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NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

The Holy Bread of Oblation for today's Divine Liturgy is offered by: Carl & Cheryl Massouh for their health.

The Holy Bread of Oblation for today's Divine Liturgy is prepared and offered by: Walid and Victoria Qaqish.

Holy Remembrances are offered for the health of: Edmund Farris, Pamela Farris, Nick Stevens, Paul Williams, Baby Ryan Michael Yerian, Ethel Mathews, Ron Simon, David Aramouni, Eileen Hanna, Elham Azar, Souad Shoufani, Robert Howell, Mabel Salim, Gloria Karam, May Manneh, Olga Yogmour, Shelly Minter, Josephine Fundoots, Allison Licitri, Larry Ciavarella, Kristopher Dowling, Christine Serra, Dr. John Jacob, Tom Riegler.

Holy Remembrances at the Table of Oblation for the health of: Agnes Abraham, Jennifer Balaj, John Bourjaily, Becky Burtoff, David Carey, Michele Elias Chong, Bob Denious, Marlene (Simon) Elzeer, Brad & Robert Esber, Dr. Richard Esber, Amanda Hagger, Jeffrey & Susan Joseph, Sarah Kalail, Betty Khouri, Pat Magette, Atty. George Mallo, Carl Massouh, Wilda Collins Queen, Anne Sayre, Wilma Seely, Doug Simmons, John Stevens, Johnny Bennett Stevens, Charlie Sturm, Sam Tebcherani, Kory Wiita.

Holy Remembrances are offered for the repose of the soul of: Paul Esber, Walter Ritzman, Marion Georgeff, June Kostandaras, Therese Srougi, David & Helen Esber.

ACOLYTES: *Sebastian Yerian, Ethan Yerian, Rammi Qaqish, Michael Callow, Michael Dallas, Eli Al-Assaf, Danny Nader, Zayd Dayeh.*

GREETERS: *Carl & Josephine Moore*

EPISTLE READER: *Alice Elias*

THANK YOU: *Dave & Mary Pilversack for donating 4 Thanksgiving baskets to be given to Needy Families.*

*It is with great appreciation to **the Ladies Society of St. George, David Pilversack and Michele Halasa** for undertaking the task of the charitable dinner for the International Orthodox Christian Charities on Sunday November 20, 2011 at our church. **\$10,000** was raised to benefit the Orthodox Christian Charities. Please check our Website at www.stgeorgeakron.com for pictures and videos.*

God Bless you and Thank you for your support.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am <i>Christmas Program Practice</i>	28	29 Bible Study @ 10am Frank Chirakos	30	<u>Dec. 1st</u> Order of St. Ignatius Month	2 NO Xtn- Edu. Or Vespers <i>Extravaganza @ 6:00pm</i>	3
4 Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am <i>Pictures with St. Nicholas Christmas Program Practice</i>	5	6 Bible Study @ 10:00 am Frank Chirakos ST. NICHOLAS DAY	7	8	9 Arabic class 5:30pm Christian Ed. 6:15 pm Arabic Liturgy 6:45 pm	10
11 Matins 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am <i>Christmas Program Practice</i>	12 COCA Mtg. @ Our Church 7:00 pm	13 Bible Study @ 10am Frank Chirakos <i>Parish Council Mtg. @ 7:00 pm</i>	14	15	16 Arabic class 5:30pm Christian Ed. 6:15 pm Vespers 6:45 pm	17

DONATIONS:

BUILDING FUND:

\$1000 Sandra Abookire
 \$100 John & Joyce Simon in Memory of Therese Srouji
 \$50 Charles & Denise Benko in memory of Paul Esber
 \$20 Martha & Sam Salem for the health of Ethel Mathews

YOUTH BASKETBALL ... Practices are on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Games will be at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Akron. All boys & girls ages 7-12 are encouraged to participate. To sign-up, see Nael Dayeh or A.J. Maghes immediately after liturgy.

JANUARY 20-22, 2012 - 14TH ANNUAL CANTON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

Division I: Ages 12-15 Division II: Ages 15-18 Division III: Ages 19-26
 St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 1118 Cherry Ave. NE Canton, OH 44704, 330-455-8482
 stgeorgecanton@sbcglobal.net. More information and 4 page packet can be found on the candle table.

COAT DRIVE FOR THE MONTHS OF NOV. AND DEC.: Please Help keep someone warm by donating a gently used coat (ladies, men, kids) to Teen SOYO's coat drive. We will continue to collect coats until Dec. 18th. The donation box is in the lobby. Thank you for helping.

LOOKING AHEAD: Attention members of the order of St. Ignatius please prepare to select Epistle Readers, Greeters & Tray collectors for the month of December.



ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
NOVEMBER 27, 2011
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

The Lord will give strength to his people.
Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Epistle selection for today is for the Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14 to the end). BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Gospel selection for today is for the thirteenth Sunday of Luke. The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (18:18-27). At that time, a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

"GREAT ENTRANCE HYMNS"

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION Before & After Little Entrance (Tone 7) Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. JAMES (Tone 4) Thy Martyr, O Lord, by his struggle hath received from thee, our God, the imperishable crown because, acquiring thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through his intercessions. O Christ God, save our souls.

TROPARIAN – HYMN OF ST. GEORGE As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our soul's salvation

KONTAKION OF THE PREPARATION OF THE NATIVITY (Tone 3): Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

Sun., Nov. 27 th	-Matins - 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. -Christmas Program Practices following Divine Liturgy
Tue., Nov. 29 th	Bible Study with Frank Chirakos Time: 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
Fri., Dec. 2 nd	-NO Xtn.-Edu. OR Vespers -Ladies Society Holiday Extravaganza Time: 6:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 4 th	-Matins - 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. -Pictures with St. Nicholas during Sunday School -Christmas Program Practices following Divine Liturgy
Tues., Dec. 6 th	ST. NICHOLAS DAY
Fri., Dec. 9 th	Arabic Class & Xtn.-Edu. Time: 5:30p.m. Arabic Liturgy Time: 6:45 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 11 th	-Ladies Society Meeting following Divine Liturgy -Christmas Program Practices following Divine Liturgy
Mon., Dec. 12 th	COCA Meeting @ Our Church Time: 7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 13 th	Parish Council Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27	Bible Study with Frank Chirakos Time: 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
Fri., Dec. 16, 23, 30	Arabic Class & Xtn.-Edu. Time: 5:30p.m. Vespers Time: 6:45 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 18 th	-Matins - 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School Christmas Program following Divine Liturgy - Building Fund Breakfast Sponsored by The Zawahri families following the Christmas Program
Sat., Dec. 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Matins - 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy - 7:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 25 th	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Sat., Dec. 31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE

TODAY:

- Christmas Program Practice after Divine Liturgy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND – HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA @ Our Church – 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by The Ladies Society (See flyer).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH - PICTURES WITH ST. NICHOLAS during Sunday School

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH – OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS CHRISTMAS HAFLI @ Days Inn Hotel, 4742 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, OH 44286. Cocktail: 6:00 p.m., Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Featuring: Tony Eid. Contact: Fr. Toufic Nasr @ 330-666-3598.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH – SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM following Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH – BUILDING FUND BREAKFAST sponsored by the Zawahri families following the Christmas Program. **Free will offerings accepted.**

PROJECT MEXICO & ST. INNOCENT ORPHONAGE: For Summer 2012 Schedule, Registration and more information please go to <http://projectmexico.org/Home.aspx>

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF ALLYSON LICITRI ...

My name is Elizabeth Schellenberger emailing you on behalf of Allyson Licitri who was unfortunately, diagnosed with high-risk precursor B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) on August, 9th 2011. I am emailing you to see if you could put in your Sunday bulletin that Allyson's friend are having T-Shirts made for donations. The T-shirts will be Orange with White lettering with the words "Ally's Angels" on the front and "Courage" on the back. We are selling the T-shirts for \$10. 50% of proceeds to Allyson & Bentley her son to help with expenses. Interested persons please call: The Church office: 330-666-7116 Sizes: Youth sizes (S-M-L), Woman's sizes (S, M, L, XL), Men's sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL, & Up).
Thank you & God bless.

THINGS WE NEED REGARDING THE UP-COMING HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA... Friday, December 2nd...Chairwoman, Alice Elias is asking for your assistance in donating items for those in attendance for the Secondary Raffle winners at this event, as well as, door prizes for the in-house raffle. Please bring **ITEMS UNWRAPPED...THEY MUST BE NEW**, nothing used. Include your name on the donation(s) and bring to the church and place in the basket in the foyer by Sunday, November 27th at the latest. Door prizes must be at least a \$5.00 value. Again, the actual date of the event is Friday, December 2nd. You can purchase your tickets from Mimi Hicks, or Alice Elias. Please help support this event. We have a great time, lots of fun and wonderful food!

WE NEED YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY COOKIE RECIPE FOR THE HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA... **DEBI HALASA** needs your help for her beautiful Holiday Cookie Display that evening (Friday, Dec. 2nd) ...if each person would bring in two dozen Holiday Cookies it would be wonderful giving us a fantastic display of delicious cookies not making it too difficult for any one person. Try to get your cookies there as early as you can for our setup table. Please help in the ways requested to support our building fund project. This is our ladies' largest fundraising event because of your continued support. This year's event is in our **NEW & LARGER HALL** we'll have lots of room so encourage friends and relatives to come on out.



NEW PAJAMAS AND BOOKS PROGRAM, one of our charitable programs for the Holiday Season.

Please help us provide **NEW** pajamas and books to children-in-need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Many of these youngsters have been abused or abandoned and in many cases, have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a loving mother or father tuck them in at bedtime. Through the **Pajama Program**, we hope to contribute to a warmer, more loving environment for children when they are at their most vulnerable. All Receiving Organizations are from the Akron area.

DONATIONS GUIDELINES:

- Pajamas and books must be **NEW!**
- All sizes are needed (birth to age 17) – don't forget the older children!
- Please provide **complete sets** of pajamas.
- Financial donations are always welcome. Checks payable to the Pajama Program.

Sunday School Staff

Ecclesiastical Holidays

Wed., Nov. 30 th	Feast of Apostle Andrew the First-called
THURS., DEC. 1ST	SACRAMENTAL FAST BEGINS
Mon., Dec. 5 th	St. Saba the Sanctified of Jerusalem
Mon., Dec. 12 th	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
Tues., Dec. 20 th	The Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer & Preparation of the Nativity
Sun., Dec. 25 th	THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST
From CHRISTMAS DAY until JANUARY 4TH , inclusive, there is a general dispensation from all fasting.	