

# St. John Of the Desert

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The Ladies Guild are planning a delicious Middle Eastern Dinner

**On October 14, 2017**

Tickets and menu will be available soon. So, mark your calendar for this Fund Raising Event.

## Stone Soup for God's Children

Once upon a time, there was a famine in the land. People hoarded their food and hid it from neighbours and friends. One day, a stranger arrived in the village, all hungry and dishevelled. He went from door to door looking for someone to receive him and for something to eat. One after the other, the villagers told him they too were starving and so could not help him.

It was not until he reached the last house in the village that the poor woman who lived there told him that all she had left was water but he was welcome to share the water. He said that was more than enough. Then he told her that he had a magic stone with which he could make enough soup to feed the whole village. The starving old woman was excited and went to alert her neighbours. The stranger filled a large pot with the water and threw a round shiny stone into it. Villagers supplied the firewood and surrounded the large cooking pot to see the miracle of the Stone Soup.

The Stone Soup cooked and the hungry villages waited. Then the stranger tasted the cooking soup and said loudly, "Ahhh!, I love this Stone Soup.

Of course, Stone Soup with a little cabbage is hard to beat." Soon a villager approached hesitantly, holding a cabbage he had retrieved from its hiding place. He gave it to the stranger to add to the pot. "Wonderful!" cried the stranger, "I once had some Stone Soup with cabbage which had some onions in it that made it fit for a prince!" Soon a second villager appeared with some onions and garlic for the soup. On and on he went, through "If only we had a few potatoes with a couple of carrots, the soup would be worthy of a king!" and so on. At last, there was a delicious meal for all.

We cannot be a follower 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

*"There is nothing more precious to a parent than a child, and nothing more important to our future than the safety of all our children."*

**"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.

**OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

HEBREWS 9:1-7

LUKE 6:31-36

TONE 8

<b>Thursday, October 5</b>	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
<b>Friday, October 6</b>	6:00 pm	St. John Clergy Meeting
<b>Sunday, October 8</b>	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour
		Men's Group Meeting

Dunia Dababneh, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeen Khoury, (+) Ketty Khordoc

## Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of a Suffering Person by Denise Hamra
- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- Repose of the Soul of Adeen Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Anton Hattar by Milad, George, Ghassan and Bassam Ishak
- Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro

## 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, Jennifer Rimmer, Paul Davis, Jacques and Marthe Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Jumana Ishak, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Sami Shakkour. (NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL TO EXTEND.)

If you have always dreamed of making your own icon but think that you have no artistic talent, here is your opportunity: we will have an Iconography Class on **Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm** here at St. John of the Desert. The class is offered by renowned artist Lisa Fitzgibbons. The cost of the class is \$75.00 which includes all supplies. This is a terrific price! Babysitting will be available for \$20.00/ Child for the day. If interested please call Lisa Fitzgibbons at (602) 349-5838.

The ladies of the "Ladies Guild" are looking for volunteers for the Dinner on October 14th. Please consider participating and donating a few moments of your time and talent in helping by calling Jumana Ishak.

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 \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 70 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 76 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 19  
Tithing: 991.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 20.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 219.00  
Coffee Collection: 22.00 - Stole Offerings: 0.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 260.00  
Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

## 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**

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