the

Elevation to the Dignity of Archpriest

of

The Reverend Father Fouad Saba

Dean, Saint George Cathedral

By the laying on of hands by

The Right Reverend Bishop ANTOUN

Bishop of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 10, 2016

followed by a

Celebration Banquet ★

honoring Father Saba and his Family

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 9, 2016

- 12:00 p.m. Clergy Luncheon with His Grace Bishop ANTOUN
Hosted by the Reverend Father Fouad Saba and Khourieh Diana Saba and Family
- 5:30 p.m. Great Vespers Service, Saint George Cathedral
- To follow Wine and Cheese Reception, Cathedral Hall (*complimentary*)

Sunday, January 10, 2016

- 9:15 a.m. Orthros Service followed by the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the
Elevation to the Dignity of Archpriest of the Reverend Father Fouad Saba
- To follow Celebration Banquet, Cathedral Hall



Formal Invitation to Follow

Hotel Accommodations (*see insert*)

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★ **Reserve Early! Limited Seating**
(Tickets will not be sold at the door)



"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

~ Original Meaning ~

True love = God

Me = every baptized person

Partridge = Jesus Christ, who, like a bird, will protect God's defenseless children

Pear tree = the Cross, which was made from a tree.

2 Turtle doves = the Old and New Testaments; also, two turtle doves were sacrificed when Jesus was first brought to the temple

3 French hens = faith, hope, and charity (sacrificial giving); also, gold, frankincense, and myrrh from the Wise Men

4 Calling birds = the four Gospels and/or the four Evangelists

5 Golden rings = the first five books of the Old Testament (the Pentateuch) which gives the history of man's fall from grace

6 Geese a-laying = the six days of creation

7 Swans a-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-8); also, the seven sacraments

8 Maids a-milking = the eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10); also, milking symbolizes Christ's love for us

9 Ladies dancing = the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

10 Lords a-leaping = the Ten Commandments

11 Pipers piping = the eleven faithful Apostles

12 Drummers drumming = the twelve points of the Apostles Creed; also, the twelve Apostles preaching

