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**TWO MIRACLES TESTIFY THAT JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.** *Christ fore-knew his mystery, even before the foundations of the world. It was in the last ages of the world that he arose for the inhabitants of earth. Having borne the sin of the world, he abolished both it and death, which is its consequence and was brought upon us by its means. He plainly said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and "he that believes on me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death unto life."* <sup>3</sup> We will see this fulfilled in facts. The ruler of the synagogue of the Jews came near and, embracing the Savior's knees, begged him to deliver his daughter from the bonds of death. Look, she already was brought down to this and was in extreme danger! The Savior consented and set out with him. He was even hurrying on to the house of the one who invited him and was aware that what was being done would profit many of those who followed him and would also be for his own glory. On the way, he saved the woman who was the victim of a severe and incurable malady. No one could stop her issue of blood that ruined the art of physicians. No sooner had she touched the hem in faith, than he immediately healed her. A miracle so glorious and revealed was, so to speak, the work merely of Christ's journey. **CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 46**

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 5, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

GALATIANS 6:11-18

LUKE 16:19-31

TONE 5

<b>Thursday, November 9</b>	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
		Followed by the Social Hour and Men's Group Meeting
Dunia Dababneh, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeab Khoury		

## Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of the Qardahji Family by Lawrence Qardahji
- For the Health and Salvation of the Salameh Family by Lawrence Qardahji
- For the Health and Salvation of the Herbig Family by Lawrence Qardahji
- For the Health and Salvation of Anne Neshit by Happy Ed, Peter, Friends and Family
- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- For the Health and Salvation of Jocelyn Abyad on her Birthday by Kh. Simone
- For the Health and Salvation of Mary Ishak
- For the Repose of the Soul of Adeeab Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga and 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.)

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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: 22  
Tithing: 988.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 240.00  
Coffee Collection: 32.00 - Stole Offerings: 70.00 - 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