



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
Wednesday, December 25, 2024  
The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior  
Jesus Christ

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop ANTHONY – Diocese of LA & the West  
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Valerie Haddad, Director of Ministry, Growth & Development

**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (TONE FOUR)**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (TONE THREE)**

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; to the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave; Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; for our sakes is born a young Child, He Who existed before the ages as God.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Shout with joy to God, all the earth.*

**The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:4-7).**

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**THE GOSPEL**

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:1-12)**

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too

may come and worship Him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

### *Those to Remember in Prayer*

#### **LIVING:**

Romy, Chase, Paul, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Farouk, Randa.

#### **LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:**

Daniel and Jane Romley offer an Holy Oblation for the health of Daniel, Jane, Troy, Kristie, Lisa, Matthew, Kailee, Stephen, Jamie, Jillian, Misadeh, Souzan, John, Dana, Denise, Dale, Robert and Tisha. May God grant them many years. In memory of Issa, Richard, Jeries, Laila, Joseph, Sawsan, Misadeh, Miriam, Jim, Rose, Robert, Maher, Maha, Francis, Scott, Josephine, Helena, Aziz, Jack and Louis. May their memory be eternal.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers a Holy Oblation for her health and salvation, and for the health and salvation for James, Kiki, Christina, Zoe, Daniel, Pam, Cathy, Rima, Jillian, Sawsen, Rachel, for her godchildren: Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for all at St. George, for her family and friends not listed, and for her work family. Merry Christmas, Christ is Born, Glorify Him. In loving memory of Fotoula, John, Mary, Christopher, Rick, and all departed family and friends not listed.

Ray and RoseMarie Toronto offer Holy Bread for the health of our children: Robin, Renay, Ryan, Romy, Joe, Michael, Brooke, Joe; our grandchildren: Brennan, Collin, Tyler, Ashlynn, Chase, Lauren, Halle, Taylor, Joe, Christina, Ryan, Keefer; and our great grandchildren: Fitz, Harrison and Cade. May God grant them many years. In memory of Anne and George, Joseph and Nancy Hamway, Clara and Salvatore Toronto, Rosa and Joseph Hamway, Rose and Elian Sakey, Mary and Lil Sakey, Amy and Charles Arbeely, Helen and Joe Fadil. May their memory be eternal.

### *Christmas Flowers* **OFFERED BY**

Fr. Christopher, Allyson, Sophia and Amelia Salamy for the health of the Salamy, Raya, Ajalat, Jabour, Armelli, Moujaes, Karadsheh, Ovando and Matthews families and all of our wonderful parishioners at St. George. May God grant them many years. In memory of Raymond, Robert, Lutfy, Eileen, Mitry, Elizabeth, Fritz, Jean, Mary, Elias, Adeeb, Joseph, Emily, Salim, Sophie, Edmon, Shafik, Jubran, Olga, Leon, Lucille, Nellie, Sonia, Philip, David, Chet, Alfred, Sol and Jonathan. May their memory be eternal.

Dn Serafim and Mary Grove for the health of the Grove, Hessinger, Nelson, Makar, Stockbridge, Lazun, Scildt, Shupp, Hudak, Landis, Reinke, Pahos, Rusanescu, Pitchford, Hayes, Shoji, Benagas families, and for our godchildren Ana, Elaine, Sr. Pelagia, Methodios, Anna, Ryan, Raphael, Helena, Christina, John, Gabriel, Aurelia, Michelle and their families. May God grant them many years. In memory of our parents Warren, Monica, Joseph, and Julia, also Irene, Vivian, Mary, Helen, Verene and all our beloved departed family members and friends. May their memory be eternal.

Dn. Michael and Valerie Haddad for their health and the health of Georgina, Gabriel, Samar, Taysir, Mary Kay, Adam and Mariam Haddad, Michael, Amanda, David, Elaine, and Anna Araj, Ron, Rose, Peter, Nora, Xenia, Ronnie, Melissa, Autumn, and Carter Samore, Tyler and Christina Sutton, and for all of the Haddad, Samore, Bitar, Rizk, Moussa, Audey, Ferris, Araj, Kalyoussef, AlHaddad, Leonetti, and Sutton families. Aziz Haddad, George and Jeanette Bitar, Ibrahim Haddad, Peter and Skiye Rizk, George Moussa, John and Nellie Samore, Aida and George Kalyoussef.

Daniel and Jane Romley for the health of Daniel, Jane, Troy, Kristie, Lisa, Stephen, Jamie, Jillian, Misadeh, Souzan, John, Dana, Denise, Dale, Naimeh and Julia. May God grant them many years. For the departed Issa, Richard, Butrus, Misadeh, Miriam, Jeries, Joesph, Sawsan Laila, Rayan, Maher, Maha, Francis, Robert, Jim, Rose, and Aziz. May their memory be eternal.

Gregory and Diana Abdalah for the health of Eleanor and Jonathan Abdalah, Bishop John, Joseph and Eleni Abdalah, Maria and John Kilfeather, Nicola, Renee, Nicholas, Albert and Amanda Haddad, Colin, Linda and Charlie Wahl. May God grant them many years. In memory of Kh. Joanne Abdalah. May her memory be eternal.

Elizabeth Karamouzis for her health and salvation of James, Kiki, Christina, Zoe, Daniel, Pam, Cathy, Rima, Jillian, Sawsen, Rachel, for her godchildren: Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for all at St. George, family, friends, and work family. Merry Christmas, Christ is Born, Glorify Him. In loving memory of Fotoula, John, Mary, Christopher, Rick, and all departed family and friends.

Feyrouz Zarour for the health of Salim, Feyrouz, Victor & Jennifer Zarour. May God grant them many years. In memory of Hani & Amal Farah and Fawzi Zarour. May their memory be eternal.

Michael & Feirouz Ziton for the health Michael, Feirouz, Michael Jr., Juliana Ziton along with the entire Ziton, Lahham, & West Families. Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Our beloved Father and Giddo, the V. Rev. Fr. Elias Ziton of blessed memory, our dear departed Mother and Sitto, the Kh. Lorraine Ziton, and our Siddo, Tawfik Lahham. May the memory of all our departed family members be eternal, and may they be granted rest with the Saints.

Wisam and Ruba Sweis for the health of Wisam, Nayif, Noor, Ruba, Odeh, Suhad, Rami, karam, Njood, Reem, Waed, Ward, Layth, Nijmeh, Yousra. In memory of Nayef, Hannah, Jereis, Rasmeyah, Fadeyah, Hanyah, Hanna, Fada, Ibrahim, Abdallah, Iman, Jane, Ghada and Muna.

Aracely Jimenes-Hendricks for the health of the Hendricks, Jimenez, Matyas, Sobocinski, Robles, Siske, Monreal, Kerish, Abdalah, Stokich, Abdelnour, Fotias, and Wier families. In memory David and Ruth Hendricks, Jesus and Esther Monreal, George and Helen Matyas, Karin Hendricks Hodnett, Ray and Alice Hendricks.

Sameeh and Janette Sweis for the health of Swies family. May God grant them many years. In Memory of Bouls, Elias, Eid, Shekah, Issa, Kafa, Munjed, Rashed, Saad and Yousra. May their memory be eternal.

Nawal Salman for the health of Ghaleb, Nawal, Abby, Josh, Jaxon, Callie, Amer, George, Natalie, Andrew, Aleena, Audrey and Ava. May God grant them many years.

Ray and RoseMarie Toronto for their good health and the good health of their children Robin, Joe, Brennan, Nikki, Fitz, Harrison, Joseph, Collin, Ashlynn, Christina, Bucky, Cade, Carter, Renay, Michael, Chase, Halle, Ryan, Brooke, TJ, Romy, Joe, Lauren and Taylor. May God grant them many years.

Theresa Sweilem for the health of Theresa, Issa, Jennifer, Noah, Andrew, Chloe. May God grant them many years. In memory of Elias, Sherikha, Izzat, Laila, Bassam, Albert and Sammy. May their memory be eternal.

Samia Dahdal for the health of Samia, Rami, Becca, Emelia, George, Katrina, Adele, Kevin, Ace, Jax, Nader, Megan, Ronnie, Alice, Bassam, Wafa, Susan, Juliet, Lydia, Rimen, Moatier, Sulueman, Imad, Marwan, Monthur, Adib, Nasser and thier families. May God grant them many years. In memory of George, Dalal, Sulieman, Issa, Mariam, Elias, Fatten, Joesph, Sabah, Nadia, Elias, Farid, Louris, Eliana, Katrina, Hannah, Gabriel, Martha, Tawfil, Musa, Dahdal, Nicholas, Hanneh, Michael, Wadi, and all members of the Dahdal families. May their memory be eternal.