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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.)

Today, the Knights of Columbus will join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Church in Need, and CNEWA in sponsoring a day of prayer for persecuted Christians. This day will begin a week of awareness and education on the issue of Christian persecution concluding on 2 December. Let us join them!

Once again, this year we are adopting 4 families for Christmas. If you wish to make someone happy, please pick a tag or two of your choice from the board in the Narthex as you enter the church. Buy the item you have chosen, wrap it and bring it back WITH THE TAG attached to it. Thank you for your generosity!

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!

Our Epistle Readers' schedule will come to an end on December 31st. If you wish to continue to read the Epistle for the next six months, or if you wish join the group of readers, please sign the list that you will find on the table in the Narthex and we will make a new schedule for the next six months, starting in January 2018. There will be a brief training for the new readers.

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.

DECEMBER 3, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS - GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA

EPHESIANS 5:8-19

LUKE 18:35-43

TONE 1

Tuesday, December 5	7:00 pm	Vespers for Father Nicholas Patron of our Eparchial Bishop
Sunday, December 10		<u>TODAY WE START THE ABSTINENCE FOR THE NATIVITY</u>
	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy - Celebration of Maternity of Ann Followed by the Social Hour Dunia Dababneh, (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury
Thursday, December 14	7:30 pm	Children Internet Meeting and Education
Sunday, December 17	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy - Followed by the Social Hour
Thursday, December 21	7:30 pm	Children Internet Meeting and Education
Friday, December 22		<u>PARAMONY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - FAST TILL NOON</u>
Sunday, December 24	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy - Followed by the Social Hour
	8:00 pm	Nativity of Our Lord and Parish Celebration
Monday, December 25	10:30 am	Nativity of Our Lord Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 31	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy - Followed by the Social Hour
Saturday, January 6	9:30 am	Theophany of our Lord Divine Liturgy Followed by removing the Decoration of our Church and Hall
Sunday, January 7	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Dunia Dababneh
- For the Health and Salvation of Rt. Rev. Frank Milienewicz
- 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

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: 47 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 17

Tithing: 824.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 177.00

Coffee Collection: 30.00 - Stole Offerings: 40.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 20.00 - 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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