

THE SPIRIT OF ST. GEORGE



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We Should Be Strong

If they know of him at all, many folks think Ben Stein is just a quirky actor/comedian who talks in a monotone. He's also a very intelligent attorney who knows how to put ideas and words together in such a way as to sway juries and make people think clearly.



This is a comment from Ben Stein

Read Slowly

Herewith at this happy time of year, a few confessions from my beating heart: I have no freaking clue who Nick and Jessica are. I see them on the cover of People and Us constantly when I am buying my dog biscuits and kitty litter. I often ask the checkers at the grocery stores. They never know who Nick and Jessica are either. Who are they? Will it change my life if I know who they are and why they have broken up? Why are they so important?

I don't know who Lindsay Lohan is either, and I do not care at all about Tom Cruise's wife.

Am I going to be called before a Senate committee and asked if I am a subversive? Maybe, but I just have no clue who Nick and Jessica are.

If this is what it means to be no longer young, it's not so bad.

Next confession:

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees.

It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, "Merry Christmas" to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu . If people want a creche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no

idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution, and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship Nick and Jessica and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him?

I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too.

But there are a lot of us who are wondering where Nick and Jessica came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her "How could God let something like this Happen?" (regarding Katrina)

Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives.

And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events...terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found recently) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK.

Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school . the Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou

shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."



**From the Kindergarten - Annunciation
Sunday School Classroom...**

We are enjoying everyone in our class, as we begin another year of learning about God's Love and how that fits into Orthodox worship, traditions and life.

Each child has a workbook and we cover one lesson each Sunday. The lessons relate to the kindergarten child's experience, usually through a story. Sometimes there is an art/craft activity, and we pray at the beginning and ending of each lesson.

Often we have added supplemental materials that we do in class or send home so you may do them with your child. We ask that you go over your child's papers with them, so they may have the opportunity to show you what they have learned.

For your child's safety, we hope that you or an older sibling or cousin will be at our door at 12:15 to pick up your child.

Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Niki Abraham and Marybeth Saliba

BISHOP JOSEPH'S VISITATIONS:

All visitations have been postponed pending His Grace's recovery from his back surgery



Baptisms:

Bethel Kidane Samuel ~ September 30, 2006
Parents: Samuel Semereabe/Genet Baheru

Marriages:

Michael & Nadia Hasbany Simon ~ October 7, 2006



Holiday Food Drive

The Phoenix Rescue Mission is asking our community to participate in a food drive.

We can all make a difference in the lives of the homeless, the hopeless, and the working poor.

Please bring in non-perishable food items by FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, and place them in the big barrels that have been placed in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

We would like to congratulate Joseph Doku, Sami Jallad & Michael Hopper on joining The Order of St. Ignatius.

PARISH COUNCIL

It's hard to believe there are only two months left before this year is over. The Parish Council is already working on the 2007 Budget for St. George and preparing for the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, January 28th, immediately after Liturgy. A light lunch will be served at that time.

There are four vacancies on the Board this coming year. Eight very capable men and women have already agreed to run for the Council.

The following individuals will appear on the ballot:

- Nick Beauchamp
- David Ghiz
- Michael Haddad
- Michael Hopper
- Eugene Kanaan
- Elias Mousa
- Hannah Saigh
- David Ziton

The four members of the Council whose terms are up have done a fantastic job these past three years. They are: Marwan Abukhader, Elias Mousa, Caraline Saigh and Khalil Saigh. Anyone else who would be willing to run for the Parish Council, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Aziz Haddad, Louis Hasbany, Marion Saba, or John Saliba. Every eligible voting member of the parish is strongly encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, learn about the important information that will be discussed and vote.

If you have any questions concerning your Stewardship Pledge or Archdiocese assessment, please contact Joe Macoule before January 1, 2007.

October was a very busy month at St. George. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the IOCC Wine and Cheese, Silent Auction Fundraiser. It was a tremendous success.

Lillian Macoule and Connie Abdoulah did a fantastic job, once again, on the Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon. A very special thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday to work on cleaning and painting the church property.

There are a few Sundays still available for individuals or families to sign up for Coffee Hour before this year ends. A reminder, once again, please keep children off the stage during Coffee Hour, since many of the younger children pull on the draperies and we don't want anyone getting hurt or the expensive draperies being damaged.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Your in Christ,
Marion Saba, Parish Council President

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN OF ST. GEORGE PHOENIX

Effective immediately the Ladies Auxiliary has changed its name to the Antiochian Women of St. George Phoenix as requested by Sayidna in order to have consistency among the chapters in the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West (formerly known as Western Region).

On behalf of Connie Abdoulah and me, we want to thank all of you who supported our Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon. We are grateful for your support and the money will help us to continue in our ministries.

With regard to Jennifer Sweilem's announcement on "escrip" - please do whatever you can to support this program. St. George gets reimbursed a commission for every dollar that is spent with a registered submitted card. The money is automatically sent to St. George and has proven to be needed assets.

The following are upcoming dates to note in your calendar:

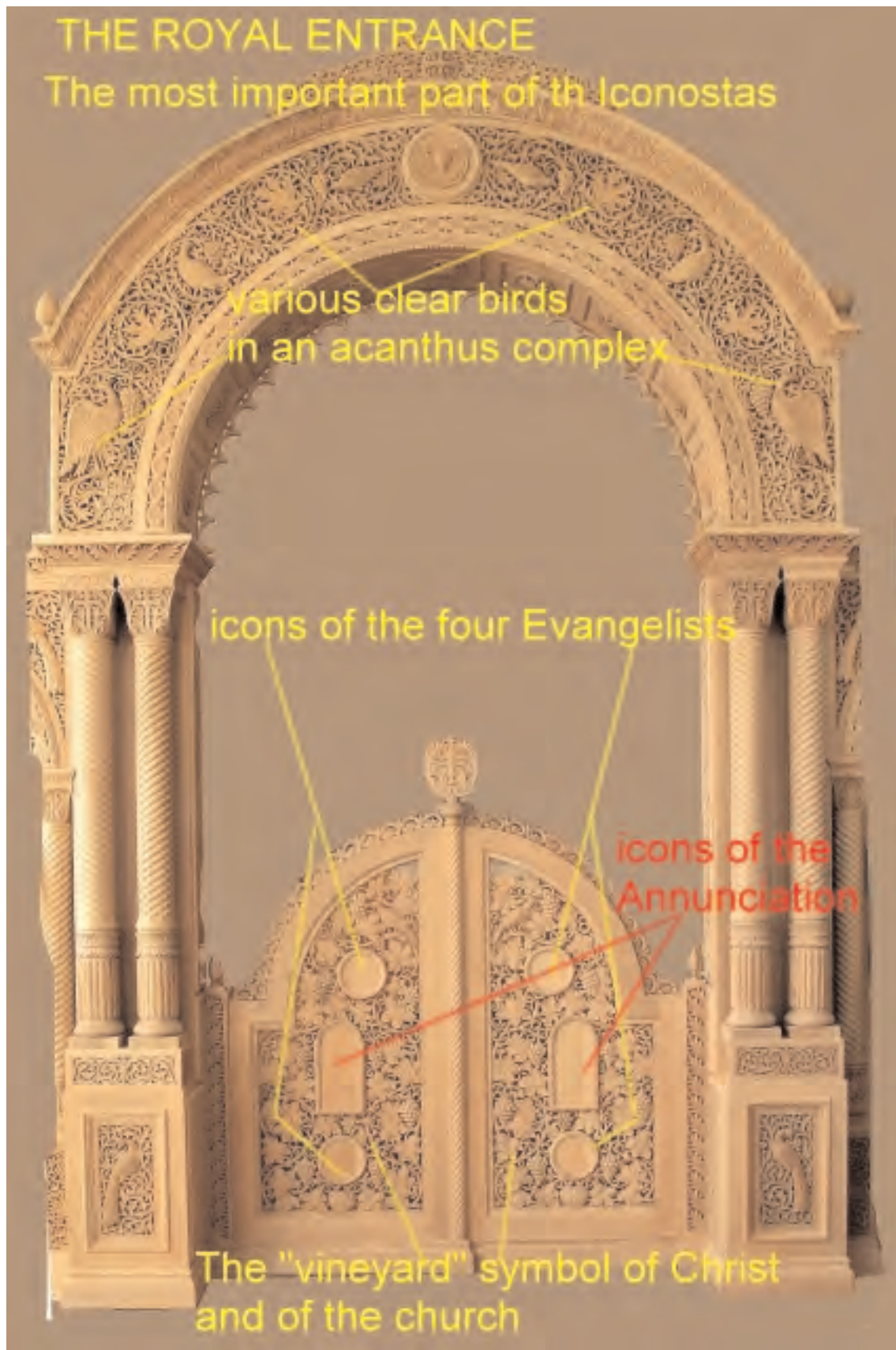
- * In order to get our joint church Christmas card mailed in time, the deadline date is November 19th if you wish to include your name(s).
- * Donations for Christmas flowers will be accepted from November 26th through December 15th.
- * Our annual Secret Sister / Cookie Exchange will be held Wednesday, December 13th. Suleiman and Najla Saigh has graciously offered their home for this gathering at 5416 E. Hashknife Road, Phoenix 85054. Directions will be posted in the Sunday church bulletin.

Finally, with Thanksgiving in our path let us reflect on all our good fortunes and pray for the same throughout the world and be grateful for what we have in our faith as noted in Philippians 4:19:

"My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Lillian Macoule
President

Our New Iconostasion Explained



St. George Parish Christmas Card

The Antiochian Women of St. George Phoenix will sponsor their Annual Parish Christmas Card

Please complete the form below and turn into the bookstore or mail it along with your
donation to: Evelyn Kosobud
c/o St. George Orthodox Church,
4530 E. Gold Dust Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85028

All submissions must be turned in by Friday, November 18th

Name _____
(please print name as you want it to appear on the card, no messages, name only)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number with area code: _____

Donation
\$20 _____ \$15 _____ \$10 _____ \$5 _____

The St. George Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary wishes to
Thank you for your support of this project.

May you, your family and loved ones have a Blessed Holiday Season

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a donation for memorial Poinsettias to decorate the church on Christmas Eve, Please complete the following and give to Evelyn Kosobud at the bookstore or mail into the church office:

St. George Church Christmas Flowers

4530 E. Gold Dust Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85028

Please make all donation checks separate & earmarked for flowers, Thank you

Deadline will be Sunday, December 18th

Your Name _____

For the health of _____

For the memory of _____

Donation: \$20 _____ \$15 _____ \$10 _____ \$5 _____



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Group Name	Group ID#

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Grocery Club Card Type: Safeway*, Pavillions*, Vons*, Genuardi's*, PW, Adams*
Debit/Credit Card Type: Macy's, MasterCard, VISA, American Express, Discover, Debit Cards

STEP 3

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Allow 6-8 weeks processing time

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2006 is almost Over!?! A Word from the Stewardship Chair

Yes, it is true; the end of the year is within view. The last quarter has begun. The Children have started the preparation for the Nativity play & soon 2007 will be upon us.

With the New Year comes our annual meeting of the members of the parish of St. George. This year our annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 28th, 2007. Your Pledge and Dues are a huge part of the success that is St. George. Your Pledge is the reason we have all the wonderful facilities of St. George that continue to remain in as beautiful condition as the day they were built. Your dues to the archdiocese help ensure that our faith remains true to Christ's teachings by supporting our Blessed Metropolitan PHILIP and His Grace Bishop JOSEPH and all the effective organizations of our Archdiocese.

To that end a 'Thank you' seems only to begin to express the power of the gift of the treasures you have given to St. George. That is why in the wisdom of those who crafted our parish Constitution & By-Laws, it is required that any member who wishes to vote in the annual meeting be in Good Standing in the way of Pledge & Dues fulfillment. Starting November 1, our treasurer Joe Macoule will be in the hall after church, available for your questions and payments in order to ensure that you will be a member in Good Standing.

If you have any questions, please let myself or a member of the Parish Council know, and we will be more than happy to help.

May the rest of this year continue to let you see the blessings God has given to you.

Again, Thank YOU!
In Christ's Name, Dan Stokich,
Stewardship Chairman

updated through October
22nd

Joe & Louise Abdelnour
Connie Abdoulah
Beatrice Abraham
Joseph & Helen Abraham
Wayne & Niki Abraham
Dean & Shirley Abraham
Dn Raphael & Becky Abrahams
Molly Abrahams
Simon Abrahams
Frank & Magdolen Abukhader
Jeries & Malak Abukhader
Marwan Abukhader
Michael & Fadia Abukhader
Michael & Sandy Abukhader Jr
Colette Assad
William Assaly
Jeffrey & Jennifer Baker
Jay & Nadia Banna
Lina Bazzi
Nicholas & Donna Beauchamp
Dn Anthony & Adina Blackwell
James & Joyce Bogues
Rosie Bousard
Anna Bronnenkant
Alan & Sylvia Burns
Fr. Christo & Mary Christoff
Robin Cohen
Jim & Ruth Cohlma
Fariel & Louris Dahdal
James & Brigitte DeRienzo
Joseph Doku
Spiro & Juliette Doku
John & Nicole Doumani
Timothy & Helana Doyle
Richard & Dorothy Dungan
Gloria El-Khoury
Stephan & Christine Elliott
Bernice Esahak
Gary & Suzanne Esahak-Hull
Hani & Amal Farah
Josephine Ferris
Scott & Cynthia Ferris
Cornel & Sylvia Fitu
Bruce & Lorraine Florence
Robert & Sarah Foster
Gloria Freije
George & Hoda Freije
Steven & Hannan Frieh
Assad & Ilham Gebran
George & Abeer Gebran
Lucile Genaris
Charles & Joann George
Hiyam Gharieb
David & Melanie Ghiz
Sally Ghiz
Dn Serafim & Mary Grove
Michael & Angie Guidi
James & Jumana Hadeed
Aziz & Samar Haddad
Taysir & Mary Kay Haddad
Michael & Valerie Haddad
Albert & Delores Haddy
Larry & Stephanie Haddy
Lillian Haddy
Richard Haddy
Fouad & Malake Hakimeh
Rhonda Hallal
Louis & Sandra Hasbany
George & Olivia Homsey
Mae Homsey
Michael & Leah Hopper
Adnan & Gail Horan
Mary Hulypa
Enaam Hweimel
Buzz & Rima Iacovelli
Simon & Ruba Isaac
Sami Jallad
David & Alisa Jones
Albert & Bonnie Joseph
Eugene & Donna Kanaan

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Mary Karadsheh
Elizabeth Karamouzis
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Albert & Samira Kassisieh
Stacy Kerr
Victor & Mary Khoury
Eddie & Sandy Khoury
Dr. Victor & Rebeca Khoury
Jack & Samira Khoury
Magdolen Khoury
Kreg & Kristin Korinek
Evelyn Kosobud
Cornel & Mary Lengyel-Leahu
Robert & Lisa Lichter
Sami & Louise Lorenzo
Joseph & Lillian Macoule
Joan Manning
Chester & Diana Matthews
Nicholas Matthews
Heather McLeod
Kenneth & Michelle Mellenbrook
Hal & Susana Mokbel
Elias & Lama Hana-Mousa
Michael & Juliette Musallam
Rami & Mariam Musallam
Yousef & Juliet Mushahwar
Raja & Rachel Mushahwar
Denise Nahat
Linda Nahat
Salwa Nassar
Fadiya Nassar
Sam & Lori Nassif
Jeannette Nassif
Lorris Nassimos
Richard & Sherry Nichols
Imad & Odette Odeh
Dr George & Dr Carol Ordynsky
John & Michele Paise
Fr. Rodion & Mary Ann Pfeiffer
Zaid & Samia Qaquis
Nadia Quomsieh
Raed & Dana Rabadi
Margaret Ann Raymond
Maher & Maha Rayyan
Samir & Mai Rayyan
Michael & Ruby Rideout
Nesseran Roda
Daniel & Jane Romley
Edward & Christine Saba
Richard & Marion Saba
Valerie Sabbag
Husam & Hanada Sahawneh
Yousef & Haniah Sahawneh
Khalil & Jennifer Saigh
Kassab & Fada Saigh
Faisal & Najla Saigh
Suleiman & Najla Saigh
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Ray & Caraline Saigh
Hanna Saigh
Irene Saigh
Dr. Darrin & Layla Saikley
Bradley & Bishara Sakran
Fr. Christopher & Allyson Salamy
Andy & Nada Salem
Michael & Hiyam Salem
Robert & Buthaina Salem
Saman & Fadia Salem
John & Marybeth Saliba
James & Kathleen Saliba Jr
Abe & Christine Sayegh
George Sayegh
Gus & May Sayegh
Issa Y. Sayegh
Jamal & Rinad Sayegh
Jeffrey & Lillian Sayegh
Laila Sayegh
Majed & Hyam Sayegh
Marwan & Manal Sayegh
Odeh & Victoria Sayegh
Raf & Dina Sayegh
Salem & Abeer Sayegh
Saliba & Susan Sayegh
Sam & Cheryl Sayegh

Suzanne Sayegh
William & Ensaf Sayegh
Fred & Jeanne Shaheen
Derek & Rachel Sheriff
Beverly Showah
Michael & Nadia Simon
Kay Slanta
Shirley Snage
David & Alisha Solheim
Mark & Caroline Southam
Daniel & Dina Stokich
Issa & Jennifer Sweilem
Theresa Sweilem
Sameeh & Janette Sweis
Sameh & Juliet Sweis
Michael & Helen Taamneh
Jason Terpack
Daniel Thomas
Paul & Janice Tiazkun
Neoma Tibshraeny
Yvonne Tibshraeny
Ray & Rose Marie Toronto
Josephine Vintila
Yvonne Vranes
Gary & Deborah Ziton-West
Amy Wiechert
Wayne Williamson
Dr. Garth & Dr. Natalia Wilson
Dr. Larman & Olga Wilson
Shaker & Helena Yacoub
David Ziton
Michael & Feriouz Ziton
Steven Zraick
Vivienne Zraick
Husam & Jennifer Zuraikat
Samir & Nahed Zuraikat

**Remember the
Three Stones of
Stewardship!**

**Time
Talent
Treasures**

**All in equal
measure make
giving a simple
pleasure!**

November 2006 Servers

Sunday November 5

Epistle Reader	Yvonne Vranes
Greeters	John & Nikki Doumani
Ushers	Rachel Abrahams, Lillian Macoule, Kathy Nasser, Majed Sayegh, Bob Foster, Jamal Sayegh
Altar Servers	Mathew Saliba, Jared Blackwell, Freddy Dahdal, Gus Sahawneh, Joseph Sayegh, Christopher Stokich
Hall Lock-up	Marion Saba
Coffee Hour	Jay & Nadia Banna

Sunday November 12

Epistle Reader	Jim Bogues, Aziz Haddad
Greeters	Angie & Michael Guidi
Ushers	Krystal Saigh, Suzanne Sayegh, Salwa Nassar, Jim Bogues, Elias Mousa, Louis Hasbany
Altar Servers	Chris Doumani, Andrew Stokich, Anthony Sahawneh, Butros Sayegh, James Sayegh, Alexander Thomas
Hall Lock-up	Mario Abukhader
Coffee Hour	Olga Wilson

Sunday November 19

Epistle Reader	Larry Haddy
Greeters	Michael & Mario Abukhader
Ushers	Amanda Haddad, Irene Saigh, Sara Foster, James Saliba, Tony Karraz, David Ghiz
Altar Servers	Rick Khoury, Jacob Sayegh, Abanoob Sayegh, Odeh Sayegh, Gergey Mousa, Stephen Skuba
Hall Lock-up	Khalil Saigh
Coffee Hour	James & Briggette DeRienzo

Sunday November 26

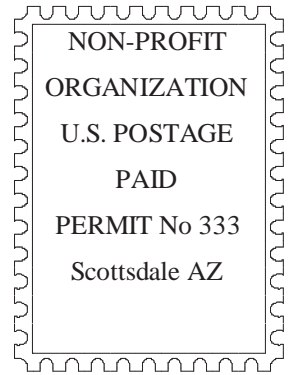
Epistle Reader	Scott Ferris
Greeters	Buzz & Rima Iacovelli
Ushers	Miriam Hasou, Natascha Karadsheh, Mary Karadsheh, Eric Rauschkolb, Michael Guidi, Sam Nassif
Altar Servers	Joseph Hasou, Joseph Salem, Ramy Khoury, Issa Sayegh, Ronnie Sayegh
Hall Lock-up	Sami Jallad
Coffee Hour	Open

November 2006 - Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	2 Ladies Aux. Mtg/Lunch 11:30am Parish Council Mtg 6:30pm	3	4 NO Vespers
5 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am	6	7 PATHWAYS 6:30pm	8 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	9	10	11 Chanting 4:00pm Great Vespers 5:00pm
12 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Fall Festival Hospitaler's	13	14 PATHWAYS 6:30pm	15 Adult Bible Study &Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	16	17	18 Great Vespers 5:00pm
19 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am	20 Evening Divine Liturgy Presentation of the Theotokos 6:30pm	21 OMO Group 10:00am PATHWAYS 6:30pm	22 Teen Bible Study 6:30pm	23 Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Office Closed	24	25 No Vespers
26 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Hospitaler's	27	28 PATHWAYS 6:30pm	29	30		

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Church Services	
Saturday Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Matins	8:50 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	After Communion until 12:15 p.m.
Evening Feast Days	6:30 p.m.

Just a reminder ... Confessions are heard on Saturday evenings before Great Vespers, Sunday mornings until the Orthros Gospel (9:25 a.m.), or by making an appointment with Fr. Christopher.

Parishioners are encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

Please note the deadline for submitting articles for approval is the 10th of each month before issue date.