



# The Cornerstone

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## OCTOBER

Youth Month

## NOVEMBER

Nov. 4 Antiochian Women's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner following Liturgy

Nov. 15 Apostles Fast (Advent)

Nov. 20 Entry Theotokos to the Temple Evening Divine Liturgy 6PM

## DECEMBER

Ornament Exchange (Tentatively the first week of December)

Dec. 2 Barbara

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve -Evening Divine Liturgy 6PM

## THE CORNERSTONE

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## Worshipping as One Body

Dear Elians,

I greet you and your loved ones with a holy kiss, praying you and your family are in the best of spirit as we together embarked on another new ecclesiastical year.

Beloved, having entered the Autumn season we are reminded once again that the church year has begun. Organizational officers are put in place through elections, and Church School has begun. The beauty of the church is not in inanimate physical structure rather it is in the living faith of its membership by deed, seeking to labor in synergy with one another for the glory of God. St. Paul said best "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ." (I Cor 12:12) Having different gifts of the Holy Spirit the individual member is to use it for the profit of all.

Autumn, is a season of change as we observe trees' leaves changing colors and shedding them, so at



the proper time gives new leaves; people begin to put away summer clothes and get ready for winter and so with our spiritual life, time lapsed from active church life must be restored making ready our inner soul to receive the renewal of the divine gifts of the Holy spirit. In other words, as we observe the seasons, we must also observe ourselves and our attitude and ask ourselves are we carrying the Cross of Christ as the saints or are we crossing Christ out of our lives for the sake of false worldly pleasures.

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Beloved, let us invest faithfully in our Holy Orthodox Faith through uplifting, sharing, encouraging one another in active spiritual life. Let us shed worldly ideologies that are not profitable rather let us use every opportunity to worship together as one body headed by Christ our Lord who is our life and salvation. It is in this understanding that we can say "how lovely is thy dwelling place O Lord" (Psalm 84) for in truth he dwells in each and every one of us. Hence the physical building shines forth from the light that is within.

Therefore beloved Elians let us forge forward as one body so as to overcome the challenges that lay before us such as the renovation of the kitchen and church hall and building up our membership. With God's blessing all things are possible.

May Prophet Elias continue to intercede for the continued success of our endeavors.

In Christ,  
Fr. Elias

# Order of St. Ignatius



Submitted by Dona Savage

## "Let Us Commend All Our Lives Unto Christ Our God"

St. Ignatius said, "A Christian does not control his own life, but gives his whole time to God!"

The members of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch imitate the virtues of St. Ignatius by participating in one of the most meaningful and self-giving ministries in our Archdiocese. Membership in "The Order" is a perfect means by which we can "commend all our lives unto Christ our God..."

In a world full of selfishness and hatred, Christians are challenged with a unique opportunity to share their love through sacrificial living and their generosity through sacrificial giving. Giving cheerfully and generously out of own resource to others in need is virtuous and a good work.

The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch embodies the four principles of humanitarianism, fellowship in Christ,

love of the Orthodox Christian faith, and commitment to the Antiochian Archdiocese. Combined, these four principles promote MOBILIZATION-equipping the saints for the work of ministry (service). In its own uniquely effective way, the Order mobilizes the laity of this God-protected Archdiocese to accomplish vital ministry, none can do it alone.

Membership in the Order is a doorway to increasingly renewed personal faith. Through this spiritual ministry of giving, many others receive much needed help, resulting in great thanksgiving to God.

You are invited to join one of the most forward-thinking organizations in North American Orthodoxy today! Please speak to an "Order" member today to join!

*Above taken from the St. Ignatius information pamphlet*



Father Elias receives a gift (holy icon) from Pope Tawadros II, the 118th pope and patriarch of the Egyptian-based Church of Alexandria, during his recent visit and consecration of St. Mary & St. Mina Coptic Orthodox Church in North Syracuse. The gift was given in appreciation of our relationship with the Coptic church. About 2,000 Coptic Orthodox Christians gathered for what many describe as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to greet their pope.

# Christian Education

## Liturgy of Bedtime

by Albert Rossi, Ph.D., St. Vladimir's Seminary

One of the more regular times of "Letting the children come" to God is bedtime. Often stories and prayers at bedtime can be relaxed, non-competitive time with children. When everything is right, bedtime can be a time when the unconditional love of parent for child is almost tangible. Children are usually tired and sometimes less frenetic. It also goes without saying that some nights seem more like thinly veiled chaos. But, hopefully, most nights are more peaceful.

Going to sleep for children happens gracefully only within an elaborate ritual. This is the liturgy of going to sleep and is not totally unlike other liturgies. Father Alexander Schmemmann spoke of the Eucharist



beginning with the long ritual of getting dressed for Church and continuing through the trip to Church and all the beautiful liturgy preceding Communion. In a similar way, children go to sleep after intricate ceremony. This usually includes taking a bath, putting on pajamas, brushing their teeth, kissing everyone in the household goodnight, hearing a story, saying prayers, getting tucked in, and for little ones, a Linus blanket and Teddy for special security. This is the liturgy of bedtime. It's a tender time, a loving time. It's a rare and precious time. It's a time to be close to each other and to God.

There are many ways to talk to children about God at bedtime. As was said, we do this primarily by the way we put them to bed. We do this by mustering patience as our own busy day comes to an end. We do it with a tender kiss and an "I love you" as we leave the room. But, we can also do it with stories.

Children love stories, stories, stories. In our family there is one type of story

which is the regular, nightly request. It takes the form of "Daddy (or Mommy), tell me a story about when you were a little boy." This has been going on so long that I am running dry of stories, or so it seems. Rather than forego a story, Beth will beg for a re-run of some oft-told story. I have overheard her telling these stories to her little friends as they played in her room. As I get older I am beginning to appreciate this form of story more. It tells of heritage, of lineage, of roots. Inevitably, these stories involve grandparents, moments of virtue, of relatives, humor, tales of Church events. All this is a remembrance of God's activity in one's personal history, and can occasionally be explained as such. Grandparents can have an incalculable value in strengthening the faith of a child with stories about "When Baba [grandmother] was a little girl."

*The above paragraphs are excerpted from the article, "Talking to Children about God" from the archives of Orthodox Family Life (Volume 2, Issue 3). "Bedtime Rituals" was the topic for our Facebook and Wordpress pages this fall. Find the postings at [www.facebook.com/orthodoxchristianparenting](http://www.facebook.com/orthodoxchristianparenting) [1], and [orthodoxchristianparenting.wordpress.com/](http://orthodoxchristianparenting.wordpress.com/) [2].*



## Elevation of the Cross

Kontakion (Tone 4)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake,  
Grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;  
Make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,  
Granting them victories over their adversaries,  
By bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Father Elias, Deacon Nicholas and Altar Servers during the procession.





## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

Dear Parishioners of St. Elias,

Along with the other elected officers of the Antiochian Women of St. Elias, I would like to thank all of our ladies for granting us this great opportunity to serve on the board. I am looking forward to working alongside my fellow officers, Lina AbuManneh, Vice President, Merian Azar, Treasurer, and Layla Al Amir, Secretary.

To start off our year, it was our great pleasure to organize for our church's ladies to come together on Saturday night (September 8) and simply enjoy a gathering of fellowship. This was the first event of our term, and we plan to have plenty more activities that show us the real meaning of togetherness, whether it be during the days we're working or the days of simple gatherings.

I would also like to thank Dona Savage for helping us with all the organizing planning for our upcoming events, and Father Elias for showing his full support to us.

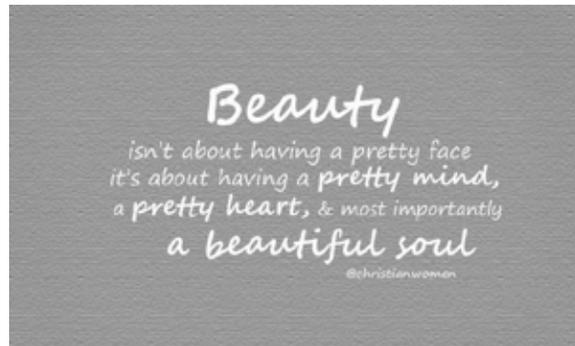
We hope that we have a successful term, filled with love and support from all the ladies at our church, as we donate our time and efforts to continue building our church.

Your sister in Christ,

Georgina Al Khoury  
President Antiochian Women



Welcome new officers of St. Elias Antiochian Women! (L to R) Lina Abu Manneh (Vice President), Layla Al Amir (Secretary), Georgina Al Khoury (President), Merian Azar (Treasurer). God grant you many years!



Father Elias blesses the food and gathering during an evening of fellowship shared by the Antiochian Women on a Saturday in September. The night was filled with delicious pot luck dishes, laughter and even a little dancing!



Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

God blesses us with countless gifts – each and every one of us. How do we use these gifts? If we are filled with His Spirit and allow His love to dwell in the depths of our heart, we then come to realize that all we have is His, and that God expects us to use His gifts to reach out to others. God gives us, so that we can then go and do His work in this world.

Unfortunately, the world today instills in us a completely opposite lesson. Whatever we have, we're supposed to save up and use for ourselves. A desire for more, a focus and priority in buying, obtaining more possessions, getting nicer things, bigger homes, fancier cars, the latest fashions in clothes. In many ways, this temptation towards obtaining more and more is the epitome of the American way of life, of a so-called "successful" life. God is not interested in money and possessions; instead He takes an interest in what we do with the gifts given to us. Will we be self-centered, gathering only for ourselves and our family, and caring only for our own comfort, or will we understand life as an opportunity to help others – to love our neighbor as ourselves. We all forget that the greatest treasure of life is God's love.

Success in God's eyes can mean many different things – raising a family with the fear of God, caring for aging parents with tenderness and sacrifice, following His commandments in our everyday lives. Success in God's eyes means finding time to commune with Him each and every day – through

our prayers, in our participation in the sacraments, through the support of our Church.

How many of us use our gifts to support St. Elias? Many forget about our Church; we assume that things will be taken care of at St. Elias and don't think of it in the same way that we think about our home and family. But should that be the case? Do we take for granted that St. Elias will always be here in our time of need?

God gives us so much; even with the struggles that we are dealing with, we are blessed. Recall the parable of the Ten Talents. A master gave three servants ten talents. One increased his talent ten-fold, another five, and the third buried his. The first two were rewarded by the master. The third servant received judgment and condemnation from his master. A talent represents the gifts given to us by God – health, intelligence, skills, riches, etc. We are given at least one talent – and we can all contribute something. We are expected to be productive and use our talents to multiply them.

We are an active community, but still have many needs. Have you considered volunteering your time and talents at St. Elias? God does bless each of us with talents that can be shared to help us grow at St. Elias. There is always a need – and not just around the time of the festival. Interested in singing – why not join choir? Have an ability to connect with children – you can support Christian Education. We are starting to seek interested candidates to run for the Parish Council – another area of need at St. Elias.

Please consider increasing your support to St. Elias - as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

Your sister in Christ,

*Mai*  
Mai Makhoulouf  
Parish Council Chairman



Are you or someone you know interested in making a difference? The Parish Council is seeking new members! Please contact Father Elias, Deacon Nicholas or Mahfouz Abu-Manneh to submit your nomination.

You must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Be spiritually and financially eligible
- Submit a short biography detailing his or her background in general with emphasis on church activity

### Annual Ornament Exchange!



Plans are in motion for the Antiochian Women's Annual Ornament Exchange!

Please keep your eyes open for upcoming details. Details will be posted on Facebook and in the bulletin!

# CONGRATULATIONS ALIAH MAHSHIE!

Winner of the 2018 Oratorical Contest for the Diocese of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and



Upstate NY (DOECUNY) and 2nd place national winner, representing St. Elias and DOECUNY, at the Antiochian Village. Congratulations to Aliah and proud parents, Deacon Nicholas and Maggie Mahshie!

## Enjoy Aliah's oratorical presentation!

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Church of Jesus Christ, the Antiochian Orthodox Church, the Church of Antioch where they were first called Christian, these terms all revolve around the same goal, Christian fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of bread. They embody the Christian faith, project the ideals of Christian hope and give life to Christian love.

The Church was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ, who remains forever as its Head. Christ entrusts His own Being to the Church, handing down divine revelations of the faithful, the Apostles, Saints and sinners alike, who assemble under the Church's shelter. Not only, to achieve repentance and forgiveness, but also, to support the dedication and persistence of their enthusiasm to accomplish the teachings of the Will of God. The truth is preserved, proclaimed, and shared sacredly among the faithful.

To me, the Church today is the divine workshop for the teaching and sanctification of the faithful. The Church is the whole strength of the faithful and devout Christians.

The Church has in its nature the ability and tendency to develop and grow, it has the nature to overcome and to obtain the truths. It is to be investigated and explored into; to find and announce the truths of which the Church is the Pillar. We are called to know and to live the teachings of Christ and the Holy Apostles and to share in fellowship with one another.

Following the Lords command is true Christian fellowship, "by this all will know that you are My disciples if you have Love for one another" Saint John Chapter 13 Verse 35. This love for God and one another is the foundation of the Church that nourishes and administers to the faithful, thus protecting the fundamentals of the faith. No one had to come to the disciples and new believers and say, 'you have to practice fellowship'. The Holy Spirit had come upon these people and formed an internal harmony and their natural feeling was to express it externally.

The Christian fellowship is what the scripture in Acts of the Apostles revolves around, what the Apostles were teaching. The breaking of bread is done together in Christian fellowship. Prayer is done in Christian fellowship. Together with one another. Why is Christian fellowship so important? Because coming together to support one another is an experience that allows us to learn, to gain strength, and

to show the world exactly what God is. Each of us together shows all of God's graces to the world. Each of us has a purpose here on earth to show aspects of God and to those around us, we have been given specific spiritual gifts.

When we come together in prayer, it is like we as a whole are demonstrating God. Take for example when we bake a cake. We need all the ingredients together; the flour, the eggs, the oil, the baking powder.



Aliah is presented with her first place award by Bishop John of Worcester and New England at the 2016 Parish Life Conference in Ottawa.

None of these single ingredients make the cake alone. But together, the flour, the eggs, the oil, everything together make this wonderful, delicious cake. It's the same with prayer, all of us together, gathering together on Sunday, all of us together for the glory of God at the PLC last week, all of us together as we prepare for our own Church Festival. Romans Chapter 12 Verses 4-6 "For as we have many members

in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith".

The breaking of bread makes us stronger. No matter where we are in our faith, communion provides us with strength. Partaking in the holy body and blood of Christ with others gives a chance to learn and grow in our faith. Communion demonstrates to us why we believe and is the food that

feeds our souls. It is great to be out in the world helping others together with one another. Helping to cloth those without cloths or helping feed those who are hungry, with so much pain in the world, it can easily eat away at our strength. When we deal with the sinful world, we can easily fall into that world, and often question our beliefs. But partaking in communion helps us remember that God makes us strong.

As Matthew Chapter 18 Verses 19-20 states "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

These principles provide encouragement. We all have bad moments, like when my tata passed away last year, or like say, when my sister gets a bad grade on an exam. Or even if we have a crisis of faith, we can find ourselves down. If we get too low, it can lead to anger or depression, or maybe for some a feeling of disappointment with God. These low times are why Christian fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of bread are so important. Just doing a fun thing with Teen SOYO or going to the local soup kitchen to help feed those in need or praying with one another at vespers can be uplifting and bring someone out of a slump. When we come together in worship, we teach each other things and we learn from them. But most importantly, we learn from Jesus Christ and the Apostles. God gives us a gift of learning and growing when we come together. By becoming one, we show each other how to live as God wants us to and how to walk in His footsteps. In First Corinthians Chapter 14 Verse 26, we see how important this is to Paul: "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of us has a Psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation.

Let all things be done for edification." Then Christian fellowship, prayer, and breaking of bread in divine liturgy is entered into, with God's living Word. That everything that is done will strengthen all of us.

Across America, there are churches that are working hard to increase church attendance, so they can report to their church leaders. There are all kinds of churches today that are working on all kinds of programs and try to have a complete ministry to as many people as possible. Just suppose we were to de-emphasize attendance, that we no longer measure the success of a church by the number of people that attend or the amount of money that is collected, in favor of a promise to passion and truthfulness in Christian followers. How would we then define the success of our church? Would it be possible that we could bow to the Holy Spirit in true godliness that would change the decisions we make, our performance, and our actions? If we did this, would it be possible that God would make our hearts more sensitive to sin and wounded every time we did

something to offend God or others? Would we love everyone more, or would we pull away from true Christian Love? This is the True Church that Jesus imparts, instructs and reveals to Christians in the Scriptures.

What I am talking about is making true disciples of the faithful. I'm talking about people who have a genuine experience with Jesus. We would have a Church that proposes and practices an image of being loved, loving others, caring for others in pursuit of the ways of God. Connected to God through fellowship, prayer, and communion. This is what Jesus meant when He talked about making disciples of one another. This is what true faith in Christ is. This, I see, that in fellowship with one another, if I dig in and work together, if I pray together with others, break bread together with others, if I teach and learn with others, with the unity of the Holy Spirit and a divine purpose, I will close in on God's plan for me.

***What about God's plan for you?***



Congratulations to St. Elias, Syracuse Teen SOYO. Our teens received the award for the Most Improved Chapter! All of their hard work, dedication and YOUR support paid off!

# Teen SOYO

Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations



“Therefore by their fruits  
you will know them”  
Matthew 7:20.

*My sisters and brothers, may our Lord's blessings be upon you.*

Teens activities took a back seat during the summer allowing them to help prepare for and work at the festival.

September started with the election of the new officers of Teen Soyo:

Estelle Khairallah, President  
Aliah Mahshie, President  
Marya Al-Khoury, Treasurer  
Samira Mahshie, Secretary  
Mark Khairallah, Secretary  
Rose Daoud, Historian  
Kailah Mahshie, Historian  
Edgar Daoud, Creative Idea Planner

On September 15th, the teens went apple picking and had a wonderful day of fellowship.

Mums were generously donated by Rick Abdo and were sold along with apples, by the teens on Sunday the 16th to support the teens' activities throughout the diocese. On behalf of the teens, I would like to thank everyone who supported by purchasing apples and mums.

On September the 21st we traveled to St. Elias Cathedral in Ottawa to be part of the Fall Retreat which was a great experience and an opportunity for our kids to connect with other teens throughout the diocese.

More plans have been put in place for teens like pumpkin picking, volunteering at the Samaritan Center, offering coffee hour, planning our annual kafta lunch and preparing to serve during October (Youth Month) by ushering, reading the epistle and preparing the sermons.

The teens are the future of our church and a true reflection of who we are as a

community. Your continued support of the teens will not only ensure their success in the near future, but will definitely provide a great foundation for them and lifetime connection to our church.

Looking forward to a great year filled with fellowship and service.

Your sister in Christ,  
Grace Khairallah, Teen Advisor



Teens enjoy a day of apple picking & fellowship at Beak & Skiff Apple Orchards in LaFayette.

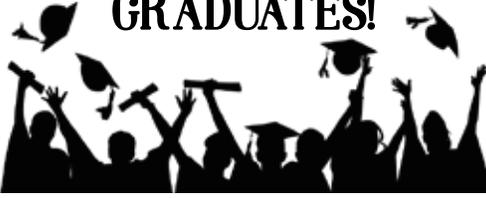


Teens & their Advisor take the Oath of Office before Father Elias & Deacon Nicholas.



Teens attend the annual Fall Retreat in Ottawa. (L to R) Faris Al-Khoury, Estelle Khairallah, Marya Al-Khoury and Mark Khairallah.

# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



**Andrew Dannoun**

Graduate of Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. Andrew is currently working in the industry, and is considering returning to school to earn a Master's Degree in the near future.



**Kara Gantos**

Graduate of Panuska College of Professional Studies at the University of Scranton with a Bachelor of Science Degree. She is continuing on in their accelerated Master's in Occupational Therapy and plans to complete the program in August 2019.

## Giving thanks. Prayers to offer before meals.

And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. Acts 27:35



### FOLLOWING THE LORD'S PRAYER:

O Christ our God, bless the food and drink of thy servants, for thou art Holy always; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Or

They that hunger shall eat and be satisfied, they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live forever. Amen.

Or

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts of which we are about to partake, for thou art blessed and glorified; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Tahini...

#### Who would have guessed?



| Prep  | Total | Servings |
|-------|-------|----------|
| 5 MIN | 5 MIN | 2-4      |

### Tahini Hot Chocolate

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (13.5 oz) can light coconut milk
- 1/4 c cocoa powder
- 3 tb tahini
- 2 tb honey, or more to taste
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Splash of vanilla extract
- Pinch of cinnamon

#### STEPS:

Whisk all ingredients together and warm over medium heat. Serve with whipped cream, marshmallows, a cinnamon stick, candy canes... even a little cookie cake!

tablespoon.com

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Word of God is not a book; the Word of God is a person, Jesus Christ.

-- His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

The doctrine of justification by faith is virtually absent from the history and theology of Orthodoxy. Rather, Orthodoxy emphasizes theosis (literally, "divinization"), the gradual process by which Christians become more and more like Christ.

christianitytoday.com

**Did you know?**

# October is Youth Month!

During the month, you'll find our teens reading the Epistle, delivering sermons, as ushers and hosts of coffee hour. Please let our teens know how proud of them you are!

*Metropolitan Joseph recently wrote concerning our youth:*

A priority dear to my heart is our youth. I want to keep them in the faith and sustain their spiritual lives. They need our attention and prayers, as well as our sacrifices for this task. We need to improve our camps and further develop youth programs. I will need the help of our hierarchs, clergy and faithful to accomplish these goals. In the future, our investment in our

youth will bring forth spiritual leaders, good fathers and mothers, good citizens and Orthodox Christians able to share our faith with America and our children. I know that it is not easy and this looks crazy and impossible, but with God all things are possible. Remember that St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" (4:13).

## What impact has Teen SOYO had? Read the comments of some present and past Teen SOYO members!

"With Teen SOYO members you share the same faith, beliefs, and you are not afraid to express it. I learned that being an Orthodox Christian is more than just a Sunday event, that it requires being an Orthodox Christian all throughout the week. Christianity is Life!"

--Dolly Bahbah, St. George in Houston TX,

"Teen SOYO was such an integral part of my church and spiritual life. Through Teen SOYO I met my best friends. It was a great way to get involved in my church and work with people from all of the country. Teen SOYO helped me become a leader and helped me become the person I am today. Teen SOYO kept me involved in the church and taught me to have a great appreciation for my faith. I stayed involved in the church because of Teen SOYO and the experience that I had while I was a member."

--Kristen Abraham, St. Nicholas Grand Rapids, MI

"Without the influence of SOYO in my life, I would not be as active as I am today in the Church and in the community. SOYO strengthens the foundation of a Christian and it shows us how to be Christ-like people. If a young person has a chance to join SOYO, they should not pass it up. What they will learn and what they will get from it will last a lifetime."

--Michael Haddad, St. George, Phoenix, Arizona

"Teen SOYO has changed my life drastically. I met the greatest people in the world through Teen SOYO. My best friends are members of my church, whenever we go out; our whole teen SOYO goes together. They have become my life, and I love every bit of it. I couldn't imagine being happier, I love my whole church group from the bottom of my heart."

--Randa Hakim, St. Mary, Mississauga, Ontario Canada



# Happy Anniversary!

## October

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| David & Rihab Daoud      | 2  |
| Scott & Christine Gantos | 3  |
| Nader & Diana Souri      | 5  |
| Rajeh & Salwa Makhoul    | 8  |
| John & Diane Sauro       | 9  |
| Issa & Sawsan Dannoun    | 20 |
| Leon & Sheila Mazur      | 23 |

## November

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Andrew & Deborah Eassa      | 4  |
| Ludwig Khoury & Rania Habib | 7  |
| Fadi & Roula Khalifeh       | 8  |
| Nadim & Nabila Nasser       | 11 |
| Wahid & Ronda Akl           | 12 |
| Shukri & Samantha Dayeh     | 15 |
| Issa & Dana Nesheiwat       | 25 |
| Sami & Jihan Khoury         | 29 |

## December

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Walid & Mary Alamir           | 4  |
| Samih & Lalia Tadros          | 6  |
| Joseph & Joan Jacobs          | 9  |
| Mazen Beshara & Mary Abdulkay | 13 |
| Louis & Antoinette Rezak      | 15 |
| Albert & Tamar Totari         | 15 |
| Souhel & Vicki Shehadeh       | 16 |
| Nabil & Diana Abdallah        | 26 |
| Nassib & Reema Habayeb        | 27 |

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 • Parishioners- If you have not been receiving email from St. Elias and would like to, please give your current email to Dona Savage.  
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• Also, if you have moved we need to update your address and phone number. We are attempting to update our database.  
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# Happy Birthday!

## October

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|------------------------|----|
| Katerina Atallah-Yunes | 1  |
| Nader Awwad            | 2  |
| Majd Elias             | 2  |
| Estelle Khairallah     | 2  |
| Sheila Mazur           | 2  |
| John Sauro             | 2  |
| Shadia Tadros          | 2  |
| Zuher Dabit            | 5  |
| Matthew Kane           | 5  |
| Trevor Rott            | 5  |
| Walid Alamir           | 6  |
| Gabrielle Awwad        | 6  |
| Nazar Awwad            | 10 |
| Andrew Kane            | 10 |
| Diana Abdallah         | 11 |
| Henry Atallah-Yunes    | 11 |
| Stefan Kontopoulos     | 11 |
| Lisa Sousou            | 11 |
| Evon Hodge             | 12 |
| Elizabeth Kissman      | 12 |
| Ronda Akl              | 13 |
| George Mtanos          | 15 |
| Christian Aitchison    | 17 |
| Lulu Abdo              | 18 |
| Andrew Aitchison       | 18 |
| Rosemarie Daoud        | 19 |
| Justin Jiries          | 21 |
| Louis Rezak            | 22 |
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| Jane Essi        | 11 |
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| Lindsay Wachna   | 17 |
| Kara Gantos      | 18 |
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| Grace Alamir     | 19 |
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| Deacon Nicholas Mahshie       | 2  |
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| Mikaila Abdo                  | 3  |
| Yvonne Abdo                   | 3  |
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| Jacqueline Eadi               | 6  |
| Nabeeha Mahshie               | 7  |
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| Phillip Kissman               | 9  |
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| Rima Tadros                   | 10 |
| Nabeel Algattas               | 11 |
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| Andre Alamir                  | 14 |
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