

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023
TONE 8 / EOTHINON 3; TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

VENERABLE ALYPIOS THE STYLITE OF ADRIANOPLE; NIKON THE PREACHER OF REPENTANCE;
VENERABLE STYLIANOS OF PAPHLAGONIA

- *During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

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| <p align="center">RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT</p> | <p align="center">أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن الثامن</p> |
| <p>From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.</p> | <p>انْحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَنِّنٍ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ الْأَيَّامِ، لِكَيْ تُعْتِقَنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتَنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.</p> |
| <p>• <i>Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.</i></p> | |
| <p align="center">KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE <i>(**The original melody**)</i></p> | <p align="center">قِنْدَاقُ تَقْدِمَةِ الْمِيلَادِ بِاللْحَنِ الثَّلَاثِ</p> |
| <p>On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.</p> | <p>الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَوِلَادَةٌ لَا تُفَسَّرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَأَفْرَجِي أَيْتُهَا الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتِ، وَمَجِدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيُظْهِرُ بِمَشِيئَتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ.</p> |
| <p align="center">THE EPISTLE (For the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)</p> | <p align="center">الرسالة (لِلْأَحَدِ الثَّانِي وَالْخَمْسِينَ بَعْدَ الْعَنْصَرَةِ)</p> |
| <p><i>Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.</i></p> <p align="center">The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)</p> <p>Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope</p> | <p>صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهُنَا. اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُوذَا؛ وَاسْمُهُ عَظِيمٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلِ. فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَفَسُسَ. يَا إِخْوَةَ، أَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنَا الْأَسِيرُ فِي الرَّبِّ أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا كَمَا يَحِقُّ لِلدَّعْوَةِ الَّتِي دُعِيتُمْ بِهَا. بِكُلِّ تَوَاضُعٍ وَوِدَاعَةٍ وَبِطُولِ أَنَاةٍ، مُحْتَمِلِينَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضاً بِالْمَحَبَّةِ. وَمُجْتَهِدِينَ فِي حِفْظِ وَحْدَةِ الرُّوحِ بِرِبَاطِ</p> |

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| <p>that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.</p> | <p>السَّلَام. فَإِنَّكُمْ جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ وَرُوحٌ وَاحِدٌ، كَمَا دُعِيتُمْ إِلَى رَجَاءٍ دَعْوَتِكُمْ الْوَاحِدِ، رَبِّ وَاحِدٌ، وَإِيمَانٌ وَاحِدٌ، وَمَعْمُودِيَّةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ، وَإِلَهُ أَبٌ لِلْجَمِيعِ وَاحِدٌ، هُوَ فَوْقَ الْجَمِيعِ وَبِالْجَمِيعِ وَفِي جَمِيعِكُمْ. وَلِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا أُعْطِيَتِ النِّعْمَةُ عَلَى مِقْدَارِ مَوْهَبَةِ الْمَسِيحِ.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">THE GOSPEL (For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">الإنجيل (للأحد الثالث عشر من لوقا)</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)</p> <p>At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (١٨: ١٨-٢٧)</p> <p>فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ إِنْسَانٌ مُجَرِّبًا لَهُ وَقَائِلًا: "أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ لِأُرِثَ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟" فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحًا؟ وَمَا صَالِحٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ. إِنَّكَ تَعْرِفُ الْوَصَايَا: لَا تَزْنِ. لَا تَقْتُلْ. لَا تَسْرِقْ. لَا تَشْهَدْ بِالزُّورِ. أَكْرِمِ أَبَاكَ وَأُمَّكَ." فَقَالَ: "كُلُّ هَذَا قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُ مِنْذُ صِبَائِي." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ، قَالَ لَهُ: "وَاحِدَةٌ تَعْوِزُكَ بَعْدُ. بَعْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ وَوَزِعْهُ عَلَى الْمَسَاكِينِ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَتَعَالَ أَنْتَبِعَنِي." فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ ذَلِكَ، حَزَنَ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ غَنِيًّا جَدًّا. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ قَدْ حَزَنَ، قَالَ: "مَا أَعْسَرَ عَلَى نَوِي الْأَمْوَالِ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ. إِنَّهُ لِأَسْهَلُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَمَلُ فِي ثَقْبِ الْإِبْرَةِ مِنْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ غَنِيٌّ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ." فَقَالَ السَّامِعُونَ: "فَمَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ إِذَنْ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟" فَقَالَ: "مَا لَا يُسْتَطَاعُ عِنْدَ النَّاسِ، مُسْتَطَاعٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ."</p> |
| <p>• <i>The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.</i></p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">THE DISMISSAL</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">الختم</p> |
| <p>Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication</p> | <p>الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمَّكَ الْكَلِيَّةِ الطَّاهِرَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ؛ وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي؛ وَبِطَلْبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَّمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ</p> |

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| <p>of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; <i>of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community</i>; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Venerable Alypios the Stylite of Adrianople; Nikon the preacher of repentance; and Venerable Stylianos of Paphlagonia, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.</p> | <p>الأجساد؛ والنبيِّ الكريم السابق المجدِّ يوحنَّا المعمدان؛ والقديسين المشرفين الرُّسلِ الجديرين بكلِّ مديح؛ وأبينا الجليل في القديسين يوحنَّا الذهبيِّ القمِّ رئيس أساقفة القسطنطينية، كاتب هذه الخدمة الشريفة، والقديسين المجيدين الشهداء المتألقين بالظفر؛ وآبائنا الأبرار المتوشحين بالله؛ والقديس (ة) (فلان، فلانة) شفيع (ة) وحامي (ة) هذه الرعية المقدسة؛ والقديسين الصديقين جدِّي المسيح الإله، يواكيم وحنة؛ والبارَّ أليبيوس العمودي، ونيكنُّ المستتيب، والبارَّ ستيليانوس البفلاغوني، الذين نقيم تذكارتهم اليوم، وجميع قديسيك، إرحمنا وخلصنا بما أنك صالح ومحبُّ للبشر.</p> |
| <p>Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.</p> | <p>الكاهن: بِصَلَوَاتِ آبَائِنَا الْقَدِيسِينَ، أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا، اِرْحَمْنَا وَخَلِّصْنَا.</p> |
| <p>Choir: Amen.</p> | <p>الجوقة: آمين.</p> |
| <p>These texts have been prepared by the Department of Liturgics of the Antiochian Archdiocese Portions of the Archdiocesan Service Texts include texts from <i>The Menaion</i>, <i>The Great Horologion</i>, <i>The Pentecostarion</i>, <i>The Octoechos</i>, <i>The Triodion-Holy Week</i>, and <i>The Psalter of the Seventy</i>, which are Copyright © Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, Massachusetts, and are used with permission. All rights reserved. These works may not be further reproduced, beyond printing out a single copy for personal non-commercial use, without the prior written authorization of Holy Transfiguration Monastery.</p> | |

ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

| <u>DAY</u> | <u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u> | <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> |
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| 20 | Frederick Aziz | 56 |
| 21 | Rafic Habib | 2 |
| 22 | Azizeh Qaqish | 6 |
| 22 | Gholamreza Moradi Bakht | 11 |
| 22 | Ferris Frank Haddad | 25 |
| 22 | Aida Salib | 20 |
| 22 | Mary Raines | 17 |
| 22 | Margaret Zakka | 15 |
| 23 | Tawfiq Dahdah | 53 |
| 24 | John Shaheen | 58 |
| 24 | Robert Bechbache | 22 |
| 25 | Khristo Annouza | 22 |
| 26 | Omar Hani Zarifeh | 4 |
| 26 | Adele Haydamous | 36 |
| 26 | Abdul-Massih El-Ajie | 33 |
| 26 | Elie Nassif | 28 |
| 26 | Charles Cordahi | 21 |

- **Please**, pray for the health of the following parishioners: Ellen, Robert, Alex, Sam, Elias, Nassar, George, Nina, Sonia, George, Beshara, Irene, Nadia, Christine, Toni, George, Helena, Rami and Maien.

MEMORIAL

- **9 Days memorial service** for **Haytham Tarazi** offered by **Fadi, Iyad, Ihab, Lamis ElHashwa and their families, and by Tony, Monir Ayad and their families**. May his memory be eternal!
The coffee hour is offered today in loving memory of **Haytham Tarazi** by his family.
- **One-year memorial service** for **Julia Barbara** offered by **her family**. May her memory be eternal!
- **One-year memorial service** for **Rabab Halahel** and **6 years memorial service** for **Moufid Halahel** offered by **their children and their families**. May their memory be eternal!
- **3 years memorial service** for **Isabelle Younes** offered by **her children and their families**. May her memory be eternal!
- **4 years memorial service** for **Hani Zarifeh** offered by **his parents Edgar and Souad**. May his memory be eternal!

ETERNAL LIGHT

- **Nov 26:** In loving memory of **Isabelle Younes** from her family.
- **Nov 26:** for the good health of **Issa Bisharat** and his family
- **Dec 3:** In loving memory of **Ernest and Yvonne Younes** from their family.
- **Dec 3:** for the good health of **Issa Bisharat** and his family
- **Dec 24:** for the good health of **Issa Bisharat** and his family

FALAFEL LUNCHEON

- **On Saturday and Sunday, Nov 25-26, 2023**, **St. George Men Society** will be hosting a **Falafel Sandwiches Lunch at St. George Centre**. Please come and enjoy a hearty Falafel sandwiches with your family and friends. Please mark your calendar for the following dates, **Sunday Dec 3** (Falafel sandwiches), **Sunday Dec 10 (Foul)**, **Sunday Dec 17**(Falafel sandwiches).

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

- We are in need of Poinsettia flowers to decorate the Altar. If you wish to donate a plant, please see **Mr. George Ghneim** or call the office **905-731-7210**.

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

- **SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**– over 100 shoeboxes were filled by our community and were dropped off this week. These Christmas gifts will be delivered to needy children around the world.

PACKING OF BLESSING BAGS - NOVEMBER 30 – loot bag packing day. A team will be at the church by 1pm to set up. Setup takes several hours, so we hope to begin our packing by 4ish. Please join us after school/work (or if you are available in the afternoon, we also welcome your help to set up.)

PRISON MINISTRY ANGEL TREE PROGRAM - Angels will be available to sponsor, God willing by the 3rd week of November. Will continue to keep you posted once I receive them.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us

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Joanie Younes 416-402-7424; joanieunis@hotmail.com

CHURCH OFFICE

- **Anyone wishing to church a child, removal of crowns, have a memorial service, or would like Fr. George to give communion or visit their loved sick ones, should contact the church office ahead of time (905) 731-7210. In case of emergency, call Fr. Georges Mokbel (416) 725-2888**

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2023-2024

- **Please see the attached QR code for registration.**

MAINTAINING SILENCE DURING THE SERVICE

- **The congregation is expected to actively participate in worship. However, God's house is a place for reverence and worship, not loud and idle conversations (between each other or on cell phones). Please, turn off cell phones and any other devices when you are attending the Liturgy. If you have a situation that requires you to speak to other parishioners, please do that quietly outside the church or downstairs in the basement.**

BLESSING OF HOMES

- Father Georges is visiting our parishioners and blessing their homes. If you like to have your home blessed, please call Fr. Georges 416-725-2888 or email the office info@stgeorgeantiochianchurch.org with your name and address. Father prefers that those who live in apartment's building to arrange for few apartments to be blessed together.

TEEN SOYO

- Congratulations to our newly elected TEEN SOYO Board Members...

President: Peter Mokbel

VP: Peter Novratidis

Treasurer: Helena Mokbel

Secretary: Michael Ishac

Social Media: Dima Alzidan

Coordinators: Lucas El Bouri, Mark Moussa and Paul Petro Youth Advisors: Angela Ghazal and Fadi Freiga

If you are interested in joining our Teen SOYO group please contact our Youth Advisors.

Note: members must be between the ages of 13-19 years old.

Angela Ghazal: 416-720-0308

Fadi Freiga: 647-829-6136

FIRE ROUTE, HANDICAPPED PARKING, AND PARKING LINES

- **Please make sure not to park on the side of the church or in front of the Fire hydrant, for this is a fire route. Also ensure not to park in the spots designated for handicapped parking. Anyone who parks and does not show a handicap permit on the window will be tagged.**
- **Kindly Submit your Contribution through the Following Methods: Connect to the Church Website www.stgeorgeto.org Click on Donate**

- **PayPal, or send your Cheque by Mail to: St. George Antiochian Church, 9116 Bayview Ave,
Richmond Hill ON, L4B 3M9**

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

(Psalm 112:5)

Activities at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Toronto.

Month: November 2023

| Date | Time | Activity | Location |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Thursday November 2 nd | 10 am – 2 pm | Home Schooling | Basement of the Church |
| | 8:30 – 11:00 pm | Basketball for the Adults | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Friday November 3 rd | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Byzantine Music Class | Church Basement |
| | 7:30 – 11:30 pm | Families Gathering & Sports | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Saturday November 4 th | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Soccer | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Sunday November 5 th | After Holy Communion | Sunday School | Church Basement |

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| Thursday November 9 th | 8:30 – 11:00 pm | Basketball for the Adults | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Friday November 10 th | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Byzantine Music Class | Church Basement |
| | 7:30 – 11:30 pm | Families Gathering & Sports | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Saturday November 11 th | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Soccer | Gym at St. George Centre |
| | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Teen SOYO Cook Competition | Church Basement |
| Sunday November 12 th | After Communion | Sunday School | Church Basement |

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| Thursday November 16 th | 10 am – 2 pm | Home Schooling | Basement of the Church |
| | 8:30 – 11:00 pm | Basketball for the Adults | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Friday November 17 th | 7:00 – 9:00 pm | Byzantine Music Class | Church Basement |
| | 7:30 – 11:30 pm | Families Gathering & Sports | Gym at St. George Centre |
| | 9:00 – 10:00 pm | Saints Joachim & Anna Family Ministry Monthly Meeting | Gathering Room at the Gym of St. George Centre |
| Saturday November 18 th | 5:30 – 7:30 pm | Soccer | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Sunday November 19 nd | After Communion | Sunday School | Church Basement |

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| Tuesday November 21 st | 6:00 – 7:00 pm | Bi-weekly Catechism Class | Church Basement |
| Thursday November 23 rd | 8:30 – 11 pm | Basketball for the Adults | Gym at St. George Centre |
| Friday November 24 th | 6 pm – 11:30 pm | All-Night Vigil | Church |
| Saturday November 25 th | 10 am – 5 pm | Christmas Market | Gym at St. George Centre |
| | 2 pm | Teen SOYO: Mini Golf | |
| Sunday November 26 th | After Communion | Sunday School | Church Basement |
| | 12 pm – 4 pm | Christmas Market | Gym at St. George Centre |

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| Thursday November 30 th | 10 am – 2 pm | Home Schooling | Basement of the Church |
| | 8:30 – 11 pm | Basketball for the Adults | Gym at St. George Centre |

Services at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Toronto.
Month: November 2023

| Date | Time | Service |
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| Thursday November 2 nd | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy: Dedication of the Temple of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda |
| Friday November 3 rd | 6:00 p.m. | Great Vespers with Litia/Artoklasia: Raphael (Hawaweeny), Bishop of Brooklyn |
| Saturday November 4 th | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday November 5 th | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy: 5 th Sunday of Luke, Galaktion & his wife Episteme |
| Tuesday November 7 th | 6:00 p.m. | Festal Orthros |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy: Synaxis of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael & the other Bodiless Powers |
| Wednesday November 8 th | 7:00 p.m. | Great Vespers with Litia/Artoklasia: Nektarios of Pentapolis |
| Saturday November 11 th | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday November 12 th | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy: 8 th Sunday of Luke, John the Merciful |
| Wednesday November 15 th NATIVITY FAST BEGINS | 6:00 p.m. | Festal Orthros |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy: Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist |
| Saturday November 18 th | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday November 19 th | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy: 9 th Sunday of Luke, Obadiah the Prophet |
| Monday November 20 th | 6:00 p.m. | Festal Orthros |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy: Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple |
| Friday November 24 th Catherine the Great Martyr ALL NIGHT VIGIL | 6:00 p.m. | Little Compline with Canon of Preparation for Holy Communion |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Great Vespers with Litia/Artoklasia |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Festal Orthros |
| | 10:30 p.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday November 25 th | 4:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Great Vespers |
| Sunday November 26 th | 9:00 a.m. | Orthros |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Divine Liturgy: 13 th Sunday of Luke, Alypius the Stylite |
| Wednesday November 29 th | 6:00 p.m. | Festal Orthros |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Divine Liturgy: Andrew the First-Called Apostle |



The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch

Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York

November 17, 2023

Dear Fellow Members of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch in our Diocese

Christmas season is upon us, we must remember that this is a celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and what better way to celebrate this glorious time than within our Church. It is for this reason that I am writing to all members of the Order of St. Ignatius, in our Diocese.

During the month of December, each member is encouraged to be visible in their local Parish and focus on the ultimate goals and objectives of the Order in a spiritual way.

Members are encouraged to participate and be active by way of:

- Wearing your cross to the Divine Liturgy;
- Reading the Epistle;
- Delivering the sermon;
- Ushering and taking up the collection;
- Hosting a coffee hour after Divine Liturgy

If you have a preference for a particular date or type of service you would like to perform, please coordinate with your Ambassador, or with your Parish Priest.

This year, the Order celebrates its 47 years of “**Touching People’s Lives.**” Its goal is to provide a financial foundation to our Churches through our Antiochian Archdiocese in North America by providing assistance:

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| Clergy | \$188,500 | Archdiocese Development & Growth | \$224,000 |
| Retired Clergy Allowance | \$180,000 | Missions & Evangelism | \$76,000 |
| Married Seminarian Assistance | \$8,500 | Other Archdiocese Department | \$90,000 |
| | | Internet Ministry | \$58,000 |
| Archdiocese Youth | \$221,000 | Other Grants | \$30,000 |
| Summer Camp Scholarships | \$113,000 | Project Mexico | \$10,000 |
| Youth Ministry | \$70,000 | IOCC | \$20,000 |
| Christian Education | \$23,000 | | |
| College Conference | \$15,000 | | |

We are looking forward to welcoming this year Mr. Roger David, our North American Chair on Dec 16th and 17th visiting St. Elias Cathedrale, Ottawa. Please try to be with us in welcoming Roger during the Divine Liturgy on December 17th.

Finally, as you contemplate your support of The Order over the years, encourage your family and friends to become a part of The Order.

On behalf of The Order of St Ignatius Governing Council, we want to express our sincere gratitude for your membership. We pray that during this Blessed Season and throughout the year you continue to receive God’s Blessing and Grant you a joyous Nativity, a healthy, happy, and peaceful 2024.

In His Service

Dimitri Zeidan, P.Eng

Chair of The Order of St. Ignatius

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Help Give

Bags of Blessings!!

- ❖ Our Church is again making “**Blessing Bags**” for people in need. The bags will be distributed during this Christmas season through St. John the Compassionate Mission.
- ❖ Each bag will contain: Toiletries, Socks, Hats & Gloves, and an extra Christmas treat/gift. Samples of the bags are shown below.



This small gesture will make someone's Christmas a little brighter and remind them of God's love!!

Jesus teaches us that ***It is more blessed to give than to receive.*** This year the mission has indicated the need is far greater than normal. To help we are aiming to make: *150 bags for men, 75 for women & 180 for children.* Please help us make this year's goal and give generously.

Donations can be made to the Church. Please write on the cheque, or note on the online donation, that the funds are for **Blessing Bags**.

For more information, or to get involved in packing/distributing, please contact:
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