Saint 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*
Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

The Very Reverend Father Fouad Saba, *Cathedral Dean*

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

The Weekly Bulletin النشرة الأسبوعية

The *Weekly Bulletin* is an official publication of Saint George Cathedral, Coral Gables, Florida.

Sunday, December 11, 2016

أحد الأجداد القديسين

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ

Weekly Schedule of Services
Saturday: Great Vespers Service (as announced in Calendar)
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Orthros (Matins) - 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Confessions by Appointment

Welcome to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral!

This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic (Universal), and Apostolic Church. The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition, which express the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in **The Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**
Visitor(s), please feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your name(s) to the Ushers and introduce yourself to Father Saba at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan! Bienvenidos!

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Saturday	*By Appointment Only*
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Message from His Grace Bishop ANTOUN

My Dear Cathedral Family,

I greet you during this Holy Season of Advent!

I want to express my feelings to you. I was truly uplifted when I saw the card you all signed wishing me well here in the hospital. I cried from the bottom of my heart. It was a very beautiful card which I will cherish. I will take it and the flowers you sent home with me when I leave the hospital.

I am very thankful for your care and love. If my health allows and if God wills, I will be with you on Christmas Eve.

God bless you all.

Your father in Christ,
+Bishop ANTOUN
Bishop of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

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"AC 2017 Miami— 53rd Biennial Archdiocese Convention"

Celebrate the Birth of

THE LORD AND SAVIOR

JESUS CHRIST

with your

Saint George Cathedral Family!

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Royal Hours	10:00 a.m.
Orthros (Matins)	5:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy	6:30 p.m.

Coffee Hour to follow Liturgy

- NO Services on Sunday, December 25 -

Advent Season Fast صيام عيد الميلاد

يستمر صيام عيد الميلاد حتى يوم 24 كانون الأول بعد قداس العيد،

نود أن ننوه في هذة الفترة بأن اللحوم والأجبان والكحول غير مسموح فيه قطعيا.

The Advent (Christmas) Fast began on November 15 and will conclude on Christmas Eve after Liturgy.
This fast includes abstaining from all meat, dairy, alcohol, and oil.

For a fasting discipline you can handle, please speak to Father Saba.

Fasting must always be accompanied by prayer and forgiveness, using the wisdom of God found, first, and foremost, in the Holy Scriptures. Helping and serving others and feeding those who are in need will give fasting its true meaning. Without love for others, prayers are empty.

Changes in the Liturgy تغييرات في القداس

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

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

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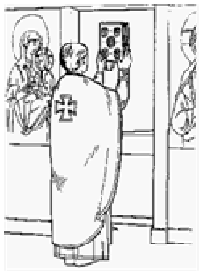
<u>Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Eight)</u>

From the heights, thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion, thou art our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

انحدرتَ من العُلى أيها الْمُتَحَنِّن. وقبِلْتَ الدفْنَ ذا الثلاثةِ الأيام، لكي تعتقَنا من الآلام. فيا حياتَنا وقيامتَنَا ياربُّ المجد لك.



<u>Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)</u>

O Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

هلمُ لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا،

خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هللويا!

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Changes in the Liturgy تغييرات في القداس

Troparion of the Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ (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 she it was who gave birth to thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لقد زكيتَ بالإيمانِ الآباءَ القدماء, وبِهِمْ سبَقْتَ فخَطَبْتَ البيعةَ التي من الأمم. فلْيَفْتَخِرِ القديسونَ بالمجدِ, لأنَّ من زرْعِهِمْ أينَعَ ثمرٌ حسيبٌ. وهو الأمُّ التي ولدَتْكَ بغيرِ زرْعٍ. فبتَوَسُلاتِهِم أيُّها المسيحُ الإله خَلِّصْ نفوسنا.

Troparion of Patron—Saint George the Great Martyr (Tone Four)

As deliverer of captives, and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

بما أنَّكَ للمأسُورينَ مُحَررٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقَراءِ والمَسَاكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضَى طبيبٌ وشَافٍ وعنِ المؤمِنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاورجيوسُ اللآبِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

Kontakion of Feast of the Nativity (Tone Three)

Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, O universe if thou shouldst hear and glorify with the Angels and the shepherds. Glorify Him who by His will shall become a new-born Babe and who is our God before all ages.

اليومَ العذراء تأتي إلى المغارة، لِتَلِدَ الكلمة، الذي قبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، ولادةً لا تُفَسَّر ولا يُنْطَق بها، فافرَحِي أيتها المسكونة إذا سَمِعْتِ، ومجّدي معَ الملائكةِ والرعاة، الذي سَيَظْهَرُ بمشيئَتِهِ طفْلاً جديداً وهو الإله الذي قبْلَ الدُّهُور.

At this point, please turn to <u>page 98</u> in the Red Service Book.

Epistle for the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers الرسالة لأحد الأجداد القديسين

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

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:4-11)

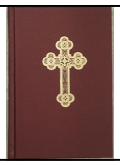
Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In 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.

مبارك أنت يارب اله آبائنا! لأنك عدل في كل ما صنعت بنا!

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الى اهل كولوسي (3:4-11)

يا اخوة متى ظهر المسيح الذي هو حياتنا فانتم ايضا تظهرون حينئذ معه في المجد * فأميتوا اعضاءكم التي على الارض الزنى والنجاسة والهوى والشهوة الردية والطمع الذي هو عبادة وثن * لانه لاجل هذه يأتي غضب الله على ابناء العصيان * وفي هذه انتم ايضا سلكتم حينا اذ كنتم عائشين فيها* اما الان فانتم أيضا اطرحوا الكل الغضب والسخط والخبث والتجديف والكلام القبيح من افواهكم * ولا يكذب بعضكم بعضا بل اخلعوا الانسان العتيق مع اعماله * والبسوا الانسان الجديد الذي يتجدد للمعرفة على صورة خالقه* حيث ليس يوناني ولا يهودي لا ختان ولا قلف لا بربري ولا اسكيثي لا عبد ولا حر بل المسيح هو كل شئ وفي الجميع.

After the Sermon, please turn to page 104 in the Red Service Book.



Gospel for the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers الإنجيل لأحد الأجداد القديسين

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint 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.'"

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارةِ القديسِ لوقا الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ, التلميذِ الطاهر (14:16-24)

قالَ الربُّ هذا الْمَثَل. إنسانٌ صَنَعَ عَشاءً عَظِيماً ودَعَا كثيرين* فأرسَل عبْدَهُ في ساعةِ العشاءِ يقولُ لِلْمَدْعُوّينَ تعالُوا فإنَّ كُلَّ شيءٍ قَد أُعِدَّ* فَطَفِقَ كُلُّهُم واحِدٌ فواحِدٌ يَسْتَعْفُون. فقالَ لَهُ الأولُ قد اشتريْتُ حَقْلاً ولا بُدَّ لي أنْ أَخْرُجَ وأنظُرَهُ فأسألُكَ أنْ تَعْفِيَني* وقالَ الآخَرُ قَدِ اشتريْتُ خَمْسَةَ فدادينِ بَقَرٍ وأنا ماضٍ لأُجَرِّبَها فأسألُكَ أنْ تَعْفِيَني* وقال الآخَرُ قد تزوجْتُ امرأةً فلذلِكَ لا أستَطيعُ أنْ أجيءَ* فأَتَى العَبْدُ وأخبَرَ سيِّدَهُ بذلِكَ* فحينئِذٍ غَضِبَ رَبُّ البيْتِ وقالَ لِعَبْدِهِ أُخْرُجْ سَريعاً إلى شوارِعِ المدينةِ وأزِقَّتِها وأَدْخِلِ المساكينَ والْجُدْعَ والعُميانَ والعُرْجَ إلى هَهُنَا* فقالَ العبْدُ يا سَيِّدُ قد قُضِيَ ما أمَرْتَ به ويبقى أيضاً مَحَلٌّ* فقالَ السيِّدُ للعبْدِ أُخْرُجْ إلى الطُرُقِ والأسيجَةِ واضطَرِرْهُم إلى الدخولِ حتى يَمْتَلِئَ بيْتِي*فإنِّي أقولُ لَكُمْ إنَّهُ لا يذوقُ عشائِي أحَدٌ مِنْ أولئِكَ الرِجَالِ المدعوِّين* لأنَّ المدعوِّينَ كثيرونَ والْمُختارينَ قَلِيلُون.

Epistle Reading Schedule

TODAY	**English:** Louie Ede **Arabic:** Dr. Hani Jumean
December 18 Liturgy	**English:** Zena Bardawil-Farah **Arabic:** Tony Zammar
December 24 Royal Hours Sat Morning	**English Reader 1:** OPEN **Arabic Reader 1:** OPEN **English Reader 2:** OPEN **Arabic Reader 2:** OPEN **English Reader 3:** OPEN **Arabic Reader 3:** OPEN
December 24 Liturgy Sat Evening	**English:** Sdn. Elie Bardawil **Arabic:** Sdn. Majd Akkawi
January 1 Liturgy	**English:** Jackson King
January 6 Friday Liturgy	**English:** OPEN **Arabic:** OPEN

The Epistle Reading Ministry is coordinated by 'The Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph.' Please contact Sdn. Majd Akkawi to inquire on scheduling.

Requirements to be an Epistle Reader:

- Must prepare spiritually to read the Word of God
- Must be a Cathedral Member in good standing spiritually
- Must arrive during Orthros (Matins) Service 15-20 minutes before Liturgy
- Reader attire is Church attire (respectful and formal—ladies attire below knee)
- Must practice the Epistle several times during the week (chanting is preferable)
- Must enunciate loud and clear—The Apostle is speaking, not the reader!

May the Holy Word of God be written on our hearts!
God bless you!

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 and family Charles and Diana O'Brien Shadi, Wafa, Jordan, and Jad Omeish
January	Mouna Dahlan and family Shadi, Wafa, Jordan, and Jad Omeish
February	George and Widaa Khoury and family Mouna Dahlan and family
March	Mouna Dahlan and family
April	Mouna Dahlan and family

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer List of the Living	Prayer List of the +Departed
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. Shadi, Wafa, Jordan, and Jad Omeish Baracatt Zacur and family Jorge Zacur and family Assad Zacur and family Ibrahim Zakkour and family John Dammous and family Mouna and Laura Dahlan and family Charles and Diana O'Brien	+All our brothers and sisters departed by war, hunger, poverty, oppression, persecution, and occupation in the Middle East and Worldwide. +Zahra Zacur +Salwa Dammous +Issa Hazboun +Emilio Jaguande +Sean O'Brien +Michael Dahlan +Ibrahim Khoury

Holy Bread Offering

TODAY	Shadi and Wafa Omeish and family Baracatt Zacur and family Jorge Zacur and family Assad Zacur and family Ibrahim Zakkour and family John Dammous and family
December 18	Order of Saint Ignatius—Cathedral Chapter Order Chairman–Tony and Vivian Zammar and family The Elias Family Michael and Lillian Asha
December 24	Jeanette Haddad–Stern
January 1	Atalla and Andrea Abu–Akel and family
January 6 Epiphany	Said and Lama Elhaj and family

Coffee Hour Sponsor

TODAY	Baracatt Zacur and family Jorge Zacur and family Assad Zacur and family Ibrahim Zakkour and family
December 18	Order of Saint Ignatius—Cathedral Chapter Order Chairman–Tony and Vivian Zammar and family
December 24	Jeanette Haddad–Stern
January 1	Atalla and Andrea Abu–Akel and family
January 6 Epiphany	Osama and Nadia Jahjah and family

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.

Cathedral Calendar

TODAY	Orthros (Matins) Service	9:15 a.m.
TODAY	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
TODAY	Holy Season of Advent and Humanitarian Drive Continue	
TODAY	Sunday School Classes	After Communion
TODAY	December is 'Order Month'	
TODAY	YAM Social Outing	Please see FLYER
Wednesday, Dec 14	Order General Assembly and Elections	Please see LETTER
Thursday, Dec 15	Monthly Cathedral Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 17	Bake Sale Preparations by AW	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Dec 17	FINAL Rehearsal for Christmas Concert	11:00 a.m.
Saturday, Dec 17	Photo Studio open in Cathedral Hall with Appointment	
Saturday, Dec 17	Great Vespers Service	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 18	Orthros (Matins) Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 18	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 18	Induction of Order Officers	After Liturgy
Sunday, Dec 18	Annual Christmas Concert	After Liturgy
Sunday, Dec 18	Sunday School Mid-Year Awards Ceremony—Semester Ends	
Sunday, Dec 18	Photo Studio open in Cathedral Hall with Appointment	

Save the Date!

Christmas Eve Services	**Dec 24, 2016**
Sunday School Family Night—Talent Show	**Jan 21, 2017**
Godparents' Sunday	**Jan 22, 2017**
Annual Cathedral Festival	**Feb 18-19, 2017**
Parish Life Conference for Diocese of Southeast in Atlanta, GA	**Jun 15-17, 2017**
53rd Biennial Archdiocese Convention hosted in Miami	**Jul 23-30, 2017**

ADVENT HUMANITARIAN DRIVE 2016

NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 25

Food Grocery List:

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tuna, Stew, Beans, Chili, Rice, Cereal, Shelf Stable Milk, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac & Cheese.

Clothes and toiletries are welcomed.

This drive is for all ages to participate.

Sunday School Students should drop off their food items in the box designated for their class by the classroom.

Humanitarian

The Cathedral Council joyfully reports on the humanitarian projects of Fall 2016:

"Camp Scholarships" $5000.00
Special Olympics $2713.75
Turkey Drive Over 1500 lbs.
Hurricane Matthew 200 Kits

Coming Up:
Advent Humanitarian Drive
Donna's Angel Tree (Toy Drive)
Children's Relief Fund

Thank you for your support!

Financial Update

Month of October 2016:
Income $38,662.00
Expenses ($44,231.02)
Total loss ($5,569.02)

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Pledge Summary:
2016 Goal: $150,000.00
Actual as of Oct 31: $94,711.34
Still Needed in 2016: $55,288.66

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Remaining **Mortgage** as of October 2016: $613,110.51

Thank you for your support!

TODAY: Third / Ninth Day Memorial Service for Zahra Zacur, offered by her brothers and their families. *Memory Eternal!*

TODAY: Third / Ninth Day Memorial Service for Salwa Dammous, offered by John Dammous and family. *Memory Eternal!*

NEXT SUNDAY: Forty Day Memorial Service for Emilio Jaguande, offered by Michael and Lillian Asha. *Memory Eternal!*

NEXT SUNDAY: One Year Memorial Service for Albert Elias, offered by the Elias Family. *Memory Eternal!*

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

The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

December 20th is The Feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch.

Members of the **Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch** are invited 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

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

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Advent 2016
November 17, 2016

Dear Member of the Order of Saint Ignatius,

Greetings in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We hope this letter finds you well during this most Holy Season of Advent! This letter is to inform you of the **General Assembly Meeting and Elections for the Order of Saint Ignatius Chapter** to be held in the Cathedral Library on **Wednesday, December 14, 2016,** beginning *promptly* at **7:00 pm.**

At this Order General Assembly Meeting, the last meeting of the term, all members in good standing will be able to hear reports on the progress of the organization and participate in discussion on how to enhance the work which the Order does for the Glory of God!

However, the highlight of the meeting will be the **Election** of the Officers for the 2017 term. The positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If any Order member over the age of 18 is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee comprised of Fr. Saba and Tania Soufia.

Per the Constitution, only members in good standing with the Church and the Order, both spiritually and financially, will be eligible to be nominated or vote on all decisions including Elections in the Order General Assembly Meeting. However, all are welcome to attend the meeting.

The Nominating Committee will receive nominations until Tuesday, December 13, 2016. A member of the Committee will then speak with the person nominated to get their acceptance (you can nominate yourself). ***Per the Constitution, there will be NO nominations accepted from the floor of the meeting on December 14.***

If you haven't already done so, please see the Order Treasurer, Louie Ede, to submit your annual dues prior to the meeting date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of the Officers.

We look forward to a positive and exciting meeting on December 14! We have several new projects ready for a great new team of officers to lead us into the future. See you all there!

May you and your family have a blessed and joyous Nativity Season!

Yours In Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
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Dean

Tony Zammar
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Chairman
Order Cathedral Chapter

Tania Soufia
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Diocese of Miami and the Southeast

Advent CHALLENGE *(Official Version)*

Take the Challenge by reading, signing below, and then meet the challenge!
I, _____, agree to take the Advent Challenge, by completing the following *(Schedule of Services in Bulletin and on Website)*:

- Scripture Reading: Read the Holy Scriptures for 10-15 minutes a day
- Attend weekly Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy
- Attend Christmas Eve Royal Hours Service and Christmas Eve Divine Services
- Arrive on time to venerate the icons and light a candle
- Do morning prayers, prayers before and after meals, evening prayers and prayers before and after study
- Say the "Jesus Prayer" as often as you can: "O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner."
- Remember in prayer the poor, needy, captive, oppressed, and hungry throughout the world
- Feeding the hungry
- Visiting the sick
- Help someone in need – expecting nothing in return
- Giving away what we need to those who need it more: money, clothes, games, etc…
- Examine your conscience at the end of the day and ask for forgiveness wholeheartedly
- Schedule yourself to receive the Sacrament of Confession
- Support the Church by helping with the many tasks in preparation for this most Holy Season
- Fasting (except for a medical condition or pregnancy):
  - November 15 – December 25: Abstain from all meats, dairy, alcohol and oil
  - Please see fasting guide to Advent Season below
  - For a fasting discipline you can handle, please speak to Father Saba directly

Meat	Dairy	Fish	Wine	Oil
beef, chicken, pork, turkey, elk, veal, lamb, deer, rabbit, buffalo, and so forth	milk, eggs, cheese, butter, yogurt, cream, and so forth	fish with a backbone (not including shrimp, octopus, shellfish, squid, or other seafood.	(some include all types of alcohol in this category)	(some include all types of oil in this category)
Abstain.	**Abstain.**	**Permitted** only on Saturdays and Sundays before December 20. (some permit fish Tuesdays and Thursdays also)	**Permitted** only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays before December 20.	**Permitted** only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, & Sundays before December 20.

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return to Father Saba or the Cathedral Office

A blessed Advent and a glorious NATIVITY!

Welcome to the

Gate of Antioch Resource Center

Christmas Pop-up Shop

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Enjoy browsing through our collection of various Christmas items:

- Decorative ornaments for your tree featuring images of the Virgin Mary, St. Nicholas, Christ, and Archangel Michael
- Listen to Byzantine Christmas Carols by the Byzantine Choir of St. George Cathedral
- Give beautiful cards to your loved ones
- And many more!

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Coral Gables, Florida

Donna's Angel Tree

A Ministry of the Antiochian Women

November 2, 2016

Dear Saint George Cathedral Parishioners,

> *"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."*
>
> Proverbs 3:9-10

As we enter the Holiday Season to celebrate the joyous birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to participate in the Seventh Annual "Donna's Angel Tree Ministry" in memory of the late Donna Nimer. Due to your love and generosity, the past six years were a huge success. We hope to do the same, if not better this year.

As we all remember, Donna was a loving and dedicated parishioner and the Sunday School Principal for many years. Donna would gather our children and line them up for Holy Communion and proceed to teach them at Sunday School. Who could forget the beautiful Christmas Pageants or the Easter Egg Hunts and the many wonderful activities with our children? We are all grateful for the positive influence Donna had on all of us, young and old.

One of Donna's worthy and rewarding projects was to collect toys for the less fortunate children. She would collect as many toys and other needed items and personally deliver them to the Children's Home Society. In honoring Donna's memory, the desire is to see this tradition continue. In recalling Donna's memory by bringing happiness and love to the many children in distress, we are sure Donna is guiding us with her prayers and will be glad to see this continue.

As you make your Christmas list for your own children and loved ones, please add one or more of "Donna's Angels" to your list. <u>You might want to involve your children in this project; it's a great way to teach them compassion and to experience the joy of giving</u>.

Starting on Sunday, November 13th, the "Angels" with the child's gender will be displayed in the Church Hall, please pick one or more of these angels, attach the angel to the unwrapped gift, and return it to Church by Sunday, December 18th. If you are unable to purchase a toy, please make a donation and we will purchase a toy for you. The toys should average between $10.00 and $15.00 and should be age appropriate.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Haifa Khoury or Giselle Khoury at (305) 439-4724. Have a blessed Christmas season!

In Christ's Service,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba	*Tania Soufia*	*Haifa Khoury*
V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba	Tania Soufia	Haifa Khoury
Dean	President	Ministry Coordinator
	Antiochian Women	

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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 27th at 6:30 pm
At Marhaba Restaurant

The cost is $30 per lady
RSVP by Thursday, December 22nd
(305) 444-6541 or AW@StGMiami.org

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Coral Gables, Florida

Young Adult Ministry

of the Fellowship of Saint John the Divine

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba – Spiritual Advisor
Sdn. Majd Akkawi – Youth Director
Naife Mounayyer – President
Lillian Zammar – Vice President
Cecilia Alfonso – Secretary
Sdn. Sean Hatem – Treasurer
Noura Soufia – Public Relations

Santa's Enchanted Forest

When: Sunday, December 11th, 2016
Where: Tropical Park – 7900 SW 40th Street, Miami, FL, 33155
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Price: $32 per person (entrance) – additional cost for food/drink
Who: Members of the Young Adult Ministry (Ages 18-35)
Why: To bring together YAM Members in a fun and social outing while celebrating Christmas

If you have any questions or would like to make a donation please contact the officers of the Young Adult Ministry at YAM@stgmiami.org

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SOYO

WORSHIP WITNESS SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

November 1, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is a time of giving and remembrance. A time of exchanging greetings between friends and loved ones, near and far. In keeping with this spirit, SOYO is asking that you join in subscribing to the 2016 Cathedral Christmas Card.

SOYO (ages 12-18) sponsors this card every year as the major fundraiser and to give all of us the opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at Saint George Cathedral. Your donation will help support the following SOYO programs:

- Annual Retreat
- SOYO Social Outings
- Meetings
- Bible Studies
- Diocesan Events
- Public Relations
- Field Trips
- Humanitarian Projects
- And much, more!

Please complete the subscription form below so that you may be included as one of the subscribers to the 2016 Cathedral Christmas Card. A minimum donation will be appreciated by December 4th to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser. Forms received after December 4th will not be included in the card, however, will be included in the *Weekly Bulletin* in December.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours In Christ,

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba

V. Rev. Fr. Fouad Saba
Cathedral Dean

Louis Hatem

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SOYO President

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Please make checks payable to "Saint George Cathedral – SOYO" and return with this form to Church Office by **December 4, 2016**.

Please indicate the donation amount to SOYO: $20__ $40__ $50__ $100__ Other_____

Please indicate below the category and the names to be included in the Cathedral Christmas Card. The name(s) will be included in the Cathedral Christmas Card **exactly as shown below**. Please print clearly.

Anonymous / Best Wishes from / In Good Health / In Memory of...

Please PRINT Name(s) to display on card: _____

_____

Contact Information: _____
Name *Phone* *Email Address*

_____
Address *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Have a blessed Nativity season!

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SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Invites you to participate in the festivities of

NEW YEAR'S EVE

on Saturday, December 31, 2016

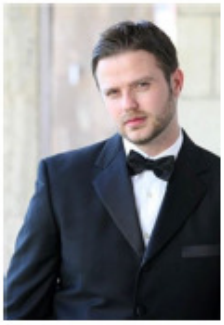
Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Food served from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Hafli ends at 1:45 a.m.

Evening begins with Prayers for the New Year,
followed by the New Year's Eve Celebration at

The Saint George Cathedral Hall
320 Palermo Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-444-6541



Live Entertainment featuring distinguished entertainer

George Kouz

Joined by
Elias – Kanoon
Tony – Arabic Keyboard
Mike – Violin
Fadi - Drums

$150 per Sponsor Seat

$100 per Standard Seat

Food Included - Bring Your Own Bottle

For Tables or *individual* Seats, please contact
Mr. Tony Zammar at 786-325-7034 or Dr. Don Shalhub at 305-710-7830.

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Coral Gables, Florida

THE SAINT GEORGE DEBKE TROUPE

A Program of the Orthodox Community Center

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 6, 2016

Personal Information – *please print clearly*

Name: _____
Last *First*

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____
Street *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
Name *Relation* *Phone*

PARENTAL CONSENT / LIABILITY FORM

(If registrant under 18) I, _____, as legal parent/guardian of _____ grant my sons(s)/ daughter(s) permission to participate in full cooperation with the requirements below in the Saint George Debke Troupe. **BOTH, MY CHILD/CHILDREN AND I UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE A POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR MISBEHAVIOR!**

(ALL) I agree to the requirements below and hereby absolve Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral of Coral Gables, FL, affiliate organizations, employees and representatives, of any liability in the event of accident or injury during my/my child(ren)'s participation and involvement in the Saint George Debke Troupe until further notice.

Signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Requirements for Registration

The Registrant must:

1. Be 15 years or older
2. Be in good standing spiritually with the Church - Attend Church services regularly
3. Be a registered member (family or individual) of Saint George Cathedral
4. Attend Debke Audition Meeting on January 6, 2017, at 9:30 p.m.
5. Commit to perform on all scheduled events including the Cathedral Festival, Saint George Feast Day, Archdiocese Convention, etc.
6. Have a passion for Debke, good coordination skills and sportsmanship
7. Follow guidelines for wardrobe, style, appearance, etc.

Please submit completed and signed form to Mrs. Jackie Barakat-Wanna, Coordinator of Debke Troupe.

See you at the Debke Audition Meeting on January 6, 2017, at 9:30 p.m. ***Let's Debke!***

Saint George Cathedral
Sunday School

Presents

The
Annual
Christmas Concert

Sunday December 18, 2016

Immediately after Liturgy

Upcoming Rehearsals:
Saturday, December 3, 2016: 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 17, 2016: 11:00 a.m.
(Dress Rehearsal)