

# St. John Of the Desert

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On January 27, 2018, from 2 to 4 pm, our church has volunteered once again at FMSC (Feed My Starving Children), an organization that packs food and sends it all over the world to feed children in need. This will be the third year we join this organization for half a day. To register, go to <http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=1200600> or, you can just go to the FMSC website and type 1200600 to join in.

**Please register, lets all participate in this great endeavor!**

**THE BISHOP'S APPEAL:** The annual Bishop's Appeal is vital for funding the many needs of our Melkite Church throughout the US: the education of our children in the Faith; the support of our new outreaches and missions; the training of our seminarians; the publishing of SOPHIA magazine, and the care of our elderly clergy are all supported by your donations to the Bishop's Appeal. In addition, a tithe, or ten percent, of the Appeal funds go to our brothers and sisters in need. Sayidna is counting on your support. If you have not already sent in your gift, please do so today. We need 100% support from our parish! If you have already given, please consider sending an additional donation. Appeal donation slips are available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

With regrets, I announce to you the passing to his eternal life of our parishioner Munther Hattar. Keep him in your prayers. May our Lord God grant Nadia, Kamal and Samir and the entire extended Family comfort, understanding and peace and grant him rest and eternal memory!

Monday, January 15, at 5 -7 pm Viewing at St. John of the Desert.

Tuesday, January 16, at 10 am Funeral Prayers at St. John of the Desert followed by interment at Paradise Memorial Gardens (E Shea Blvd and N 92nd St)

We cannot be followers of Christ in isolation. We must be connected to THE community of Faith; The Church (the Ecclesia), the Body of Christ.

*"For just as the body is one has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink on one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many."* 1Cor 12:12-14

When we say, "I don't need to go to Church," we're also saying, "I don't need any of you!" This directly contradicts what St. Paul is saying. REV. R. ANDREWS - St. George Orthodox Church

***"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."***

St. Thomas Aquinas

**Do not forget the hungry!**

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)  
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

JANUARY 14, 2018

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY - LEAVE-TAKING OF THE THEOPHANY

EPHESIANS 4:7-13

MATTHEW 4:12-17

TONE 7

<b>Thursday, January 18</b>	10:30 am	Crafty Ladies
	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
<b>Saturday, January 20</b>	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph Maronite Church in the presence of the Relics of Saint Sharbel
<b>Sunday, January 21</b>	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> Followed by the Social Hour Ladies Guild Meeting

(+) Munther Hattar (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, Denise and Jim Hamra

### Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Deacon Zyad on his Ordination Anniversary by Kh. Simone
- For the Health and Salvation of Denise and Jim Hamra by Paul & Shirley Davis
- For the Health and Salvation of Fr. Peter & Kh. Simone by The Haddad Family
- For the Health and Salvation of Rt. Rev. Frank Milienewicz & Rev. Philaret Littlefield
- For the Repose of the Soul of Munther Hattar
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jacques Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Fr. Frank Milienewicz, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Sami Shakkour, Mk Bredan, Mk Basil, Simon Abboud, Elias Awad.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

Please mark your Calendar. We will celebrate a Divine Liturgy in the presence of the Relics of Saint Sharbel at St. Joseph Maronite Church at 9:00 am, on Saturday, January 20, 2018. The address is: 5406 E Virginia Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

Let Father Peter know of any specific intention you would like to ask for during this celebration. (Do not fill a form, just tell Father Peter.)

### MEN'S GROUP MEETS TODAY DURING THE SOCIAL HOUR

**Please Support our Food Bank** - Try to bring to Church, next Sunday, something for the poor and needy who come begging at the door of our Church. Our pantry is almost empty. We need small diapers and food. May our Lord bless you!

### Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,170.00

Attendance: 46 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 25

Tithing: 1,447.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 1.00

Coffee Collection: 34.00 - Stole Offerings: 0.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 100.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

1-7-2018

### WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

**For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT**