

St. John Of the Desert

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Flowers' Intentions

For the Health and Salvation of:

- Joe & Amal Abyad by Dcn. Ziad & Jocelyn Abyad - Rob & Pat Estes by Dcn. Ziad & Jocelyn Abyad - Mary Ishak by Bassam, Jumana, Ghassan, Rima and Mary Ishak - Fr. Peter & Kh. Simone by Bassam & Jumana Ishak - William McKinney by Arlette Khouzam - All the Ishak Children by Bassam & Jumana Ishak - Basil Ishak by Ghassan & Rima Ishak

For the Repose of the Soul of:

- Said, Wardeh and Fadi Ishak by Salim & Mary Ishak - Munther and Anton Hattar by Nadia Hattar - Wardeh, Said and John Ishak by Nadia Hattar - Kamal and Aideh Hattar by Nadia Hattar - Joseph Davis by Ursula Smith - Anton Khalil, Khalil, Grace Samir and Kamal K Hattar by Iraz & Adeel Hattar - Eddie Ventrally by Iraz & Adeel Hattar - George and Tina Saada by Kh. Simone - Fawzi, Lisa, Gamil, Mary and Magda Boutros by Kh. Simone - Sami AbdelMalek by Kh. Simone - Souls of the Haas Family by Ursula Smith - Elias Braidy by Rosette Braidy - Elias & Elizabell Taweh by Rosette Braidy - Nicholas, Victoria, Louis and Kenneth Baiad by John & Evelyn and Paul & Shirley Davis - Peter, Nabiha and Joseph Davis by John & Evelyn and Paul & Shirley Davis - Nora Kirkish by John & Evelyn and Paul & Shirley Davis - Pauline Hamra by Paul & Shirley Davis - Mary Baiad & Adele Malkoon by Paul & Shirley Davis - Saba Khouzam by Arlette Khouzam - Ketty and Gabriel Khordoc by Arlette Khouzam - Nasri Ishak by Bassam & Jumana Ishak and Mary Ishak and Wael & Fadia Ishak - Ray Weirick by Maryann Weirick - Ellen Lawrence by Maryann Weirick - Henry Holbrook by Maryann Weirick - Margaret Holbrook by Maryann Weirick - George Haddad by Sami Haddad - Said & Wardeh Ishak by Bassam & Jumana Ishak - Antoine & Paule Habra by Dr. Farouk & Mary Habra - Al & Evelyn Thomas by Dr. Farouk & Mary Habra - Amy & James Saunders by Dr. Farouk & Mary Habra - Renee Abyad by Joe & Amal Abyad - Abdullah Abyad by Joe & Amal Abyad - Gaby & Hilda Eid by Joe & Amal Abyad - Emile & Sam Eid by Joe & Amal Abyad - Archalous Abyad by Joe & Amal Abyad - Ebrahim Al-Masri by Wael & Fadia Ishak

We pray that the Resurrecton of our Lord be a blessing to you and your Family!

Father Peter & Kh. Simone - Deacon Marion & Joyce - Deacon Ziad & Jocelyn

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

"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.

APRIL 1, 2018
HOLY RESURRECTION

JOHN 1:1-17

ACTS 1:1-8

FEAST TONE

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

Sunday, April 8
9:00 am Children Religious Education (Baptism)
10:20 am **Doxology**
10:30 am **Divine Liturgy** Followed by the Social Hour
Men's Group Meeting
(+) Munther Hattar (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga, (+) Adeeb Khoury

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jacques Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Fr. Frank Milienewicz, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Fr. Basil Samra, Simon Aboud, Elias Awad, Lindsey Ishak.

(NAMES REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR 6 WEEKS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE)

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Lindsey Ishak by Kh. Simone
- For the Health and Salvation of Simone Boutros by Dr. Farouk & Mary Habra
- For the Repose of the Soul of Adeeb Khoury by Nijoud Khoury
- For the Repose of the Soul of Munther & Anton Hattar by Nadia Hattar
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga

Before the closed doors of the church building, the resurrection of Christ is announced. The Gospel is read which tells of the empty tomb. The celebrant intones the blessing to the "holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity." The Easter troparion is sung for the first time, together with the verses of Psalm 68 which will begin all of the Church services during the Easter season. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee from before his face!

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs he has given life." (Troparion).

This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The people re-enter the church building and continue the service of Easter Matins followed by the Divine Liturgy.

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 \$ 2,170.00

Attendance: 111 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 31

Tithing: 1,269.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 0.00 - Feasts: 907.00 - Candles: 0.00

Coffee Collection: 44.00 - Stole Offerings: 30.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 160.00 - Marked Fund: 38.00

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

3-25-2018

PARISH GUIDELINES

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist)

One month advance notice to complete required canonical instructions

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING (Marriage)

Six months advance notice to complete required canonical instructions

HOLY CONFESSION

Before or after all services or anytime upon request.

HOLY ANOINTING

On demand upon the request of the ill person or his/her immediate family only.

FUNERALS

Contact the pastor before making funeral arrangements.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, however, an offering of thanksgiving is customary. The Parish Pastoral Council suggests for **Active Parishioners**, \$250 for Baptism, \$500 for Wedding, \$500 for Funeral, \$75 for Memorial, and \$10 for Remembrance. The use of the Davis Hall after Memorials is \$150 and (a plausible \$100 for Insurance). For **Non-Active Parishioners** check with the Pastor.

Active parishioner means PRAYING with us, INVOLVED with the life of the community and SUPPORTING the Church (Tithing) in Thanksgiving to the Lord (The Financial support is monitored by Family envelope); however, participation in our prayers and social life is evaluated for each parishioner independently of his/her Family. A minimum participation of 30% in our prayers and our activities is required. Members over 18 years of age should be registered separately from their families.)