



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A Newsletter By The St George Sunday School Administrative Team
Orthodox Christian Education

Prayer



Oh Lord our God, look upon us with your compassionate eye. Show us how to rise above both the visible and invisible enemies. Place in us a power from on high; encompass us with your almighty right hand; keep us under the protection of your wings; fortify us with love for one another and grant us unshakable peace. But before all and above all, instill in us your fear and your love that your holy name may also be glorified in us. Upon you alone we look, on you alone we have placed our hopes, and to you we send up the glory, together with your Father, who is without beginning, and the life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Nativity Fast

The Nativity Fast, a beautiful and spiritually enriching time in the Orthodox Christian Church, prepares us for the joyous celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this fast is multifaceted. Primarily, it is a time for spiritual purification, repentance, and renewal. By abstaining from certain foods and focusing on prayer, we make room for the Holy Spirit to work within us, guiding us towards a closer relationship with God.

This fast, which begins on November 15th, also allows us to practice self-discipline, reminding us of the sacrifices made by Christ and helping us to empathize with those who are less fortunate. It encourages us to live simply, focus on spiritual matters, and prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Son of God. As with fasting and prayer, helping the needy and less fortunate with good works and almsgiving is also necessary. Every effort must be made, to avoid all boasting and bragging in its giving.



SAINT NEKTARIOS

When we think of saints, we often think of people who lived centuries ago. St. Nektarios, on the contrary, lived and died in the earlier part of the twentieth century. St. Nektarios is a true icon of Christian love and patience. We are all called to love all people and to encourage them. As people of faith, we offer prayers as a means of help for all. St. Nektarios encouraged others by being with them at difficult times. He prayed to God to give them peace and courage to face their problems. We take him as our example.



St. Nektarios is honored and remembered on November 9.

SHOEBOXES DONATION

Our Sunday school children participated in Operation Christmas Child. The children filled shoeboxes with school supplies, personal care items, and toys for boys and girls ages 2-14. We delivered several boxes to be mailed to children, many of whom these boxes are their first gift ever.



What We Have Learned

GRADE 6

SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER



In the first two months of Grade 6 Sunday School, we started with a thorough introduction to the Ten Commandments. We explored their origins and the story behind them, including significant events like the burning bush. We then focused on the first and second commandments individually, discussing their importance and reflecting on the order of all the commandments. The students had a chance to write out each commandment and discuss them thoughtfully.



Later, for Thanksgiving, we learned about the history of the holiday and enjoyed a DIY Thanksgiving ornament activity. It's been a wonderful start to the year together!



What We Have Learned

GRADE 7



Throughout the first two months of the Sunday School year, the grade 7 students have learned a lot about their faith. In September we taught the students about the importance of faith and works as we discussed some struggles in our daily lives.

We have also looked at multiple parables in the Bible such as the parable of the prodigal son. One of the main struggles we discussed is jealousy and how we can overcome it. We also taught the students about the sacraments in the Orthodox

Church as well as different feasts such as the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. In October, we discussed gratefulness and what it means to be thankful as well as navigating and using the bible as a guide for us to lead a good christian life and dealing with our struggles. At the end of October, the students also learned about Halloween and why we don't celebrate it in the Orthodox church while using biblical evidence that warns us about dabbling with evil spirits.



Happy Birthday to



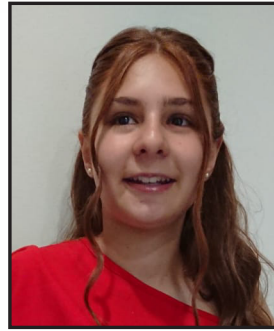
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Oct 2



Deacon Halliday
Oct 7



Luke Qubti
Oct 7



Natalie Petro
Oct 10



Rita Madanat
Oct 13



Victoria Bahou
Oct 14



Julie Haddad
Oct 18



Rodi Hantoush
Oct 26



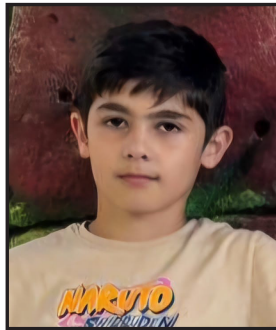
Anastasia Krait
Oct 26



Alexandra Allawi
Oct 27



Anthony Assaf
Nov 3



Jad Alawabdah
Nov 4



Nicole Farah
Nov 15



Sophia Shahine
Nov 24



Peter Novratidis
Nov 25



Emma Shaheen
Nov 29



Jean Paul Shami
Nov 29



St. George Sunday School
cordially invites you to our
Christmas Performance

JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Sunday December 8, 2024

At 1:00 pm in the Gym

Watch us and enjoy!

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فرح الميلاد

الأحد 8 ديسمبر، 2024

الساعة 1:00 بعد الظهر

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