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Is Christmas just around the corner? Well, I guess it is! So...it is time to think about decorating the hall. You will find a sign-up sheet in the hall if you wish to help in making the hall "Christmassy". But, there is a catch! We also need your help in dismantling the decorations. Please think about it and sign-up the sheet if you are willing to help. The dates are Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 to put up the decorations and January 6th, 2018 to take down the decorations. If we do not have at least 8 people for each day, there will be NO Christmas decorations this year!

Christ came not to be served, but to serve, and He urges us to do the same. We can live in the image of God by loving and serving mankind. St. John of the Desert parishioners may use their respective "charismata" (God-given grace/gifts/talents) to be kind and merciful just as Christ was when He walked among the sick, the poor, and the down-trodden... and extended His holy hand. I urge you all to participate and become active in the Men's Group and the Ladies Guild and use your talents.

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! (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.

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

LUKE 10:25-37

TONE 6

Thursday, November 16	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Sunday, November 19	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
		Followed by the Social Hour and Ladies Guild Meeting

Jackson Luke Shalhoub, Fr. Peter, (+) John Mensour, Dunia Dababneh, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Michelle Montalvo by Kh. Simone
- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- For the Healing & Recovery of Fr. Peter by Muna Haddad
- For the Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Phillip Duhaime by Dcn. Marion & Joyce Rimmer

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.)

At the suggestion of Lyali Hanna and under her direction, we will have a Thanksgiving meal served to the homeless of our area on November 23rd in our Davis Hall. She needs our help for the success of this endeavor, so if you can help in anyway, offer a turkey or any of the trimmings or your time to help serve the meal or to clean after, please sign-up the sheet that you will find in the hall. Should you have any questions, please speak to Lyali.

MEN'S GROUP MEETS TODAY DURING THE SOCIAL HOUR
NEXT WEEK LADIES GUILD MEET 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 \$ 2,174.00

Attendance: 61 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 21
Tithing: 1,954.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00
Coffee Collection: 40.00 - Stole Offerings: 10.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 0.00
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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