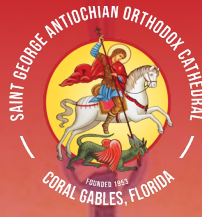


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الأحد الذي بعد عيد الظهور الإلهي

"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).

~ After the Great Litany ~

The First Antiphon

الأنتيفونا الأولى

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

عِنْدَ خُرُوجِ إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ مِصْرَ وَبَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ
مِنْ شَعْبٍ أَعْجَمِيٍّ، صَارَ يَهُودَا مَقْدِسًا لَهُ
وَإِسْرَائِيلُ سُلْطَنَةً.

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

اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ يَا مُخَلِّصُ
خَلِّصْنَا.

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

أَبْصَرَ الْبَحْرُ هَذَا فَهَرَبَ وَالْأُرْدُنُّ رَجَعَ إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ.
مَاذَا دَهَاكَ يَا بَحْرُ حَتَّى هَرَبْتَ؟ وَيَا أُرْدُنُّ حَتَّى
رَجَعْتَ إِلَى الْوَرَاءِ؟ (اللازمة)

(*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*)

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 to the..., both now and... (*O, only begotten Son and Word of God...*)

~ 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 الثانية

فَرَحْتُ جِدًّا لَأَنَّ الرَّبَّ يَسْمَعُ صَوْتَ تَضَرُّعِي.
إِنَّهُ أَمَالَ أُذُنَهُ إِلَيَّ فَأُثَابِيهِ مَا حَيَّيْتُ.

اللازمة: خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ اعْتَمَدَ

مِنْ يُوْحَنَّا فِي الْأُرْدُنِّ، إِذْ نُرْتَلُّ لَكَ. هَلْلُوِيَا.

عَمَرَاتُ الْمَوْتِ اكْتَنَفْتَنِي وَأَهْوَالُ الْجَحِيمِ
أَدْرَكْتَنِي. لَقِيتُ الضِّيقَ وَالْأَسَى، فَدَعَوْتُ بِاسْمِ
الرَّبِّ. (اللازمة)

الرَّبُّ رَحِيمٌ وَصَدِيقٌ، إِلَهْنَا رَوْوُفٌ. (اللازمة)

المجد... الآن ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ...

الأنتيفونا الثالثة

إِحْمَدُوا الرَّبَّ لِأَنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، لَأَنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.
لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ
رَحْمَتُهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ هَارُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى
الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ. لِيَقُلْ خَائِفُو الرَّبَّ جَمِيعاً إِنَّهُ
صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.

~ During the Little Entrance ~

Apolytikion of the Theophany (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 for Ordinary Sundays (Tone Two)

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 لِنَسْجُدْ وَنَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلُّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتِّلَ لَكَ، هَلِّلُويَا.

~ After the Small Entrance ~

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone Four)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

إِنَّ تَلْمِيزَاتِ الرَّبِّ تَعَلَّمْنَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْكَرَزَةِ بِالْقِيَامَةِ الْبَهْجِ، وَطَرَحْنَ الْقَضَاءَ الْجَدِّيَّ، وَخَاطَبْنَ الرُّسُلَ مُفْتَخِرَاتٍ وَقَائِلَاتٍ: سَيِّ الْمَوْتُ وَقَامَ الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ، وَمَنْحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

Apolytikion of the Theophany (Tone One)

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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. بما أَنَّكَ لِلْمَأْسُورِينَ مُحَرَّرٌ وَمُعْتَقٌّ، وَلِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ عَاضِدٌ وَنَاصِرٌ وَلِلْمَرْضَى طَبِيبٌ وَشَافٍ وَعَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مُكَافِحٌ وَمُحَارِبٌ أَيُّهَا الْعَظِيمُ فِي الشُّهَدَاءِ جَاورِجِيوسُ اللَّابِسُ الظَّفَرَ تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ فِي خَلَاصِ نُفُوسِنَا.

Kontakion of the Theophany (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 لِلدُّنْيَا، ذَا الْيَوْمِ يَا رَبُّ، وَضِيَائُكَ ارْتَسَمَ عَلَيْنَا نَحْنُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ لَكَ التَّسْبِيحَ عَنْ مَعْرِفَةٍ قَائِلِينَ: جِئْتَ وَبُنْتَ يَا نُوراً لَا يُدْنَى مِنْهُ.

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 عَلَيْنَا.
ابْتَهِجُوا أَيُّهَا الصَّادِقُونَ بِالرَّبِّ.

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل أفسس

يَا إِخْوَةَ، لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتِ النُّعْمَةُ عَلَى مِقْدَارِ مَوْهَبَةِ الْمَسِيحِ. فَلِذَلِكَ يَقُولُ «لَمَّا صَعِدَ إِلَى الْعُلَى سَبَى سَبِيًّا وَأَعْطَى النَّاسَ عَطَايَا.» فَكُونُهُ صَعِدَ، هَلْ هُوَ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ نَزَلَ أَوَّلًا إِلَى أَسْفَلِ الْأَرْضِ؟ فَذَاكَ الَّذِي نَزَلَ، هُوَ الَّذِي صَعِدَ أَيْضًا فَوْقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ كُلِّهَا لِيَمْلَأَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. وَهُوَ قَدْ أَعْطَى أَنْ يَكُونَ الْبَعْضُ رُسُلًا، وَالْبَعْضُ أَنْبِيَاءَ، وَالْبَعْضُ مُبَشِّرِينَ، وَالْبَعْضُ رُعَاةَ وَمُعَلِّمِينَ. لِأَجْلِ تَكْمِيلِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَلِعَمَلِ الْخِدْمَةِ، وَبُنْيَانِ جَسَدِ الْمَسِيحِ. إِلَى أَنْ نَنْتَهِيَ جَمِيعُنَا إِلَى وَحْدَةِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَعْرِفَةِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى إِنْسَانٍ كَامِلٍ، إِلَى مِقْدَارِ قَامَةِ مِلءِ الْمَسِيحِ.

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 Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun 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."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر

في ذلك الزمان، لما سمع يسوع أن يوحنا قد أُسْلِمَ، انصرف إلى الجليل. وترك الناصرة، وجاء فسكرن في كفرناحوم التي على شاطئ البحر في تخوم زبولون ونفتاليم. ليتم ما قيل بأشعياء النبي القائل: أرض زبولون وأرض نفتاليم، طريق البحر، عبر الأردن، جليل الأمم. الشعب الجالس في الظلمة أبصر نوراً عظيماً، والجالسون في بقعة الموت وظلاله أشرق عليهم نور. ومندئذ ابتداء يسوع يكرز ويقول: توبوا، فقد اقترب ملكوت السموات.

After the Gospel, please turn to page 104 in the Red Service Book to follow the Divine Liturgy of St. John

THE SYNAXARION



On January 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, the third day of the After-feast of the Theophany of Christ, we commemorate the **holy Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitene in Armenia**.

There were in the town two friends who were officers: Nearchus and Polyeuktos, the former baptized and the latter unbaptized. When a decree went out from the Emperor Valerian that all Christians were to be killed, Nearchus prepared himself for death. On the following day, Polyeuktos related to Nearchus a dream: the Lord Himself had appeared to him in light, stripped his old clothing from him, clothed him in new and shining raiment and set him upon the saddle of a winged horse. Polyeuktos was baptized, and then went off to the town, tore up the royal decree on the persecution of Christians and smashed many statues of idols. The blood of Polyeuktos was spilled in the year 259. Nearchus later became a martyr for Christ in the fire.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Eustratios the wonderworker; New-martyr Parthenas; and Philip, metropolitan of Moscow. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.



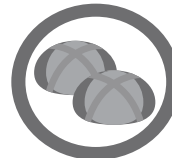
TODAY

January 09, 2022

EPISTLE READER

English: Jackson King

Arabic: Elie El Ojeil



HOLY BREAD OFFERING

TODAY January 09	-Yamil and Salma, Enrique, and Flora Zacur For the 40 th -day memorial service in memory of +Baracatt Zacur
January 16	-Salem and Hannan Mounayyer For the good health of the family and in memory of Fouad (Mumtaz) Mounayyer
January 23	-Cathedral Council For the good health of the Cathedral Family
January 30	- OPEN

COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR

TODAY January 09	- No Coffe Hour Postponed due to COVID-19
January 16	- No Coffe Hour Postponed due to COVID-19
January 23	- Saint George Cathedral Council On occasion of the General Assembly
January 30	- No Coffe Hour Postponed due to COVID-19

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



The General Assembly of the Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. 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 Fr. Joseph Hector Abouid, Mr. Yamil Zacur (Nominating Committee Chair), Mrs. Andrea Abu-Akel (Council Chairlady), or Mrs. Hannan Mounayyer (Council Member) know by Friday, January 14, 2022. Nominations will not be considered after that date!

Thank You

We would like to thank Sden. Elie and Theresa Bardawil & family for sponsoring the 2022 Cathedral Calendar! You may receive one (per family) at the end of Liturgy.



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).

January	Mouna Dahlan & Family Shammaseh Pat Nimer & Family In loving memory of Archdeacon +David Nimer
February	Mouna Dahlan & Family George & Widaa Khoury & Family In loving memory of +Ibrahim Khoury
March	Mouna Dahlan & Family
April	Mouna Dahlan & Family

PRAYER LIST

Prayer List of the Living	Prayer List of the +Departed
Yamil and Salma Zacur; Enrique and Flora Zacur; the entire Zacur family; Jeanette Haddad-Stern; The Entire Sayfie Family; Mouna and Laura Dahlan, Wadih Mabardi, Aregash Gebriel, Susan Panayotti Elias, George and Charme Elias, Virginia Elias, Gwynn Elias, Dr. Richard Elias, Dr. Lewis and Deanna Elias, Julian Kazal, Jean Joseph, Elias Dababneh, Martha Alfonso, Tala Ayyad, Kiwan Khoury; Najat Zacur, Marwan Farah, Yolanda Warwar-Feanny, Salam Al-Issa, Rita Zaidan.	+Baracatt Zacur +Mary Gibran Shamoun +Samy Sadiq Saba +Joyce Shamy +Jawad Khouri +Archdeacon David Nimer +Emile Farah +Dr. Eugene Sayfie +Samira Abou Rjaily +Dr. Maurice Bardawil +Ibrahim Khoury +Michel Husson +Michael Dahlan +Jorge Diab Zacur +Kareem Zakharia +Asmerom Beyene

May His Memory be Eternal!



Condolences and Memorials



فليكن ذكره مؤبداً!

Today: A 40-day memorial service in memory of +Baracatt Zacur, offered by Yamil and Salma Zacur, Enrique, and Flora Zacur. May his memory be eternal!



Cathedral Calendar



Today:	Orthros (Matins)	9:15 a.m.
	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	After Communion
Tues, Jan. 11	Monthly Cathedral Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 15	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

Annual General Assembly	January 23 rd , 2022
DOMSE Winter Retreat	January 28 th -30 th , 2022



**Sunday
School
Resumes
Today!**

Godparent Sunday Renewal Prayers

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

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

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!

THE THEOPHANY AND THE BLESSING OF OUR HOMES

On January 6th, we celebrated the services for the Great Feast of Theophany (عيد الغطاس), in which we commemorate the Baptism of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also prayed the service of the “Great Sanctification of Water”, which marks the beginning of the house blessing season. Traditionally, the blessed waters are used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to the homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence, and re-dedicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.

Due the current COVID-19 *Omicron* surge, the blessing of the homes will take place in the following manner:

1. The **house blessing form** MUST be filled out and submitted (either online or physically - see next page).
2. A follow-up call will take place from the Church Office to confirm the appointment.
3. Fr. Joseph will contact you before arriving to your home (at least 15 minutes prior to arrival). He will call you once more when he is in front of the house.

Traditionally, it has been a common practice of handing the priest an honorarium (and not GRATUITY) for the service rendered. This has lead to the misconception that if one cannot give the priest an honorarium, it is better to not to have the priest over to come and bless one's home. As mentioned above, it is a misconception and it should be clarified: there is no “fee” attached to the blessing of one's home! It is the priest's DUTY, and therefore he must attend to his flock's needs -in this case, the need of having one's home blessed. The official Clergy Manual of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America states the following under Section II: The Duties and Responsibilities of the Clergy / D. Duties Specific to Pastors: #4: The pastor MUST SEE that the home of EACH PARISHIONER is visited and blessed each year during the days following Epiphany or other Major Feast Days where the weather conditions are permissible. Therefore, please, let nothing stand in between the priest and the fulfillment of his priestly duty of blessing your home.

We thank you for your understanding regarding these protocols. They have been put into place out of concern for the well-being of our Cathedral Family. The last thing Fr. Joseph would want is to realize that one of his pastoral visits brought about an exposure (COVID-19) to a family rather than a Blessing.

May you all have a blessed Theophany season!



HOUSE BLESSING FORM

*** SUBMIT THIS FORM TO SCHEDULE A HOUSE BLESSING TO FR. JOSEPH AT THE END OF LITURGY ***

1. Full Name (First and Last): _____

2. Cellphone Number: _____

3. Home Address: _____

4. Preferred (Tentative*) Day of Week: _____

5. Preferred Time of Day: _____

6. At the time of filling out this form, do you or anyone in your household have any of the following symptoms (Circle any that apply)?

Fever or Chills Dry Cough Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing Fatigue
Muscle or Body Aches Headache New Loss of Taste or Smell Sore Throat
Congestion or Runny Nose

7. Have you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days (Circle the one that applies)?

Yes No

8. Are you or anyone in your household waiting for the results of a COVID-19 PCR Test?

Yes No

9. Please Sign: _____

By submitting this House Blessing Scheduling Form signed, I acknowledge the risks entailed to Fr. Joseph's potential visit to bless our home during this current COVID-19 Pandemic. I willingly consent to his visit and waive him or Saint George Cathedral from any responsibility.

*The exact date and time will be confirmed by the office once the form is submitted to the Church Office.



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

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

December 17, 2021

Dear Members of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you and your families! The purpose of this letter is to inform you that 2022 Annual General Assembly Meeting for the voting membership of Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022, **in person in the Cathedral Hall**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please see the agenda 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 2021 Stewardship/Membership Form). If you have not already done so, please register as a member using the 2021 Stewardship/Membership Form and complete your financial obligation before December 31, 2021. You can also register online by visiting our website and under "Quick Links", click on the "become a member" button. It will take no longer than five minutes! If you have any financial circumstances that prevent you from fulfilling your pledge but would still like to participate, please see the Pastor so that you can discuss these circumstances in a confidential and discrete manner. 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. Joseph, Mr. Yamil Zacur (Nominating Committee Chairman), Mrs. Andrea M. Abu-Akel (Council Chairlady) and Mrs. Hannan Mounayyer (Council Member). 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 see enclosed required form and contact Mr. Yamil Zacur, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

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 14, 2022, 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 2021 Financial Report, the proposed 2022 Annual Budget, and reports from the various organizations and hear about all current plans for the future.

The Church is our spiritual home. Your involvement in the affairs of your Church is very important. May God bless you all as we prepare for the birth of the Savior!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Father Joseph Hector Aboud
Cathedral Dean

Andrea M. Abu-Akel
Cathedral Council Chairlady



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Reverend Father Joseph Aboud, Dean

Required Form of Commitment for Cathedral Council Nomination/Membership

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____ Membership Number: _____
First Baptismal Last

Are you an Orthodox Christian in good standing (circle one): YES NO Date of Last Confession: _____

Do you attend Church Services regularly (majority of monthly services): YES NO

Are you committed to being a member of Saint George Cathedral as your only Church (circle one): YES NO

Number of Years as Member of Cathedral: _____

Have you received the blessing of the Dean to serve on the Cathedral Council (circle one): YES NO

Have you ever served on the Cathedral Council (circle one): YES NO If YES, number of years of service: _____

Church Positions held: _____

Life Occupation: _____ City, State of Residence: _____

Why do you want to serve on the Cathedral Council: _____

Favorite Bible Verse: _____

Membership Pledge fulfilled by December 31 of this year according to date on this form (circle one): YES NO

Please read carefully, then initial every statement below:

_____ I understand and agree that it is vital for Cathedral Council members to be active in the liturgical life of the Church, including attendance and participation in the Sunday Liturgies, Saturday Vespers, Feast Day Services, and other services, including the Sacrament of Holy Confession, and affirm that I will participate in these services frequently and regularly.

_____ I understand that the Cathedral Council operates according to the traditions and practices of the Holy Orthodox Church under the authority of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

_____ I also understand that the Council members must set good examples of Orthodox Christian Stewardship, including the offering of time and talents to the Church, as well as sacrificial monetary support.

_____ I understand that the Cathedral Council holds regular meetings once a month and special meetings as needed, and I affirm that I will do my utmost to attend every meeting.

_____ I also understand that if I miss three (3) Cathedral Council meetings without legitimate excuse and permission of the Dean and Chairman, I automatically dismiss myself from membership in the Cathedral Council.

_____ Furthermore, I am willing to assume the responsibility of chairing a standing or special committee, even if I am an elected officer of the Council. I understand it is a requirement for membership to serve on a committee.

_____ I understand that the typical time commitment of a Council member is approximately ten (10) hours every month.

_____ I understand that I must attend the mandatory Cathedral Council Seminar and Leadership Training, to be held once every year.

_____ I understand that if I fail to meet the above requirements, including regular Church attendance and fulfilling my Cathedral Council duties, I may be asked by the Dean and Chairman to step down from the Cathedral Council.

_____ I understand that my agreement to fulfill the above requirements is a prerequisite to remain on the Cathedral Council of Saint George Cathedral.

In signing this affirmation, I understand the information on this form will be used in the published Council profile.

In signing this affirmation, I pledge to fulfill the above requirements to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Signature of Cathedral Council Nominee / Member

Please Print

Date

Signed and dated form must be submitted to Nominating Committee before deadline set forth by Council on a yearly basis.

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Stewardship Campaign 2022

*"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)*

January 7, 2022

Dear Saint George Cathedral Family,

Christ is in our Midst! He is and ever shall be!

We pray this new year brings you peace, health, hope and continued prosperity!

Please find the 2022 Stewardship Commitment form on the next page. Please prayerfully consider all God's blessings in your life. Be a Steward and submit your commitment form to Saint George Cathedral TODAY.

What is Christian Stewardship?

God created the universe and all that is within it, so we must take care of that creation and look after it. Psalm 24 verse 1 says: "The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."

We must manage and wisely utilize the gifts that God has given us: including spiritual and financial gifts. Being a good steward in this world God created, is one way of expressing our love and gratitude for Him.

As we start the new year, we reflect on how to rededicate ourselves to God, His teachings, and carry out good deeds in His name. We also look how to be good stewards by sharing our gifts of Time, Talents and Treasure to move our beloved Saint George Cathedral forward and grow our ministries.

Your annual Stewardship Commitment gives us the ability to continue God's work and helps us build a stronger Antiochian Orthodox community.

Please take a moment to reflect and complete your 2022 Stewardship Commitment form: you may submit this Stewardship Commitment form to the church office OR you may fill one out online on our Cathedral's website <https://www.stgmiami.org/> and clicking on the red box entitled "2022 Stewardship Form". From there you can also sign up for a recurring debit/credit card pledge.

Should you have any questions about Stewardship please see one of our Stewardship Committee Members Ms. Jamal Habib or Mrs. Salma Zacur.

May this new year allow us to come together so we may be enriched by attending our Church services and be able to continue our ministerial work in full force.

Thank you for your time, God Bless you all.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Hector Abouid
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2022 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 2022 Stewardship Commitment.

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we offer the following 2022 '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)

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name on Credit Card (Please Print): _____

Credit card number: _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____

CSC code (back of card): _____ Zip Code of billing address: _____

Email address of credit card holder (used to send credit card receipt): _____

Authorization: By completing and signing this Credit Card Authorization form, I authorize Saint GEORGE CATHEDRAL to charge my Credit Card the amount stated below for my 2022 Stewardship Pledge unless I provide a written cancellation.

Please select:

☐ \$ _____ monthly (recurring donation)

☐ \$ _____ one-time donation

Credit Card Authorization Signature: _____ Date: _____

☒ B - ☐ Check/Cash (check is safer and better for your records and the Church records)

☒ 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 2023, this form must be completed and 2022 pledge fulfilled.

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Please return your completed form to the Cathedral Office promptly.

For office use only Received by: _____ Date entered: _____



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