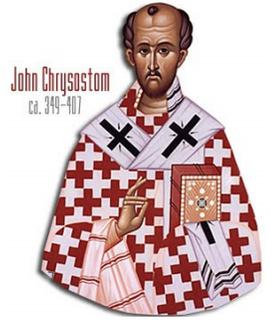




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A Message From The Principal

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Dear Students:

Teaching you the Word of God is the main task we are entrusted with as parents, teachers, and mentors. We want you to grow, not only physically and intellectually, but also spiritually; we want your wellbeing as a total person and for that we need your full attention and participation during your weekly class. Remember, time cannot be replaced so use it wisely...it does not come back.

It is my hope that you will all be enriched by your Sunday School experience, that you will make friends and memories as a group which you will carry with you for life, and, most importantly, that the Bible will be a constant source of answers and fulfillment as you grow and mature.

Enjoy!

Carmen Kostik

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct 26 - Visit of Metropolitan JOSEPH (no classes)
- ◆ Nov 9 - Field Trip: Salvadore Park
- ◆ Nov 15-Dec 25 Advent Humanitarian Drive



When you
Enroll in our Sunday School
Learning the Word of God will prove fulfilling;
Cooperation is expected -
Our positive attitude and
Mutual respect are part of
Everything we do and say.



Sunday School Field Trip

November 9th, 11:45am-1:45pm
Salvadore Park, Coral Gables

Lunch & Transportation Provided

Students should bring a blanket for seating

Please complete a registration form and return to Sunday School teachers by November 2nd.

“Ask Abuna”

Starting in November, an “Ask Abuna” column will be featured in each issue of The Sunday School Scroll. Fr. Saba will answer questions from Sunday School students about our Orthodox Faith. “Ask Abuna” questions should be submitted to your Sunday School teacher. Don’t be shy – all ages are encouraged to participate.

A Message from Fr. Saba

Dear Students of the Saint George Cathedral Sunday School,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

I hope you all are enjoying the Sunday School so far this year. Mrs. Carmen, your principal, and all your teachers are working very hard to ensure you all receive the opportunity to learn your Orthodox Christian Faith.

I want you to know I think of all of you every day. You are the Church, not the future. You are the Church! You will determine the future. I, Mrs. Carmen, the teachers, and everyone at Church work to serve God’s purpose, which is to take care of you.

I ask only one thing from you: pray for the Church and all the members of the Church to strengthen the relationship with Christ so we can be one Church, united and ready to create a more beautiful future – for us and for all mankind.

Your Spiritual Father in Christ,

Fr. Fouad Saba

**Book of Mark
Schedule of Readings**

- 10/19 Chapter 3:20-35
- 11/2 Chapter 4:1-20
- 11/9 Chapter 4:21-41
- 11/16 Chapter 5:1-20

***Have a question
or comment?***

***Want to submit
an idea to
the newsletter?***

Email us at:
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“Ask Abuna”

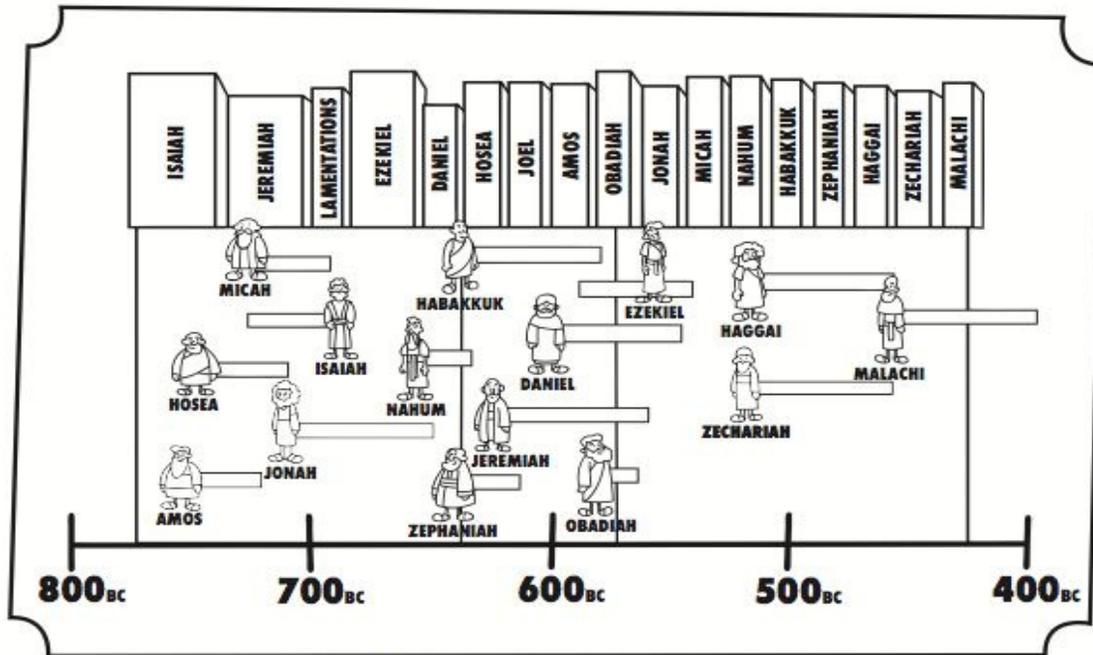
Use this form to submit your questions for Fr. Saba.
Cut out and give to your Sunday School teacher.

Name (optional):

Question:

Bible Activity

Learn the Major & Minor Old Testament Prophets



SOYO BUZZ

October 2014: Archdiocese Youth Month

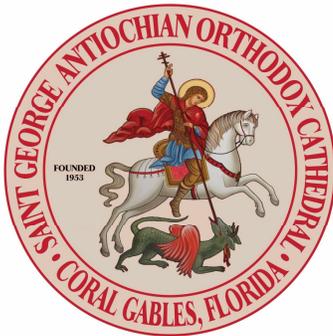
October is the month when the Antiochian Archdiocese introduces teens to the many opportunities to minister in the Church. The youth "are encouraged to read the Epistle, chant and sing in the choir, assist in church school, and give sermons approved by the priest," explains Department of Youth Chairman The Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Purpura.

Another way teens can get involved in their parishes is to participate in the Creative Arts, Bible Bowl, and Oratorical Festivals. This year's theme commemorates the 100th anniversary of the repose of St. Raphael of Brooklyn and focuses on his contributions to Orthodoxy in America, and is titled "Good Shepherd of the Lost Sheep in America."

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Bishop ANTOUN with Antiochian Village campers, 2014



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Kontakion

*Since thou hadst seen
the glory of God in the
spirit, thou truly didst
foreknow His divine
dispensation; for as
thou didst say, God's
Spirit is poured forth
upon all flesh that
believeth in Him Who
appeared to the
earthborn in a servant's
form and made thee
wondrous forever, O
Joel, thou seer of God.*

Sunday School Staff

October's newsletter continues the introductions of the St. George Sunday School Staff in their own words: Carmen Garcia-Kostik - Principal of Sunday School, and Miray Hayek - Vice Principal of Sunday School, Creative Arts Festival Coordinator, and teacher of the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade class. November's newsletter will feature additional staffers, so stay tuned as we meet the entire group over the next few months.

Carmen: Married to her best friend for 40 years now, blessed with two amazing children, and four even more amazing grandchildren. A native of Cuba, who arrived in Miami in 1979 after spending 17 loving, inspiring, and successful (but cold) years in Chicago, hoping that her path would eventually lead her here to grow roots. Graduated from Loyola University, Chicago, with a Bachelors degree in Psychology/Special Education and a Masters degree in Spanish Literature; taught at Chicago City Colleges and later embarked on an extensive, rewarding career in human resources at Air Canada. Her love for travel and other cultures took her to many breathtaking places. Finally arrived home in 2006, when, after a long spiritual search, she discovered the St. George Cathedral community where she was chrismated and realized that the desire to teach had never left her heart. "So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessings at the appropriate time."
-Galations 6:9

Miray: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."
-Colossians 3:23 "وكل ما فعلتكم فاعملوا من القلب كما للرب ليس للناس"

My name is Miray Hayek, and I'm the 1st/2nd/3rd grade Sunday School teacher for this coming year. As a new college graduate starting a whole new chapter in life, I try to implement this verse to my daily routine at work, at church, and with family and friends. My mission is to learn and be educated about our beautiful faith, and share it with the young minds who will hopefully grow and follow what the above verse is asking us to do. My hopes for the future is to see our church full of children and young adults who share the common goal of working together and spreading love, because "God is love."

Saint of the Month Spotlight: Joel the Prophet

Commemorated on October 19

The Prophet Joel, whose name means "Yah is God," was of the tribe of Reuben, the son of Bathuel, and lived from 810 to 750 B.C. (but some say in the 7th century B.C.). His book is divided into three chapters, and is the second in order of the minor Prophets. He foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Joel 2:28, and quoted by the Apostle Peter in Acts 2:17), and the saving power of the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Joel 2:32).

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"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." Joel 2:28

"And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls." Joel 2:32