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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

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).

~ After the Great Litany ~

The First Antiphon

When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Refrain*)

الأنتيفونا الأولى

عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ مِصْرَ وَبَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ مِنْ شَعْبٍ أَعْجَمِيًّ، صَارَ يَهُ وَذَا مَقْدِساً لَـهُ وَإِسْرَائِيلُ سَلْطَنَتَهُ.

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعاتِ والدةِ الإلهِ يا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنا.

أَبْصَرَ البَحْرُ هَذَا فَهَرَبَ وَالأُرْدُنُّ رَجَعَ إِلَى الوَرَاءِ. مَاذَا دَهَاكَ يَا بَحْرُ حَتى هَرَبْتَ؟ وَيَا أُرْدُنُّ حَتّى رَجَعْتَ إِلَى الوَرَاءِ؟ (اللازمة)

المجد للآب والابن والروح القدس. الآن وكل أوان وإلى دهر الداهرين. آمين. (اللازمة)

~ After the First Small Litany ~

The Second Antiphon

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. *(Refrain)*

Glory ... Both now... (O, only begotten Son and Word of God...)

الأنتيفونا الثانية

فَرِحْتُ جِـدًاً لأَنَّ الـرَّبَّ يَسْمَعُ صَـوْتَ تَضَرُّعِـي. إِنَّـهُ أَمَـالَ أُذْنَـهُ إِليَّ فَأُنَادِيـهِ مَـا حَيِيْـتُ.

اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يا ابْنَ الله، يا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ

مِنْ يوحَنَّا فِي الأردُنِّ، لِنُرتِّلَ لَكَ لِنُرتِّلْ لَكَ.

غَمَـرَاتُ المَـوْتِ اكْتَنَفَتْني وَأَهْـوَالُ الجَحِيـمِ أَدْرَكَتْني. لَقِيـتُ الضِّيـقَ وَالأَسَى، فَدَعَـوْتُ باسْـم الـرَّبِّ. (اللازمـة)

الرَّبُّ رَحيمٌ وَصِدِّيقٌ، إِلَهُنَا رَؤُوفٌ. (اللازمة)

المجد الآن ... يا كلمة الله الإبنَ الوحيد...

~ After the Second Small Litany ~

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

الأنتيفونا الثالثا

إِحْمَدُوا الرَّبَّ لأَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، لأَنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقَلْ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ هَرُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ خَائِفُوا الرَّبِ جَمِيعاً إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَد رَحْمَتَهُ.

~ During the Little Entrance ~

Apolytikion of the Theophany of Christ (Tone One)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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The Entrance Hymn (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.

هَلُمّوا لِنَسْجُدْ ونَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسيحِ، مَلِكِنا وإلهِنا. خَلِّصْنا يا ابْنَ الله، الله، يا مَن قامَ مِن بَيْ الأموات، لِنُرِتِّلَ لَكَ. هَلِلوييا.

~ After the Little Entrance ~ Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone Six)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

إِنَّ القُوّاتِ المَلائكِيَّةِ ظَهَروا على قَبْرِكَ الْمُوَقَّرِ، والحُرّاسَ صاروا كالأمْواتِ، ومَرْيَمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ القَبْرِ طالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَيْتَ الجَحيمَ ولَمْ تُجَرَّبْ مِنْها، وصادَفْتَ البَتولَ مانِحاً الحَياة. فَيا مَنْ قامَ مِنْ بِينِ الأمواتِ، يا رَبُّ المَجْدُ لَكَ.

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Apolytikion of Saint 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.

مَا أَنَّكَ للمأسُورِينَ مُحَرِرٌ ومُعتِقٌ، وللفُقَراءِ والمَسَاكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرضَى طبيبٌ وشَافٍ وعن المؤمِنينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحَارِبٌ أيها العظيمُ في الشُهداءِ جاورجيوسُ اللآبِسُ الظَفَر تَشَفَّع إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نُفُوسِنا.

Kontakion of the Theopany (Tone Four)

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

قَدْ ظَهَرْتَ لِلْدُنيا، ذا اليَوْمَ يا ربُّ، وضِياؤكَ ارْتَسَمَ علَيْنا نَحْنُ المُرْسِلينَ لكَ التَّسْبيحَ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةٍ قائلينَ: جِئْتَ وبِنْتَ يا نوراً لا يُدْنى مِنْهُ.

THE EPISTLE



Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

لِتَكُنْ يَا رَبُّ رَحْمَتُكَ عَلَيْنا

ابْتَهِجوا أَيُّها الصِّدِيقونَ بالرَّبِّ.

فصلٌ من رسالةِ القديسِ بولُسَ الرَسولِ إلى أَهْلِ أَفْسُس.

يا إخْوَةُ، لِكُلِّ واحِدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتِ النَّعْمَةُ على مِقْدارِ مَوْهِبَةِ المسيحِ* فَلِذلِكَ يَقُولُ «لَمَّا صَعِدَ إلى العُلَى سَبَى سَبْياً وأعْطَى الناسَ عَطايا» * فَكَوْنُهُ صَعِدَ هَلْ هُوَ إلاّ أنَّهُ نَزَلَ أُوَّلاً إلى أسافِلِ الأرضِ؟ * فَذاكَ الذي نَزَلَ، هُوَ الذي صَعِدَ أَيْضاً فوقَ السَّماواتِ كُلِّها لِيَمْ لَأَ كُلَّ شيءٍ * وهُو قَدْ أَعْطى أَنْ يَكونَ البَعْضُ رُسُلاً، والبَعْضُ أَنْبِياءَ، والبَعْضُ مُبَشِّرينَ، والبَعْضُ رُعاةً ومُعَلِّمينَ * لِأَجْلِ تَكْميلِ القِديسينَ، ولِعَمَلِ الخِدْمَةِ، وبُنْيانِ جَسَدِ المسيح * إلى أَنْ نَنْتَهِي جَميعُنا إلى وحْدَةِ الإيمانِ ومَعْرِفَةِ البنِ اللهِ، إلى إنْسانِ كامِلِ، إلى مقدارِ قامَةِ مِلْءِ المسيح.

THE GOSPEL



The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

فصلٌ شريفٌ مِنْ بِشارَةِ القِدّيسِ مَتّى الإنْجيلِيِّ البَشيرِ والتِلْميذِ الطاهِر.

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، لَمَّا سَمِعَ يسوعُ أَنَّ يوحَنَّا قَدْ أُسْلِمَ، انْصَرَفَ إلى الجليلِ* وتَرَكَ الناصِرَةَ، وجاءَ فَسَكَنَ في كَفْرَناحومَ التي على شاطِئِ البَحْرِ في تُخومِ زَبولونَ ونَفْتاليمَ* لِيَتِمَّ ما قيلَ بأَشْعِياءَ النَّبِيِّ القائلِ: أَرْضُ زُبُولونَ وأَرْضُ نَفْتاليمَ، طَريقُ البَحْرِ، عَبْرَ الأُردُنِّ، جَليلُ الأُمَمِ* الشَّعْبُ الجالِسُ في الظُّلْمَةِ أَبْصَرَ نوراً عَظيماً، والجالِسُونَ في بُقْعَةِ المَوْتِ وظِلالِهِ أَشْرَقَ عَلَيْهِمْ نُورٌ* ومُنْذُئِذٍ ابْتَدَأَ يَسوعُ يَكْرِزُ ويقولُ: توبُوا، فَقَدِ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّماوات.

THE SYNAXARION



On January 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Theophany of Christ, and we commemorate our Father among the **Saints Gregory**, **Bishop of Nyssa**.

The brother of St. Basil the Great, Gregory was at first a married priest; but when his wife, the blessed Theosevia, died, he was chosen and consecrated as Bishop of Nyssa. He was distinguished by great secular learning and spiritual experience, and was a great preacher, a translator of the Scriptures and a theologian. As a result of his opposition to the Arians, they did everything in their power to crush

him, regarding him as their chief enemy. They were so successful in this that, in the reign of the Emperor Valens, their ally, they managed to depose Gregory from his episcopal throne and drive him into exile in 376. The holy Father spent several years in patient exile, enduring poverty and humiliation. In 381, Gregory took part in the Second Ecumenical Council, where he formulated the final part of the Creed concerning the Holy Spirit. Finally, finishing his life at a great age in about the year 395, Gregory entered into the Kingdom of God and has been commemorated through all succeeding ages as a great light in the Church.

On this day, we also commemorate Marcian the priest of Constantinople; Dometian, bishop of Melitene; Venerable Paul of Obnora and Makarios of Pisma; and Bishop Theophan the Recluse. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen..



TODAY

January 10, 2021

EPISTLE READER

English: Noura Soufia Arabic: Yolla Hayek



HOLY BREAD OFFERING

TODAY	- George and Widaa Khoury & family
January 10	For the good health of their Children and Godchildren
	- Monica Maria Achkar Joukeh
	For the 3 rd /9 th -memorial day service of her father +Zakhour Salim Achkar
January 17	- The Cathedral Council
	For the good health of Fr. Gustavo and Kh. Margarita Alfonso & their family
	- Joshua (Ashraf) and Angelina Abraham
	For the good health of their family
January 24	- Amleset Tekle & family
	for the 6-month memorial service of Asmerom Beyene
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January 31 | **- OPEN**

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.



General Assembly

Having received the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Nicholas, and after a unanimous vote of the Cathedral Council, we inform that the General Assembly of the Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral membership will be held on **Sunday**, **January 24, 2021**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy,

in spite of the current COVID-19 pandemic. To guard the safety and well-being of our parishioners, we will be having a **VIRTUAL MEETING via ZOOM.** Accommodations will also be provided to those who would like to physically attend the meeting at the Cathedral Hall, ensuring that current CDC guidelines are maintained (physical distancing, hand sanitizing, and adherence to masks while inside the premises). All members in good standing pursuant to the constitution of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral are strongly encouraged to attend and participate. If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone for the Cathedral Council, please let Mr. Nasser Soufia or Mr. Tony Zammar know by Friday, January 22, 2020. Nominations will not be considered after that date!



ALTARVIGIL 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).

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January	Mouna Dahlan & Family
February	Mouna Dahlan & Family
	George and Widaa Khoury
March	Mouna Dahlan & Family
April	Mouna Dahlan & Family

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April	Mouna Dahlan & Family				
PRAYER LIST					
Prayer List of the Living		Prayer List of the +Departed			
George and Wie & Godchildren; Kiwan Khoury George Samaan Laura Dahlan, V Elias, Aregash Elias, Virginia I Elias, Dr. Lewis Jean Joseph, Eli Tala Ayyad, Mar Farah, Reemah Feanny, Salam	daa Khoury and their Children Monica Maria Achkar Joukeh; The Entire Sayfie Family; Sr.; Paula Bardawil; Mouna and Vadih Mabardi, Susan Panayotti Gebriel, George and Charme Elias, Gwynn Elias, Dr. Richard and Deanna Elias, Julian Kazal, as Dababneh, Martha Alfonso, y Bikhazi, Najat Zacur, Marwan Khouryieh, Yolanda Warwar-Al-Issa, Rita Zaidan, Zakhour Sharon Lynne Ostrowski.	+Zakhour Salim Achkar +Josephine Khoury +Archdeacon David Nimer +Dr. Maurice Bardawil +Ibrahim Khoury +Michel Husson +Michael Dahlan +Samira Abou Rjaily +Dr. Eugene Sayfie +Jorge Diab Zacur +Kareem Zakharia			



Cathedral Calendar



<u>Today:</u>	Orthros (Matins)	9:15 a.m.		
	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.		
	Sunday School Resumes Today	(Via ZOOM)		
	Sunday School (Pre-K to 1st) via ZOOM	1:30 p.m.		
	Sunday School (2 nd to 6 th) via ZOOM	1:30 p.m.		
	Sunday School (7 th to 12 th) via ZOOM	2:30 p.m.		
<u>Mon., Jan. 11</u>	Arabic Classes - Adults (New Students)	7:00 p.m.		
<u>Tues., Jan. 12</u>	Monthly Cathedral Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.		
<u>Thur., Jan. 14</u>	Antiochian Women General (Zoom) Meeting	7:00 p.m.		
<u>Fri., Jan. 15</u>	Arabic Classes - Teens (Returning Students)	5:00 p.m.		
<u>Sat., Jan. 16</u>	Arabic Classes - Adults (Returning Students)	9:00 a.m.		
	Arabic Classes - Children (Returning Student	(s) 10:30 a.m.		
	Arabic Classes - Teens (New Students)	4:00 p.m.		
	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.		
	Teen SOYO General Meeting & Retreat	6:00 p.m.		
Save the Date!				

<u>January 24th, 2021</u> General Assembly **DOMSE Winter Retreat** <u>January 29th-31st, 2021</u> Sunday School Strawberry Picking Outing <u>February 11th, 2021</u> #LOVEYOURNEIGHBORWEARAMASK

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



WEAR A FACE MASK
(Must Cover Nose and Mouth Please!
Thank You!)

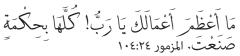






Best way to receive communion?
Like the birds... Opening our
mouths wide and looking up
into the sky!

How manifold are thy works, O Lord! In wisdom thou hast made them all! (Psalm 104:24)







Godparent Sunday Renewal Prayers

Facing the West (Entrance of the Church), the people respond to the following questions:

Priest: Doest thou renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his worship,

and all his angels, and all his pomp? (Repeated 3 times)

Altogether: I renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his worship, and all his

angels, and all his pomp. (Repeated 3 times)

Priest: Hast thou renounced Satan? (Repeated 3 times)

Altogether: I have renounced him (Repeated 3 times)

Priest: Blow on him!

Everyone, facing west, blows directly straight ahead. Then the priest and the people face the East (Altar) and respond to the following questions three times:

Priest: Dost thou align thyself with Christ? (Repeated 3 times)

Altogether: I align myself. (Repeated 3 times)

Then, everyone recites the Creed in unison "*I Believe in one God, Father, Almighty...*" After that, the people answer the following question three times:

Priest: Hast thou aligned thyself with Christ? (Repeated 3 times)

Altogether: I have aligned myself. (Repeated 3 times)

Finally, bowing down and performing the sign of the Cross, the people repeat after the priest the following words below:

Priest: Bow down and worship him.

Altogether: I bow down before Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: the Trinity, one in

essence and inseparable.

Priest: Blessed is God who willeth that all men be saved and come unto the

knowledge of the truth, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Altogether: Amen!







Saint George Cathedral

JOIN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR

Strawberry Picking

Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10:30am sharp

Meet at Knaus Berry Farm 15980 SW 248th St Homestead, FL 33031



*Fee per pound of strawberries picked





Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Reverend Father Joseph Hector Abouid, Dean

Stewardship Campaign 2021: Make Your 2021 Pledge TODAY!

"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)

December 28, 2020

Dear Cathedral Family, Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

This past year has been by far one of the most difficult years that our generation has gone through in the past 100 years. The Sars-CoV-2 pandemic (or COVID-19 as it is most commonly known) has devastated our world bringing desolation and despair to many nations and peoples who are suffering the dire consequences of seeing their loved ones succumb to the threat of this deadly disease, apart from the financial burden it has brought upon our entire human race. Many have lost their lives, their loved ones, their businesses, their jobs, and entire livelihoods in just the blink of an eye. But yet many have been fortunate enough to remain afloat. Many have been blessed...

The question we must ask ourselves as this New Year brings new hope, a light at the end of the tunnel, is the following: how do we give during these difficult, uncertain, and troubling times caused by COVID-19? How do we remain good and faithful stewards of this world? How can we share a portion "out of the abundance of the heart" (Luke 6:45) and our blessings? Stewardship is an important part of our Christian lives. It is a reflection of our faith, gratitude and love for God. It is recognizing that our entire life is a gift from God. It is our commitment to lovingly give back some portion of His many gifts that we have received and to live a life in service to God and His Church. We can offer our thanks to God and share the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, since all that we have is given to us by Him.

In his explanation of the passage of the Widow's Mite (Luke 21: 1-4; Mark 12: 41-44), Saint Ambrose says: "...God does not exact of you the precious gift of shining metal, but that gold which at the day of judgment the fire shall be unable to consume. Nor does He require precious gifts, but the good odor of faith, which the altars of your heart send forth and the disposition of a religious mind exhales." The Principle of the widow's mite is at the axis point of REAL Christian Spirituality. She gave a greater portion of her wealth—two small copper coins... everything she had!—than the larger gifts of the other religious leaderswho gave out of their abundance—what was left to spare.

The most important thing about pledging is not about meeting parish budgets... It's about worship. Your heart is where your treasure is (Matt. 6:21). Where's your treasure? Follow the money, find the heart. Nothing says you're serious like financially committing to something. Go on record, and get disciplined about giving. Don't give until it hurts, but until it actually feels good... (Fr. Stephen Andrew Damick)

Lastly, some of us can't contribute through monetary donations. Yet, those people "put in all the livelihood that they have" (Luke 21:4) by sharing their Time and Talent through volunteering for a ministry. And as the saying goes: "Time is money!" If you would like to share your talents and contribute by sharing of your precious time, please make sure to see Fr. Joseph to find a way in which you could volunteer in one of our ministries.

For your convenience, we encourage that you use our SECURE and USER-FRIENDLY online system, called Tithe.ly, to collect pledges. Through it, you can stipulate the amount of money and frequency of giving, and it will be automatically drafted from your Credit or Debit Card. CLICK HERE to access Tithe.ly now, or you can simply complete the attached form and return it to the Cathedral Office at your best convenience.

We thank you for your contribution and are blessed with a faithful family of members who together serve the Lord. May you be a cheerful giver (II Corinthians 9:7) and may your offering catch the Lord's eye just like the two copper coins offered by the widow caught His eye.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hector Abouid Rev. Fr. Joseph Hector Abouid Cathedral Dean Yamil Zacus

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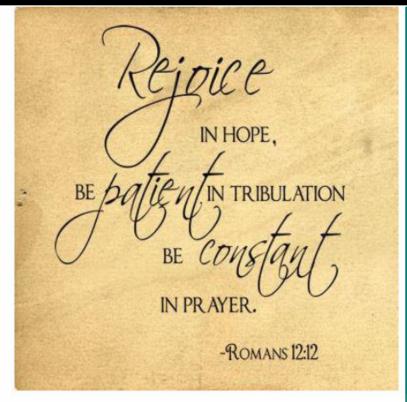
SAINT GEORGE CATHEDRAL FAMILY COOKBOOK

Please Submit Your Recipes to the Cathedral Office via Email

As Soon As Possible!

ALL "FAMILY" RECIPES NEEDED AND WELCOMED





2021 DOMSE VIRTUAL WINTER RETREAT

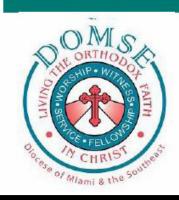
> TRACK 1: CLERGY

TRACK 2: TEEN SOYO

TRACK 3: AMEN, ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN, YOUNG ADULTS



JOIN US ONLINE FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP!



SAVE THE DATE JAN. 29 - 31, 2021







with His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS!

Every Sunday 3pm ET/2pm CT



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