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Would you like to report your parish events in SOPHIA Magazine as a correspondent from your community? You can submit articles and photos of significant events for publication in "Around the Eparchy" in each issue. We are especially looking for news about special liturgies, community programs, educational events, and cooperation with other churches. We don't publish reports about parties and dinner events unless there is a special reason to do so. All articles are edited for grammar, style, and effectiveness. Photos must be high resolution to be included. Cellphone photos often do not reproduce well. If you are interested in writing for SOPHIA please ask for your pastor's OK, then notify us by e-mail and we will make you the official correspondent for your parish.

SEED THAT GROWS MUST DECAY FIRST. Let us consider, beloved, the resurrection: the night sleeps, and the day arises; the day departs, and night returns. Let us look at the crops to see how and in what manner the planting takes place. "The sower went forth" and cast each of the seeds into the ground, and they, falling on the ground dry and bare, decay. Then from their decay, the greatness of the Lord's providence raises them up, and from one seed many grow up and bring forth fruit. **CLEMENT OF ROME: 1 CLEMENT 24.**

THE CLOSER YOU ARE TO GOD, THE GREATER HE WILL BE IN YOUR LIFE!

A boy asked his father:

- What's the size of God?
- Then the father looked up to the sky and seeing an airplane asked the son:
- What's the size of that airplane? The boy answered:
- It's very small. I can barely see it.

So the father took him to the airport and as they approached an airplane he asked:

- And now, what is the size of this one? The boy answered:
- Wow Daddy, this is huge! Then the father told him:
- God, is like this, His size depends on the distance between you and Him.

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

"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!

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 15, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICEA

TITUS 3:8-15

LUKE 8:5-15

ZONE 2

Thursday, October 19	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Saturday, October 21	9:00 am	Iconography Class
Sunday, October 22	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy

Followed by the Social Hour

Dunia Dababneh, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury, (+) Nasri Ishak

Today, Ladies Guild Meeting

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- Repose of the Soul of Farrah & Dunia Ishak, Adid & Sarah Adib, Nawaf & Hayat Ishak, Deeb & Mariam Ishak and Nasri Ishak by Rime 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, Mk Bredan, Mk Basil. (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.

Sunday, Oct. 29 - Priesthood Sunday

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!

I thank you all for your prayers, cards and well wishes. You have shown me the real sense of community and love. May God bless you all.

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 66 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 21

Tithing: 1,518.00 - Bulletin Ads: 250.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 30.00 - Stole Offerings: 10.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 190.00

Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

10-8-2017

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