

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

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

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The Weekly Bulletin النشرة الأسبوعية

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Sunday, December 17, 2017

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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Proper Church Etiquette may be found in the booklet in the pews or at the candle stand.

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 Liturgy.

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

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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone Three)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm; He hath trampled down death by death and became the first-born from the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

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Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)

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!

هَلُمَّ لِنَسْجُدْ وَنَرْكَعْ لِلْمَسِيحِ مَلَكْنَا وَالْهَنَا،

خَلَصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، لِنُرْتَلِ لَكَ هَلْلُويَا!

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تغييرات في القداس Changes in the Liturgy

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 القدماءِ، وبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فَحَطَبْتَ البيعةَ التي من الأممِ. فليفتخرِ
القديسونَ بالمجدِ، لأنَّ من زرعِهِم أَيْعَ ثَمَرٌ حَسِيبٌ. وهو الأمُّ التي ولدَتْكَ بغيرِ زرعٍ.
فبتوسلاتِهِم أَيُّها المسيحُ الإلهُ 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 أَنَّكَ للمأسورينَ مُحرِّرٌ ومُعْتَقٌ، وللفُقراءِ والمَساكينِ عاضِدٌ ونَاصِرٌ وللمَرَضَى طبيبٌ
وشَافٍ وعنِ المؤمنِينَ مُكافِحٌ ومُحارِبٌ أَيُّها العظيمُ في الشَّهداءِ جاورجيوسُ اللابِسُ الظفرِ
تَشَفَّعْ إلى المسيحِ الإلهِ في خَلاصِ نفوسنا.

Kontakion of the Forefeast 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 العذراءُ تأتي إلى المغارةِ، لِتَلِدَ الكلمةَ، الذي قَبْلَ الدُّهورِ، ولادةً لا تُفَسَّرُ ولا يُنطَقُ بها،
فافرِحِ أَيُّها المسكونةُ إذا سَمِعْتَ، ومجدي مع الملائكةِ والرعاةِ، الذي سَيَظْهَرُ بمشيئَتِهِ
طفلاً جديداً وهو الإلهُ الذي قَبْلَ الدُّهورِ.

At this point, please turn to page 98 in the Red Service Book.

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

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 * فأमितوا اعضاءكم التي على الارض الزنى والنجاسة والهوى والشهوة الرديئة والطمع الذي هو عبادة وثن * لانه لاجل هذه يأتي غضب الله على ابناء العصيان * وفي هذه انتم ايضا سلكتم حيننا 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.



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

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 بشارة القديس لوقا الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ، التلميذِ الطاهر (14:16-24)

قال الربُّ هذا المثل. إنسانٌ صنَعَ عشاءً عَظيماً ودَعَا كثيرين * فأرسلَ عبدهُ في ساعةِ العشاءِ يقولُ للمدعوينَ تعالوا فإنَّ كلَّ شيءٍ قد أُعدَّ * فطَفِقَ كُلُّهُمْ واحداً فواحداً يَسْتَعْفُونَ. فقالَ لَهُ الأولُ قد اشتريتُ حقلاً ولا بُدَّ لي أنْ أخرجَ وأنظره فأسألكَ أنْ تَغْفِيَنِي * وقالَ الآخرُ قد اشتريتُ حَمْسَةَ فدادينٍ بقرٍ وأنا ماضٍ لأَجْرِبَهَا فأسألكَ أنْ تَغْفِيَنِي * وقالَ الآخرُ قد تزوجتُ امرأةً فلذلكَ لا أستطيعُ أنْ أجيءَ * فأتى العبدُ وأخبرَ سيدهُ بذلكَ * فحينئذٍ غَضِبَ رَبُّ البيتِ وقالَ لِعَبْدِهِ أخرجْ سريعاً إلى شوارعِ المدينةِ وأزِقَّتْهَا وَأَدْخِلِ المساكينَ والجُدَعُ والعُميانَ والعُرَجَ إلى ههنا * فقالَ العبدُ يا سيِّدُ قد قُضِيَ ما أمرتَ به وبيقى أيضاً مَحَلٌّ * فقالَ السيِّدُ للعبدِ أخرجْ إلى الطُّرُقِ والأسبِجَةِ واضطَرِّرْهُم إلى الدخولِ حتى يَمْتَلِئَ بيَّتي *فإني أقولُ لكم إنَّهُ لا يذوقُ عشاءِي أحدٌ من أولئك الرِّجالِ المدعوينَ * لأنَّ المدعوينَ كثيرينَ والمُختارينَ قَلِيلينَ.



EPISTLE READING SCHEDULE



TODAY

DECEMBER 17 LITURGY

ENGLISH: VLADIMIR KOSTIK

ARABIC: BASHIR MALOUF

The Epistle Reading Ministry is coordinated by 'The Brotherhood of the Noble Joseph.'
Please contact the Cathedral Office 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!

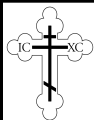
THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Prayer List of the Living

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.
 Bishop DEMETRI
 Staff and Students of the Sunday School
 Officers and Members of the Order of Saint Ignatius
 George, Mary, and Linda Bikhazi
 Charles and Diana O'Brien
 Mouna and Laura Dahlan and family
 Nuha Zananiri and family
 George and Tabte Habib
 Karimeh Aboud, Bolous Samaan
 Fadwa Habash, Fuad Stiban
 Susan Panayotti Elias, Guinevere Haddad
 Kiwan Khoury

Prayer List of the +Departed

+All our brothers and sisters departed by war, hunger, poverty, oppression, persecution, and occupation in the Middle East and Worldwide.
 +Bishop ANTOUN of Thrice-Blessed Memory
 +Archpriest Emile Hanna
 +Nina Bikhazi
 +Orlando Skaff
 +Ghassan Sayegh
 +Sean O'Brien
 +Anis Girgis Murra
 +Michael Dahlan
 +Emile Farah
 +Ibrahim Khoury
 +Rimona Rantisi
 +Ibrahim Fouad Saba
 +Samuel Saba
 +Laith Anki



TODAY: Third/Ninth Day Memorial Service for Nina Bikhazi, offered by Dr. George and Mary Bikhazi and family. *Memory Eternal!*



HOLY BREAD OFFERING



TODAY DECEMBER 17	ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS—CATHEDRAL CHAPTER DR. GEORGE AND MARY BIKHAZI AND FAMILY
DECEMBER 24 MORNING	ASHRAF AND ANGELINA ABRAHAM AND FAMILY
DECEMBER 24 EVENING	NASSER AND TANIA SOUFIA AND FAMILY
DECEMBER 31	ATALLA AND ANDREA ABU-AKEL AND FAMILY
JANUARY 5 FRIDAY (EPIPHANY)	OPEN



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR



TODAY DECEMBER 17	RECEPTION FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT SPONSORED BY ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS—CATHEDRAL CHAPTER
DECEMBER 24 MORNING	ASHRAF AND ANGELINA ABRAHAM AND FAMILY
DECEMBER 24 EVENING	NASSER AND TANIA SOUFIA AND FAMILY
DECEMBER 31	ATALLA AND ANDREA ABU-AKEL 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.

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	CHARLES AND DIANA O'BRIEN MOUNA DAHLAN AND FAMILY NUHA ZANANIRI AND FAMILY
JANUARY	OPEN



Celebrate the Birth of
**THE LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST**

*with your
Saint George Cathedral Family!*

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Orthros (Matins) 5:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Hour to follow Liturgy

NOTE:

-Regular Services on Sunday morning, December 24-

Advent Season Fast

صيام عيد الميلاد

يستمر صيام عيد الميلاد حتى يوم 24 كانون الأول بعد قداس العيد،
نود أن ننوه في هذه الفترة بأن اللحوم والأجبان والكحول غير مسموح فيه قطعياً.

The Advent (Christmas) Fast began on Wednesday, 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.

ADVENT HUMANITARIAN DRIVE 2017

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.



"It is a better thing to feed the hungry than to raise the dead."

Saint John Chrysostom

Ten New Year Resolutions for Followers of Jesus Christ:

1) Attend Church services on a regular basis, especially Sunday Liturgy. Sunday has gone from being a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to being a celebration of sleeping in. Keep Sunday Holy and keep it in Church. Arrive for Church Services on time! Why is it that the only appointments we ever miss or are late for are our appointments with Jesus Christ? At the end, these are the only appointments that will matter.

2) Read your Bible; it is the saving Word of God, given through Jesus Christ and it explains the life he calls us to live in this world. In order to deepen our relationship with Christ, we must read the Bible on a daily basis. Begin by reading for at least 10 minutes a day.

3) Ask for forgiveness from family, friends, and members of your parish. Forgiveness is a difficult virtue to put into practice and even more difficult to use regularly. Let us use the virtue of forgiveness as a basis for our continued commitment to Christ by regarding our earthly relationships with one another as truly important. Let us practice forgiveness; it is the first step in preparing for Holy Confession and Holy Communion each and every Sunday.

4) Make a prayer corner in your home in which you and your family gather regularly for prayer (at least twice a day). In the prayer corner, have your Bible and prayer book, hang-up an icon of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the patron saints of your family members. You can also have a candle there and burn incense when you pray. If you need help, ask Father Saba and he will gladly help you set up a prayer corner in your home.

5) Put your God-given talents to use and become a steward in your parish. We all have talents that we do not use to their full potential. Recognize them, ask for guidance from the Lord and put them to use for the benefit of your family, your neighbor, your Church. Become an active, involved, caring Christian. Give of your time and talents to your Parish. Donate to food banks, become involved in Church programs in which we reach out to those less fortunate than us. Financially support your Church and prioritize what you do with your treasure. Christ said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."

6) Invite your children, grandchildren, parents, brothers, sisters, and friends to Church Services. Become an Evangelist and bring people to Jesus Christ. Every Christian is called to make disciples of all nations. Be a guide and example to others. Bring at least one person to Church per year and allow God to do His work.

7) Within the first week of the New Year, contact any family members that have stepped away from your family; or if you have stepped away, call your family. Practice patience, understanding, and forgiveness. We are on this earth **ONCE** and have only this opportunity to practice forgiveness and ask for it as well. We should never be embarrassed to admit our faults. No one is perfect. We all have faults and we never know when we may be called by God to return home.

8) Experience the forgotten medicine of the Church: the Sacrament of Penance/Confession. We neglect the one sure remedy that Christ gave us through the Church. That's like having a bacterial infection and not getting the antibiotics that you need. Use Penance/Confession and the advice of your Priest to help you with your sins. You should come to Confession at least twice a year if you want to receive Communion regularly. If we can't stand before our Priest and confess, how can we ever imagine we will be able to stand before Christ Himself?

9) Commit your entire life to Jesus Christ and **Reclaim** your entire being for Him. **Reclaim** your eyes for Jesus Christ; watch less TV and do not let your eyes gaze on sinful or lustful things. **Reclaim** your ears for Jesus Christ; listen to less music and don't entertain gossip. **Reclaim** your mouth for Jesus Christ; speak only good and holy words and do not speak ill of others. **Reclaim** your mind for Jesus Christ; deny yourself and your ego. **Reclaim** your body for Jesus Christ; dress appropriately at all times.

10) **REPENT!** Let us vow, that from this day, from this hour, from this minute, we shall strive above all else to love God and to do His Holy Will!



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 of Saint Ignatius Month" - <i>continues</i>	
TODAY	Annual Christmas Concert	After Liturgy
TODAY	Sunday School Mid-Year Awards Ceremony	After Liturgy
TODAY	Reception for Christmas Concert hosted by Order	After Liturgy
TODAY	Special Raffle by Cathedral Council	12:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec 22	Royal Hours for Feast of Nativity	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Dec 23	Great Vespers Service	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 24	Orthros (Matins) Service	9:15 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 24	Divine Liturgy	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 24	No Sunday School Classes (Christmas Break)	
Sunday, Dec 24	Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
Sunday, Dec 24	Divine Services for Feast of Nativity (Christmas)	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 24	Coffee Hour	After Liturgy
Monday, Dec 25	<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - NO Services</i>	
Wednesday, Dec 27	Annual Christmas Caroling Trip	Please see FLYER

Save the Date!



Liturgy for Feast of Epiphany of the Lord	Jan 5, 2018
Home Blessings Begin!	Jan 6, 2018
Clean Monday—First Day of Great Lent	Feb 19, 2018
Great and Holy PASCHA (Easter)	Apr 8, 2018
Annual Love Ball (Black Tie formal gala fundraiser)	May 12, 2018
Annual Cathedral Festival	Nov 3-4, 2018

Financial Update as of November 2017

Pledge Summary

2017 Pledge Goal: \$150,000.00

Actual Pledges as of November 30, 2017: \$117,515.14

Pledges Still Needed to Meet 2017 Goal: \$ 32,484.86

**Remaining Mortgage as of
November 30, 2017, is \$397,229.23.**

Thank you for your support!

NEW YEAR'S EVE HAFLI

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st 2017

GERMACK EVENT VENUE AT ST. PHILIP

Featuring

Fadi Hardan
John Sassine

Richard Corey

Elias Kilzi
Walid Abusad

with Special Guest

Marleine Ghaby



\$75.00 per guest

Filet Mignon Dinner & Champagne Toast — Cash Bar — Limited Seating

Call for Reservation:

954-584-4030 or 954-401-5707

2018

Doors Open at 8:30PM

4860 Griffin Road Davie FL 33314

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, Zena Bardawil-Farah or any member of **The Order** for information.

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





The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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December 6, 2017

Christ is in our Midst!

During this Advent period of our Orthodox faith we prepare ourselves in joyful anticipation for the Greatest Gift of all ... our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch Governing Council, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your membership but more importantly for helping us make a difference in countless lives. We pray that during this Blessed Season and in the upcoming year, you will experience good health, prosperity and the love of your family and friends. May God bless you and keep you under His watchful care.

As a member and in humility, you've recognized that what you have is from God and it is your responsibility to give from your abundance to those in need. In compassion, you not only give of what you have but you also strive to do it in a spirit of compassion and love. As members of the Order you give without expecting anything in return and without recognition by the Order's recipients. Your gift is an unconditional, personal sacrifice. It is an act of Faith that is infinite in its effect.

In Fiscal year 2017 the impact of your gift to the Order has been felt by many and in many different ways. The Order's Fiscal Year 2017 actual expenses included \$304,117 to support our retired clergy, active clergy and seminarians. You helped fund \$397,913 for the youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese (including camp scholarships). \$329,988 was provided to support programs and departments for the development & growth of the Antiochian Archdiocese. You've also helped give \$40,000 toward outreach organizations which include but are not limited to Syrian Relief, Project Mexico, FOCUS and Prison Ministries.

Clergy	\$304,117	Archdiocese Development & Growth	\$329,988
Retired Clergy Housing Allowance	\$270,000	Missions & Evangelism	\$129,996
Married Seminarian Assistance	\$11,250	Planning & Future Development	\$75,000
Clergy Symposium & Convention Assistance	\$22,867	Parish Development / Mission Grants	\$24,996
Archdiocese Youth	\$397,913	Internet Ministry	\$99,996
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$190,000	Other Grants	\$40,000
Youth Ministry	\$120,000	Project Mexico	\$10,000
SOYO Special Olympics	\$8,000	Christ the Savior School	\$15,000
SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training	\$25,392	Treehouse, FOCUS, Prison Ministries	\$15,000
Christian Education	\$39,996		
College Conference	\$14,525		

On behalf of the families whose children who were able to attend camp because of Order camping scholarships, and on behalf of orphaned children needing care and reassurance, and on behalf of the families suffering from persecution overseas, and on behalf of the of the new mission parishes that receive financial assistance to keep their ministry alive, and on behalf of the retired clergy and their families that deservedly receive a monthly check during their golden years ... we thank you. We thank you in sincere gratitude and humility.

So as you contemplate your support of the Order over the years, encourage your family and friends to become a part of the Order, or consider becoming a part of The Order's ministry for the first time, we leave you with what we believe should be in your heart. These words are what guide our work as a Governing Council and come from the teachings of St. Ignatius himself ...

"Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up; and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor."

In His service,

Roger J. David
North American Chairperson
The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch



Understanding **what** your gifts fund through The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch is important but the better question is **why** we do it. Be a part of the why.

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Order Administrative	\$153,921
Materials & Wages	\$153,921

Figures represent part of the actual expenses for Fiscal Year 2017

Why

So our children can pray, sing, laugh and even cry with one another as they grow stronger in their Orthodox Faith and closer to our Lord ... *together*.
- Summer Camp Scholarships


To help build the foundation and provide the essential tools of knowledge, relationships and memories that help our children remain steadfast in their Orthodox faith.
- SOYO Leadership & Youth Worker Training & Youth Ministry

To make sure orphaned children feel loved and safe, and promise them that everything is going to be alright and that they are not alone.
- Project Mexico

To provide guidance, reassurance and compassion, to unwed mothers who choose life rather than abortion.
- Treehouse Ministries

To help give comfort and financial assurance to our retired clergy and their families. But even more, express our gratitude to our spiritual leader and friend who's been with us during all of our times of joy and sorrow.
Retired Clergy Housing Allowance

To help plant the seeds of Orthodoxy throughout North America revealing the "True Faith" and ensuring the Church's growth for generations
- Department of Missions & Evangelism



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How You Can Support the Ministry of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

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- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Your Pledge At Any Level ... Helps Change People's Lives

Knight & Dame	Knight Commander Dame Commander	Life	Metropolitan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 Annually • \$41.67 Monthly • \$1.37 Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000 Annually • \$83.33 Monthly • \$2.73 Daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15,000 Total Gift • Payment Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Lump Sum • \$5,000 per year over 3 consecutive Years or • \$416.67 per month for 3 consecutive years • Life Upgrade* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30,000 Total Gift • Payment Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Lump Sum • \$10,000 per year for 3 consecutive years or • \$833.33 per month for 3 consecutive years • Metropolitan Upgrade**
<p>Junior Knight & Dame Ages 18-26 Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 Annually • \$25 Monthly • \$0.82 Daily • At age 27, converts to Knight or Dame 			

Life and Metropolitan gifts are invested in an endowment and only the earnings are spent each year making it a gift that will live on into perpetuity.

***Life Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 15 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Life Member for \$10,000 paid in a lump sum or over a two-year period.

****Metropolitan Upgrade:** The Order of St. Ignatius Loyalty Program: Any Knight/Dame, who has been a member for more than 15 years (active/good Standing members); or any Commander, who has been a member for more than 10 years (active/good Standing members) can upgrade to Metropolitan Member for \$20,000 paid over a three-year period. Life members who have fulfilled their initial Life member gift may upgrade to the Metropolitan level for \$10,000 paid in a lump sum or over a three-year period.

All lump sum, annual, or monthly payment methods can be made via EFT or Credit Card




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PRESENTS THE

NEW YORK PILGRIMAGE



***“Exploring
Orthodox
New York”***



***Saturday-Monday,
January 13-15, 2018***

All teens (ages 12-18) are welcome to join
the pilgrimage to New York/New Jersey!
(Requirements on Registration Form)

Ask any SOYO Officer or Advisor for Details



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, Coral Gables, FL

SOYO NEW YORK PILGRIMAGE

January 13-15, 2018

Registration Form



Requirements for Registration:

- Ages 12-18
- Attends Church Services
- Registered for Sunday School
- Attends Sunday School
- Registered for SOYO and Dues
- Attends SOYO events

Personal Information

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

I, _____, as legal parent/guardian of _____ grant my sons(s)/ daughter(s) permission to participate in full cooperation with the schedule and rules below in the upcoming **NEW YORK PILGRIMAGE** from Saturday, January 13, 2018 to Monday, January 15, 2018. **BOTH, MY CHILD/CHILDREN AND I UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE A POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR MISBEHAVIOR!** I hereby absolve Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral of Coral Gables, FL, affiliate organizations, all tour locations, employees and representatives, of any liability in the event of accident or injury during my child(ren)'s travel to New York/New Jersey and all its corresponding tours from January 13-15, 2018.

Signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

Cost: ~~\$480.00~~ \$150.00 per person if requirements fulfilled

Cost includes round trip flight, lodging, transportation, meals, shirt, and registration

Cash or Checks Accepted - Please make checks payable to "Saint George Cathedral SOYO"

Adult Chaperones must complete this form and submit payment (\$150.00).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 2017

Rules for Church Pilgrimage

1. Respectful and appropriate behavior at all times
2. Schedule must be followed by everyone at all times
3. Group must remain together unless otherwise instructed
4. Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times – no ripped jeans, etc. (*Sunday: proper attire for Liturgy*)
5. NO check-in baggage. BRING ONLY: 1 carry on and a personal item is allowed (TSA regulations) *Delta accepts one carry-on item with maximum dimensions of 9"x14"x22" (22 cm x 35 cm x 56 cm) in the aircraft cabin, along with one personal item - laptop bag with maximum dimensions of 9"x10"x17" (22cmx25cmx43cm).*

For Office Use Only

Received by: _____	Date: _____	Amount Paid: _____
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Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Coral Gables, FL
Sunday School Youth Choir



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 **Wednesday, December 27, 2017**, 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 at **10:30 a.m., returning around 2:30 p.m.**

Please complete the Parental Authorization form at the bottom and turn it in to the Church Office 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 Wednesday, December 27, 2017.

Signature: _____ Print: _____ Date: _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Relation: _____