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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.)

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: In today's Gospel, St. John the Forerunner testifies that he has seen the Christ, the Lamb of God who has come to take away the sins of the world! How much our troubled and sinful world today needs Christ's healing and salvation! It is through the Church that the Lord's saving power continues to flow out to all who have faith. In this new year of grace, your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, will enable our Melkite Church to touch the lives of so many, bringing the message of salvation, faith, and new life to our culture that struggles in the bondage of darkness and sin.

If you have not already sent your gift, please do so today so that 100% of our parish will respond to Sayidna's call. If you have already given, please consider sending an additional donation. Bishop's Appeal donation slips are available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

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 7, 2018

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY - SYNAXIS OF THE FORERUNNER JOHN THE BAPTIST (CLASS 3)

ACTS 19:1-8

JOHN 1:29-34

TONE 6

Thursday, January 11

7:30 pm

Children Internet Education

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am

Children Religious Education

10:20 am

Doxology

10:30 am

Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour

Men's Group Meeting

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

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Denise and Jim Hamra by Paul & Shirley Davis
- For the Health and Salvation of Ursula Smith by Kh. Simone
- For the Health and Salvation of Rt. Rev. Frank Milienewicz & Rev. Philaret Littlefield
- For the Repose of the Soul of Ata Alkhoury by Milad & Ibtisam Ishak
- For the Repose of the Soul of Said, Wardeh and Fadi Ishak By Milad & Ibtisam Ishak
- For the Repose of the Soul of Isa & Nadia AlMaari by Abir & Majdi AlMasri
- For the Repose of the Soul of Khalil Chamatt By Arlette Khouzam
- 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, Munther Hattar, 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.)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." (John 1:29-34)

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: 14

Tithing: 709.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 11.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 20.00 - Stole Offerings: 55.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 1,111.00 - Marked Fund: 770.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

12-24-2017

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