



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Thursday, December 25, 2025
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
V. Rev. Fr. Dr. Christopher Salamy, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Peter Samore
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Rev. Dn. Basil Ritchie • Rev. Dn. Michael Haddad
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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, Laila, Michael, Ray, Pam, Amal, Nejwa, Randa, Regan, Theresa, Kristine, Sherry, Samira, Robert, Daniel, Jane, Jillian, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexandros, Theopisti, David and Donald.

Liturgical Offerings:

Daniel and Jane Romley offer Holy Bread for the health of Daniel, Jane, Troy, Kristie, Lisa, Matthew, Stephen, Kailee, Jamie, and Jillian. May God grant them many years. In memory of Issa, Richard, Butrus, Misadeh, Miriam, Jesries, Joseph, Rayan, Maher, Maha, Jim, Rose. May their memory be eternal.

Fayez and Yasmin Fakhouri offer Holy Bread in memory of George, Amal, Feras, Fakre, Ibrahim, Fedra, Saliba, Khaloud, Laila, Moheb, and Jalal. May their memory be eternal. For the good health of Fayez, Yasmin, George, Issa, Eddie, Emily, Amerah, Hnadi, and all their families. May God grant them many years.

Chris and Hnadi Bandak offer Holy Bread for the memory of Robert and Lynn Bandak. For the health of Chris Hnadi Roman, Yasmeen, Julius, and Seela Bandak. For Fayez and Yasmin, George, Issa, Eddie, Emily, Amerah and their families.

William and Ensaf Magdalene Sayegh offer Holy bread for the health of William, Ensaf Magdalene, Musa, Noura, Louiey Elijah, and David. May God grant them many years. In memory of Musa, Rifga, Issa, Helen. May their memory be eternal.

Ray and RoseMarie Toronto offer Holy Bread for the continued good health of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Robin, Renay, Ryan, Romy, Joe, Michael, Brooke, Joseph, Brennan, Collin, Ashlynn, Joe, Christina, Daniel, Chase, Halle, Tyler, Lauren, Taylor, Fitz, Harrison, Teddy, Cade, and Carter. In memory of our beloved parents and grandparents, Anne, George, Clara, Salvatore, Rose, Joseph, Rosa, and Louis. May their memory be eternal.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers the Holy Bread for her health and salvation, and for James, for her godchildren Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for her work family, for our clergy and family at St George, for all her family and friends not listed. Christ is Born, Let us Glorify Him. In loving memory of her parents John and Mary, and all family and friends not listed. May their memories be eternal.

Hani & Mimi Hani and family offer Holy Bread in loving memory of our parents Abdallah Ghanayem (10 yrs), and Azziz & Elaine Hani. May their memories be eternal, as they will always be in our hearts.

Sherry Nichols offers Holy Bread for the health and God's blessings for Sherry, Brian, Michael, Shannon, Marlene, Ben, Davis, Riley, Logan, Emma, Lily, and all the Nichols and Annett Families. And blessed memory eternal for our Beloved Richard, John, Eva Nichols, George, Mary David and Julie Annett.

Muna Haddad offers a Holy Bread for the health of Fadia, Amal, Alex, Faten, Aiden, Hailey, Emma, Muna, Nathanael, Sophia, Wisam, Robert, Husam, Junior, Wynter, Mirna, Chaz, and Vincent.

The Hendricks family offer Holy Bread for the health and salvation of the Hendricks, Matyas, Jimenez, Monreal, Robles, Wier, Abdalah, Stokich, and Ali families.

Theresa Sweilem offers Holy Bread for the health of Theresa, Issa, Jennie, Noah, Andrew, Chloe, Jim, Nancy, Issam, Emad, Jihad, Sabah, Nora, Abeer, and all our families. In memory of Elias, Sheikha, Fr. Yacoub, Hadba, Fadian, Mariam, Izzat, Laila, Bassem, Farid, Jeries, Albert, and Sammy. All departed souls of Sweilem, Khoury, Sweis, Truscott, George, and Olivia.

Richard and Marion Saba offer Holy Bread for our blessings this year and for the health of our family and St. George. In loving Memory of our son Scott, David, Adele, Emil, Freeda, Richard, Ramzy, and Peggy, and our church family members who passed away this year.

Christmas Flowers **OFFERED BY**

Dn. Gregory and Diana Abdalah for the health of Eleanor and Jonathan Abdalah, Bishop John, Joseph and Eleni Abdalah, John and Maria Kilfeather, Nicola, Renee, Nicholas, Albert and Amanda Haddad, Colin, Linda, Charlie and Layla Wahl. May God grant them many years. In memory of Kh. Joanne Abdalah. May her 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, Fr. Peter, Kh. Nora, Xenia, Abigail, 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. In memory Aziz Haddad, George and Jeanette Bitar, Ibrahim Haddad, Peter and Skiye Rizk, George Moussa, John and Nellie Samore, Aida and George Kalyoussef. 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, Helen, 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, John, Paul, Ian and all our beloved departed family members and friends. May their memory be eternal.

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 & Miladeh Zarour. May their memory be eternal.

Ghaleb and 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. Happy Birthday Ghaleb!

Sam Sweis for the health of Odeh, Suhad, Rami. Karam, Nojoud, Reem Waed, Ward, Layth, Ruba, Wisam, Nijmeh, Yousra, Nayif, and Noor. May God grant them many years. In memory of Nayef, Hana, Jeries, Rasmeyh, Fadeya, Hanyeh, Ibrahim, Abdullah, Iman, Jane, Gada, and Mana. May their memory be eternal. Manal Sayegh for the health of Manal, Danny, Schnabel, Magodoleen, Anthony, Zaina, Magdolene and Nasser. May God grant them many years. In memory of Marwan, Gabriel, Raya, Amal, George, Karma, Sida, Dina, Adel, Samman, Khadra, Odeh, Maged and Fares. May their memory be eternal.

Sameeh. E. Sweis for the health of Sameeh, Janette, Raja, and Andy. May God grant them many years. In memory of Rev Bouls, Rev Elias, Issa, Eid, Shekah, Kafa, Munjed, Rashed, Sa'ad, and Yousra. May their memory be eternal.

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Daniel and Jane Romley for the health of Daniel, Jane, Troy, Kristie, Lisa, Stephen, Jamie, Jillian, Misadeh, Souzan, John, Dana, Denise, and Dale. May God grant them many years. In memory of Issa, Richard, Butrus, Misadeh, Miriam, Jesries, Joseph, Jim, and Rose. May their memory be eternal.

Raoud Kallass Alhaddad for the health of Souheil, Raoud, Father Peter, Kh. Nora, Xenia, Abigail, Sam, Aliaa, Jude, Danny. The Alhaddad, Alkallas, Alassali, Alabdullah, Alhas, Goodwin, Samore, and Rizk families. In memory of Georgia, Nora, Mary, Naklet, Hind, Shereen, and departed members of the Alhaddad, Kallas, Alassali, Alabdulaut, Alhaj, Samore, and Rizk families.

Fayez and Yasmin Fakhouri offer Christmas Flowers in memory of George, Amal, Feras, Fakre, Ibrahim, Fedaa, Saliba, Khaloud, Laila, Moheb, and Jalal. May their memory be eternal. For the good health of Fayez, Yasmin, George, Issa, Eddie, Emily, Amerah, Hnadi, and all their families. May God grant them many years.

Chris and Hnadi Bandak in memory of Robert and Lynn Bandak. For the health of Chris, Hnadi, Roman, Yasmeen, Julius, and Seela Bandak. For Fayez and Yasmin, George, Issa, Eddie, Emily, Amerah and their families.

William and Ensaf Magdalene Sayegh for the health of William, Ensaf Magdalene, Musa, Noura, Louiey Elijah, David. May God grant them many years. This Christmas, we place a flower in your memory – a symbol of the love that still blooms for you every single day. Even though you're no longer here with us, your presence is felt in every quiet moment, every gentle breeze, and every light that shines during this season. You are deeply missed. Forever holding you in our hearts, Lovingly, Chihnaz Sayegh and Hannan Friehe (sisters), their families, and the Ammari family.

Ray and RoseMarie Toronto for the continued good health of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Robin, Renay, Ryan, Romy, Joe, Michael, Brooke, Joseph, Brennan, Collin, Ashlynn, Joe, Christina, Daniel, Chase, Halle, Tyler, Lauren, Taylor, Fitz, Harrison, Teddy, Cade, and Carter.

Juliette Mushahwar for the health of Juliette, Raja, Rula, and their families. In memory of Yousif, Rana, Raed.

Samia Dahdal for the health of Samia, Rami, Adele, Nader, Rebecca, Emelia, George, Katrina, Kevin, Ace, Jax, Lydia, Rimon, Nasser, Sulieman, Marwan, Imad, Adib, Monthur, and their families. In memory of George, Issa, Mariam, Suliman, Dalal, Elias, Fatten, Nadia, Sabah, Eliana, Farid, Louris, Martha, Joseph, Elias, Gabriel, Katrina, Hanneh, Michael, Hannah, and all other departed members of the Dahdal Family.

Ziad and Samiyah Qaqish for the health of Ziad, Samiyah, Susan, Derrick, Lisa, Ann, Tali, Mark, Adnan, Ralph, our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. May God grant them many years. In memory of Halim, Tamam, Salman, Rafah, Refeal, Makeal, Mary, Elias, Faris, Hannan, Hala, Abraham, Jermy, Zawad, Hanna, Nasir, Issa, Jaleela, Eddie, Maged, Jihad and Alan.

Halim and Susan Mokbel for the health of Ayleen, Mel, Jonathan, Halim, Susan, Ghassan, George, Janet, Nadim, Salim, Evangelina, Gianna, Kenan, Sarah, Marenal, Linda, Jamal, Luisa, Clara, Mari, Gaby, Sergio, Norma, David, Avonna, Chris and Tiffany. In memory of Melhem, Marie, Ibrahim, Guida, Raul, Haydee, Maria-Rosa, Blanche, Juana, Lydie, Yolanda and Manuele.

Noha Simon for the health of Noha, Paula, Joe, Malia, Christina, Walter, Sophia, Michael, Nadia, Savannah, Amelia, Leila, Grace, Madeleine, Michael, Fiaddoul. In memory of Donald, Elia, Marie, Nadia, Richard, Heather, Elias, George, Ernie, Leroy, Linda, Lillian, Sandy and Louis.

Michael, Feirouz, Michael Jr., and Juliana Ziton offer Christmas flowers in support of the health and spiritual well-being of the entire Ziton, Lahham, and West Families. Christ is Born! Glorify Him! In Loving Memory of our beloved Father and Giddo, the V. Rev. Fr. Elias Ziton of blessed memory and everlasting repose, our dear departed Mother and Sitto, the Kh. Lorraine Ziton, our Siddo, Tawfik Lahham, uncle and brother, Osama Lahham, and all our beloved departed family members who have gone to their rest in hope of the Resurrection. May the Memory of all our departed family members be Eternal, and may they be granted rest with the Saints.

Elizabeth Karamouzis offers the Christmas flowers for her health and salvation, and for James, Jillian, Richy, Cheryl, Kiki, Angie, Robert, Barbara, Paul, Val, Phil, Sawsen, Tony, Beckham for her godchildren Michael, Markus, Devin, Nikki, and Lauren, for her work family, for our Clergy and family at St. George, for all her family and friends not listed. Christ is Born, let us Glorify Him. In loving memory of her parents, John and Mary, Scott and all family and friends not listed. May their memories be eternal.

Richard and Marion Saba offer Christmas flowers for our church family and for the health of Richard and Marion, Kimberley, Richard, Alfred, Hannah, Brian, and Alyssa, Lou, Matthew, Anthony, Tylor, Parker, AnnaRose, Will, and Nicholas. In memory of our beloved son Scott, David, Adele, Emil, Freeda, Richard, Ramzy, Peggy, Dora, George, Macrina, John, and Mary.