

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024
TONE 8 / EOTHINON 9; NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

RETURN OF THE RELICS OF THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW; THE HOLY APOSTLE TITUS OF THE SEVENTY

- *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:*

<p align="center">RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT</p>	<p align="center">أبوليتيكيون القيامة بالحن 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>أَنحَدَرْتَ مِنَ الْعُلُوِّ يَا مُتَحَنِّنٌ، وَقَبِلْتَ الدَّفْنَ ذَا الثَّلَاثَةِ الْأَيَّامِ، لَكِي تَعْتِقَنَا مِنَ الْآلَامِ، فَيَا حَيَاتَنَا وَقِيَامَتَنَا، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.</p>
<p align="center">APOLYTIKION OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW & TITUS IN TONE THREE</p>	<p align="center">أبوليتيكيون القديسين برثلماوس وتيطس بالحن الثالث</p>
<p>O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.</p>	<p>أَيُّهَا الرِّسُولَانِ الْقَدِيسَانِ، تَشَفَّعَا إِلَى الْإِلَهِ الرَّحِيمِ، أَنْ يُنْعِمَ بِغُفْرَانِ الزَّلَّاتِ لِنُفُوسِنَا.</p>
<p>• <i>Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.</i></p>	
<p align="center">KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR</p>	<p align="center">القنطاق لِمِيلَادِ الْوَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ بِالْحَنِ الرَّابِعِ</p>
<p>By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos who nourisheth our life.</p>	<p>إِنَّ يُوَاكِيمَ وَحَنَّةَ مِنْ عَارِ الْعُقْرِ أُطْلِقَا، وَأَدَمَ وَحَوَّاءَ مِنْ فَسَادِ الْمَوْتِ، بِمَوْلِدِكَ الْمُقَدَّسِ يَا طَاهِرَةً أُعْتِقَا. فَلَهُ يُعِيدُ شَعْبَكَ، وَقَدْ تَخَلَّصَ مِنْ وَصْمَةِ الزَّلَّاتِ، صَارِحًا نَحْوَكِ: الْعَاقِرُ تَلِدُ الْوَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الْمُغْدِيَّةَ حَيَاتَنَا.</p>
<p align="center">THE EPISTLE (For Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)</p>	<p align="center">الرسالة (الأحد التاسع بعد العنصرة)</p>
<p><i>Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.</i></p> <p align="center">The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)</p> <p>Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a</p>	<p align="center">صَلُّوا وَأَوْفُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَنَا، اللَّهُ مَعْرُوفٌ فِي أَرْضِ يَهُودَا. فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرِّسُولِ الْأُولَى إِلَى أَهْلِ كُورِنْثُوسِ. يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّا نَحْنُ عَامِلُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ، وَأَنْتُمْ حَرْثُ اللَّهِ وَبِنَاءُ اللَّهِ. أَنَا بِحَسَبِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْمُعْطَاةِ لِي، كَبْنَاءِ</p>

wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

حَكِيمٍ وَضَعْتُ الْأَسَاسَ وَآخَرَ بَيْنِي عَلَيْهِ. فَلْيَنْظُرْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَيْفَ بَيْنِي عَلَيْهِ. إِذْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَضَعَ أُسَاسًا غَيْرَ الْمَوْضُوعِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يَبْنِي عَلَى هَذَا الْأَسَاسِ ذَهَبًا أَوْ فِضَّةً أَوْ حِجَارَةً ثَمِينَةً أَوْ خَشَبًا أَوْ حَشِيشًا أَوْ تِبْنًا. فَإِنَّ عَمَلَ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ سَيَكُونُ بَيِّنًا، لِأَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ سَيُظْهِرُهُ لِأَنَّهُ يُعْلَنُ بِالنَّارِ، وَسَتَمْتَحِنُ النَّارُ عَمَلَ كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَا هُوَ. فَمَنْ بَقِيَ عَمَلُهُ الَّذِي بَنَاهُ عَلَى الْأَسَاسِ، فَسَيَنَالُ أَجْرَهُ. وَمَنْ اخْتَرَقَ عَمَلُهُ، فَسَيَخْسَرُ، وَسَيَخْلُصُ هُوَ وَلَكِنْ كَمَنْ يَمُرُّ فِي النَّارِ. أَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ هَيْكَلُ اللَّهِ وَأَنَّ رُوحَ اللَّهِ سَاكِنٌ فِيكُمْ؟ مَنْ يُفْسِدُ هَيْكَلَ اللَّهِ يُفْسِدُهُ اللَّهُ لِأَنَّ هَيْكَلَ اللَّهِ مُقَدَّسٌ، وَهُوَ أَنْتُمْ.

THE GOSPEL
(For Ninth Sunday of Matthew)

الإنجيل (لالأحد التاسع من متى)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ متىّ الإنجيليّ
النبشِيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ.

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and

في ذلكَ الزمانِ، اضطرَّ يسوعُ تلاميذهُ أنْ يَدْخُلُوا السَّفِينَةَ وَيَسْبِقُوهُ إِلَى الْعَبْرِ حَتَّى يَصْرِفَ الْجُمُوعَ. وَلَمَّا صَرَفَ الْجُمُوعَ، صَعِدَ وَحْدَهُ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، كَانَ هُنَاكَ وَحْدَهُ. وَكَانَتِ السَّفِينَةُ فِي وَسْطِ الْبَحْرِ تَكْدُّهَا الْأَمْوَاجُ، لِأَنَّ الرِّيحَ كَانَتْ مُضَادَّةً لَهَا. وَعِنْدَ الْهَجْعَةِ الرَّابِعَةِ مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ مَاشِيًا عَلَى الْبَحْرِ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى التَّلَامِيذُ مَاشِيًا عَلَى الْبَحْرِ، اضْطَرَبُوا وَقَالُوا "إِنَّهُ خَيَالٌ"، وَمِنَ الْخَوْفِ صَرَخُوا. فَلِلْوَقْتِ كَلَّمَهُمْ يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: "ثِقُوا، أَنَا هُوَ، لَا تَخَافُوا." فَأَجَابَهُ بُطْرُسُ قَائِلًا: "يَا رَبِّ، إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ هُوَ، فَمُرْنِي أَنْ آتِيَ إِلَيْكَ عَلَى الْمِيَاهِ." فَقَالَ: "تعال." فَتَزَلَّ بُطْرُسُ مِنَ السَّفِينَةِ، وَمَشَى عَلَى الْمِيَاهِ آتِيًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى شِدَّةَ

<p>beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.</p>	<p>الرياح، خاف، وإذ بدأ يغرق، صاح قائلاً: "يا ربّ نَجِّنِي!" وللوقت مَدَّ يَسُوعُ يَدَهُ وَأَمْسَكَ بِهِ، وقال له: "يا قَلِيلَ الإِيمَانِ، لِمَاذَا شَكَّكْتَ؟" وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ السَّفِينَةَ، سَكَنَتِ الرِّيحُ. فَجَاءَ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا فِي السَّفِينَةِ وَسَجَدُوا لَهُ قَائِلِينَ: "بِالْحَقِيقَةِ أَنْتَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ." وَلَمَّا عَبَرُوا، جَاءُوا إِلَى أَرْضِ جَنَيْسَارَتِ.</p>
<p>• <i>The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.</i></p>	
<p>THE DISMISSAL</p>	<p>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 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 Apostles Bartholomew and Titus, 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>الكاهن: أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُنَا الْحَقِيقِي، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ أُمَّكَ الْقَدِيسَةِ الْكُلِّيَّةِ الطَّهَارَةِ وَالْبَرِيَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ عَيْبٍ، وَبِقُدْرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ الْكَرِيمِ الْمُحْيِي، وَبِطَلَبَاتِ الْقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ الْمُكْرَمَةِ الْعَادِمَةِ الْأَجْسَادِ، وَالنَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيمِ السَّابِقِ الْمَجِيدِ يُوْحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانِ، وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمُشْرَفِينَ الرَّسُلِ الْجَدِيرِينَ بِكُلِّ مَدِيحٍ، وَأَبِينَا الْجَلِيلِ فِي الْقَدِيسِينَ يُوحَنَّا الذَّهَبِيِّ الْفَمِّ رَئِيسِ أَسَاقِفَةِ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةِ، كَاتِبِ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ الشَّرِيفَةِ، وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الْمَجِيدِينَ الشُّهَدَاءِ الْمُتَأَلِّقِينَ بِالظَّفَرِ، وَأَبَائِنَا الْأَبْرَارِ الْمُتَوَشِّحِينَ بِاللَّهِ، وَالْقَدِيسِ (ة) (فُلَانِ، فُلَانَةَ) شَفِيعِ (ة) وَحَامِي (ة) هَذِهِ الرَّعِيَّةِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الصِّدِّيقِينَ يُوَاكِمِ وَحَنَّةَ جَدِّي الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهِ؛ وَالْقَدِيسِينَ الرَّسُولِينَ بَرْتُولْمَاوَسَ وَتِيطُسَ، الَّذِينَ نُقِيمُ تَذْكَارَهُمَا الْيَوْمَ، وَجَمِيعِ قَدِيسِيكَ، أَرْحَمْنَا وَخَلَّصْنَا بِمَا أَتَكَ صَالِحٌ وَمُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.</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، أَرْحَمْنَا وَخَلَّصْنَا.</p>
<p>Choir: Amen.</p>	<p>الجوقة: آمين.</p>

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ANNIVERSARY OR OUR DEPARTED FOR THIS SUNDAY

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME OF THE DEPARTED</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
19	Edward Dabous	48
19	Nellie Deratnay	37
19	Nawal Jahshan	26
19	Joseph Henn	18
20	Samer Zabana	3
20	Jeries Qaqish	39
20	Alice Goubran Sayegh	22
21	Hanna Qaisiya	17
21	Khader Khoury	17
22	Georges Abou-Saleh	1
22	George Youssef Haddad	34
22	Tawfiq Khoury	33
23	Norma Assaf	32
24	Sleiman El-Bouri	21
25	Elias Karadsheh	4
25	Gallal Zetounch	4

- **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

- **3 and 9 days Memorial service** for **Mona Jawad Farah** offered by her brother **Saad, his wife Hiba and their children**. May her memory be eternal!
The coffee hour is offered today in loving memory of **Mona Jawad Farah** by her family.
- **One-year Memorial service** for **Rose Kanawaty** offered by her husband **Sam Kanawaty and his family**. May her memory be eternal!
The coffee hour is offered today in loving memory of **Rose Kanawaty** by her family.
- **One-year Memorial service** for **Georges Abou-Saleh** offered by his wife **Najat, his children Nabil, Randa and Lena**. May his memory be eternal!
The coffee hour is offered today in loving memory of **Georges Abou-Saleh** by his family.

ETERNAL LIGHTS

- **Aug 25:** For the good health of **Rose Ghneim** on her birthday from **George Ghneim, her Children and grandchildren.**
- **Aug 25:** in loving memory of **Rosie Kanawaty** from **Sam Kanawaty and family.**
- **Sep 22:** in loving memory of **Ernest Younes** from his family.

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**

SCHEDULE OF USHERING FOR AUGUST 25, 2024

- **Head Usher:** Ra'ed Dallal
- **Ushers from the Parish Council:** Judy Sirafim Anita Novratidis
- **Ushers:** Denise Abu Faysal Mariam Freiha
Kevin Boon George Homsy

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.

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.**

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

- **Kindly Submit your Contribution through the Following Methods: Connect to the Church**

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Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.
(Psalm 112:5)



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

USHERS

Aug 25th, 2024

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Judy Sirafim

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Head Usher

Ra'ed Dallal

Holy Services at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Toronto.

Month: August 2024

Date	Time	Service
1st Week		
Thursday	August 1 st	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Little Supplicatory Canon
Friday	August 2 nd	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Great Supplicatory Canon
Saturday	August 3 rd	4:00 p.m. Confessions
		5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sunday 6 th Sunday of Matthew	August 4 th	9:00 a.m. Orthros
		10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
2nd Week		
Monday Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ عيد تجلي ربنا يسوع المسيح	August 5 th	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
		6:00 p.m. Festal Orthros
		7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	August 6 th	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Great Supplicatory Canon
Wednesday	August 7 th	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Little Supplicatory Canon
Thursday	August 8 th	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Great Supplicatory Canon
Friday	August 9 th	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Little Supplicatory Canon
Saturday	August 10 th	4:00 p.m. Confessions
		5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sunday 7 th Sunday of Matthew	August 11 th	9:00 a.m. Orthros
		10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
3rd Week		
Monday	August 12 th	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Little Supplicatory Canon
Tuesday	August 13 th	7:00 p.m. Paraklesis with Great Supplicatory Canon
Wednesday Dormition of the Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary عيد رقاد السيدة	August 14 th	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
		6:00 p.m. Festal Orthros
		7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Saturday	August 17 th	4:00 p.m. Confessions
		5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sunday 8 th Sunday of Matthew	August 18 th	9:00 a.m. Orthros
		10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4th Week		
Saturday	August 24 th	4:00 p.m. Confessions
		5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Sunday 9 th Sunday of Matthew	August 25 th	9:00 a.m. Orthros
		10:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
5th Week		
Wednesday Beheading of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist John قطع رأس يوحنا المعمدان	August 28 th	6:00 p.m. Festal Orthros
		7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Activities at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church – Toronto.
Month: August 2024

Date	Time	Activity	Location
1st Week			
Thursday 1 st	8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Basketball for Adults	Gym at St. George Centre
Friday 2 nd	8:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Families Gathering & Sports	Gym at St. George Centre
2nd Week			
Thursday 8 th	8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Basketball for Adults	Gym at St. George Centre
Friday 9 th	8:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Families Gathering & Sports	Gym at St. George Centre
3rd Week			
Thursday 15 th	8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Basketball for Adults	Gym at St. George Centre
Friday 16 th	8:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Families Gathering & Sports	Gym at St. George Centre
4th Week			
Sunday 18 th – Saturday 24 th		Camp Transfiguration	Quebec
Thursday 22 nd	8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Basketball for Adults	Gym at St. George Centre
Friday 23 rd	8:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Families Gathering & Sports	Gym at St. George Centre
5th Week			
Thursday 29 th	8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	Basketball for Adults	Gym at St. George Centre
Friday 30 th	8:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Families Gathering & Sports	Gym at St. George Centre
Saturday 31 st	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Soccer Tournament	Markham Sports Dome



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Montreal August 20, 2024

Dear Sayyedna,

The Antiochian Orthodox Union of Canada must disburse part of the donations received as scholarship for needy students to keep the status of a charitable organization and be able to continue helping.

We ask you kindly to inform our parishes in Canada to publicize this information among their students' members.

To benefit from a scholarship, the student must:

- Be enrolled full time in a Canadian University or a Canadian High School (CEGEP) and has good marks (minimum B average)
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident
- A letter from the parish priest that the student is member of an Antiochian Orthodox parish
- A copy of the completed application (PDF to be downloaded from our FaceBook page):
https://ef11e2d5-8622-48f4-8ab7-2cad0948aaa1.filesusr.com/ugd/19321c_dc6ede81ff4745c99333287232586ce3.pdf

to be sent with the following documents:

- Copy of the Social Insurance Number card
- Copy of a proof of admission to a full-time university program with list of courses to be taken
- Copy of the academic results during the previous year.
- Copy of the parents latest Revenue Canada assessment
- The completed documents should be e-mailed to the address:
unionorthodoxe@gmail.com

Respectfully, very truly yours,

Antiochian Orthodox Union of Canada

Nadim Korban MD, President

March 31st, 2024

Dearest Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Subject: Ushering Procedures and protocols

We are pleased to inform you that during its March 26th Meeting, the Parish Council endorsed the new procedures and protocols for ushering. The primary aim of these measures is to update ushering activities and, most importantly, to welcome new volunteers to participate and engage in the church community's life.

As such, we are currently seeking volunteers for the month of April to help with ushering duties and support the process. If you are available during the upcoming weeks, please reach out to me via email or text message at the contact details below. According to the updated protocol, the Head Usher to supervise all ushering activities, along with 4-6 volunteer ushers who will assist the two (2) Parish Council member volunteers.

We welcome new volunteers to serve during our liturgy, however, kindly note that to ensure a fair opportunity for as many parishioners as possible to volunteer, only those whose names have been announced will be serving as ushers. Others are kindly requested to wait for their turn. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For the Glory of God!

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Summary of Duties and Responsibilities

- Arrive early before 9:30am
- Refill Candle supply when required
- Assist with seating when needed
- Maintain order during the service
- Collection offerings
- Ensure order during communion
- Counting collection tray by the appointed Board Members with Head Usher

Responsibilities of head Usher Plus One usher

- Remove old burnt candles in the Candle stand
- Keep the area as clean as possible
- Try to make the area clear; minimize chit chat
- Minimize hazards at the entrance
- No more than \$50 in \$5 and \$10 denominations shall be used as change
- Bring forward the names before beginning of Liturgy

Collection Offering:

Steps for collecting the Offering

- Four ushers line up in rows of two at the back of Church
- At the appointed time, ushers walk forward and stand together in front of the Altar, they will meet Abouna, they will kiss the Cross and proceed with the collection.
- Ushers move in pairs to the left and right pews.
- Once collection is complete, the Head Usher will wait near the front door with the large collection basket;
- All collection baskets are distributed into the large collection basket;
- The two (assigned "usher" board members) will jointly walk up the stairs to deliver money to the church office; these two (2) Ushers shall count the offering and will sign the collection offering spreadsheet that
- Is prepared by Office Manager. At the time of counting the offering, there shall only be two (2) Ushers counting.

Ushers for Communion

- Firm Ushering during communion is the key to success for an orderly movement of people.
- As the two (2) appointed "Ushers" Council Members are counting the collection,
- The other ushers (4) will keep order during communion. An additional Usher is required for the middle row

Collections

- Candle BOX Retrieval
- Normally completed once during the service, second after tray collection
- Head Usher obtains a separate basket (different than the ones for the tray collection);

- In the presence of another Usher; box is open, money poured into the basket;
- Ensure that the candle box is locked after being emptied;
- The two (2) appointed Board Members serving as ushers take the basket up together to deliver and count the offering. They may be assisted by the Treasurer and the vice chair.

Counting of the Offering

- The two (2) assigned "Ushers" Board Member are responsible for counting the offering; must always be present during the counting and depositing into church safe.
- These will be the same Ushers that will sign the collection spreadsheet as prepared by Waddah.
- The Head Usher shall designate an additional usher to assist with the counting should the collection require support.