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JULY

9-11 Middle Eastern Festival
On-The_Go

19 Evening Divine Liturgy GPM
Prophet Elias

AUGUST

5 Evening Divine Liturgy
Transfiguration GPM

SEPTEMBER

7 Evening Divine Liturgy
Birth of the Theotokos GPM

13 Evening Divine Liturgy
Elevation of the Cross GPM

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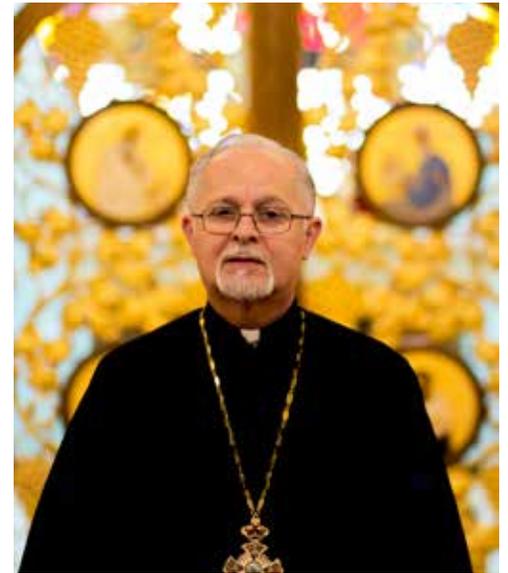
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Summer 2021

Keep the Light of Christ Shining Bright

Dear Elians,
I greet you and your loved ones with a “Holy Kiss” praying all are in the best of health and spirit as we are finally turning toward normality in our lives after a very long struggle with the COVID 19 pandemic. Indeed there were multitudes of challenges that all experienced in one way or another. The Church, likewise, was not immune from it, and by the Grace of God the church was able to face the challenges in continuing to keep its doors open, fulfilling both spiritual and financial obligations. With faith, commitment and love, our vision collectively was not dimmed and our focus on Christ has kept our faith dynamic and spiritually empowering and rewarding.

Beloved, the month of July is very special to our family of St. Elias in Syracuse for two very important events: St. Elias Feast Day July 20th; and St. Elias Middle Eastern Festival “On the Go” July 9-11. These two events every year are earmarked with joy as they bring us collectively laboring with love as one body and bearing witness



to our faith and culture to our fellow citizens. As your Pastor, I look forward to the commencement of these events with prayers invoking our patron to intercede for the blessings of our Lord granting us health, strength and success.

After these events beloved, our attention will be turned toward following our mission in planning, organizing and implementing as the Holy Spirit guides us. By invoking the Holy Spirit for his guidance and protection we are assured the evil one will not triumph in his plan of seeding discord

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Keep the Light of Christ Shining Bright, cont.

in our hearts and minds. We must be on guard at all times through prayer and through Holy Communion. Let us remember in Communion there is communing with both Christ, the head of the church, and his body “that is us the faithful”. So all of us make the one body of Christ and must always keep it holy by repentance, forgiveness, forbearance and love for one another. Anything less than this is of the evil one and tainting the body of Christ. We need to keep the light of Christ shining through us so that we do neither stumble or have others stumble. That is why it is imperative and incumbent upon us to make time to come to Divine Liturgy on time and give thanks for all his bountiful blessings upon us: collectively and individually.

In the meantime, I, along with the Parish Council, thank all who have labored, are laboring and will be laboring, both parishioners and volunteers, for the Festival. May the Almighty bless you and your loved ones with abundance.

Our gratitude to our pledging families who by the grace of God gave to the needs of the church without asking. It is because of these faithful ones that our St. Elias Church was able to pay bills and fulfill its obligation to the Archdiocese on a timely basis.

I look forward to seeing you and may our heavenly Father protect each and every one of you from all harm.

In Christ,
Fr. Elias

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9



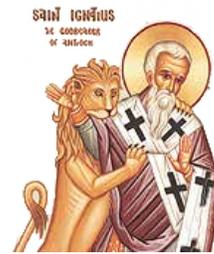
Alya Dayeh performed Bread's, "Everything I Own" to honor our mothers. Her gentle and trained voice is filled with so much love!



Aliah and Kailah Mahshie treated parishioners to a rendition of Minuet in G Major (J.S. Bach). The soft sounds of their flutes offered the perfect backdrop for little ones handing out roses to the precious mothers of St. Elias.



There wasn't a dry eye in the church as Roy Nasr read his poem entitled, "Your Hands." Roy certainly has a talent for writing, especially straight from the heart.



THE ORDER OF
ST. IGNATIUS

Submitted by
Dona Savage, President

The 3 Tenets & Governing Principle

Hope is the "real" gift you give that provides a needed "hand up" to the lives of those struggling to provide the basic necessities for their children and families.

Act of Faith:

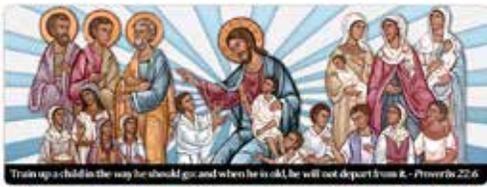
Rooted in Love & Compassion

All the way back to our earliest years as a child we are taught to share with others, especially those less fortunate. When we share, we give up what we believe to control our lives and put our faith in God that He will provide for our needs in abundance. Through your financial commitment you are allowing God to work through you for the benefit of others. Your gift to the Order is an expression of love and compassion for countless lives and most importantly ... it is an act of Faith.

A Sacrifice:

Immeasurable in its Capacity

To sacrifice for one another is to love. Deciding to "do without" for the benefit of someone you don't know is the beginning of a true sacrifice. Your sacrifice helps a struggling family send their children to camp enabling them to experience God's world if only for two weeks. It provides reassurance to a new parish, that it can meet its monthly financial obligations and continue its ministry. As a member of the Order you may consider your sacrifice to be small, but is immeasurable in its capacity to change people's lives.



What's the Buzz? CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Lina Abu-Manneh

I'm writing this as virtual Sunday School is coming to an end! Samantha, Milia and I are so proud of the kids who put in the effort to show up every single Sunday since October! To the other Sunday School

children who couldn't join us, it's ok, we totally understand, it's hard to do Zoom on a weekday for school, let alone on a weekend! We hope to be back to in-person Sunday School this fall.

As formal education halts for the summer, please don't let religious education halt as well. Dedicate 5 to 10 mins a few nights a week to read the bible to your children, watch a YouTube video about a saint or read about the lives of young saints. Children get so excited and inspired by young saints in our church, like child Artemius who is a Russian Orthodox Saint, and St.

Abanoub, a Coptic Orthodox Saint who died when he was only 12 years old. Let us give our kids role models such as these to look up to, instead of Disney or Marvel characters!

This is how we best prepare our children for the future, to teach them to trust in God, tell them He's their friend, someone who cares about the tiniest details in their lives as much as the big things. Let us tell our children that they have a Father who will never leave them, who will carry their burden and make it light. Like one saint said: "Give God to your children, this way you would have given them everything."

Infinite in its Effect: Making a Difference Together

Your annual gift, less than the cost of your daily cup of coffee, is merely a drop of water in a vast ocean of need. However, the ripple from your gift never ends. It expands to enrich the lives of our youth strengthening their hearts and minds as future leaders of the Faith. It multiplies to help care for our retired clergy and our devoted seminarians. The ripple from your annual or lifetime gift touches the lives of so many that you would never have been able to reach alone.

From: *The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch information packet.*

Let no man's place, or dignity, or riches, puff him up: and let no man's low condition or poverty abase him. For the chief points are faith towards God, hope towards Christ, the enjoyment of those good things for which we look, and love towards God and our neighbor.

- Saint Ignatius of Antioch

HOW IT ALL BEGAN!

Our history back to the early 1920's – the handful of Orthodox Christians from the Middle East with the firmness of purpose to keep their faith alive in America, grouped together and sought out a place of worship to feed the seedling which they had planted.

Since funds were not available to construct or buy their own building, they saw to it that Divine Liturgy was held whenever and wherever possible. Liturgy was celebrated on an interim basis at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, as well as at Raymon Hall.

Not only were funds limited for the purchase of a building, this fact also prevailed regarding a priest for the parish. Consequently, a visiting priest would make an annual journey to Syracuse, at which time, as many sacraments of the church, especially baptism, would be performed for the parishioners. It was not unusual for children to be baptized close to a year after their birth — such events were simply delayed until the priest made his rounds.

The period of the homeless of the parish was short-lived. Increased immigration, with the resulting expanding membership in St. Elias prompted the founders to think in terms of their own church building. This would be the only way to preserve our faith and heritage. The search for the appropriate building was started and coincidentally the old Lafayette Methodist Church was for sale. Edward K. Bourjalily, who dealt in real estate at the time, made this known to the members of the Parish.

Meetings were then held by the leaders of the infant parish and it was decided to purchase the available Lafayette Methodist Church. The \$1000 down payment was not, of course, at hand and would have to be raised. This was the basic need for the organization of

the ladies auxiliary. The determination and sacrifices made by the many members of the auxiliary were from the depths of their heart. These efforts were given direction by the first set of officers Jamilly Abdullah, Mary Rezak, Eveline Abdo, Nihai Abdo, and Hina Aborjaly.

The young parish needed to be nurtured and the members of the auxiliary thought of this by not only raising the necessary funds, but also by guiding the children in the ways of the church. The treasury was built up and fed with loving care by the efforts of the ladies in spending hours preparing delectable dinners and holding bazaars and card parties. Bingo games were also held with the ladies donating handmade items for the prizes.

Once the necessary funds were collected for the down payment and total cost of the church building, the ladies continued their efforts for fundraising events to cover the many needs of the growing parish, such as religious artifacts or basic functional furnishings and other important requirements for the proper operation of the church and of the Divine Liturgy.

The purchase of the Lafayette Methodist church formally took place on September 16, 1929 at the total price of \$9000. History repeated itself again, the first service held in the then new Saint Elias were conducted without the iconostasis being properly installed. This also held true with the present new church some 40 years later.

Since money had to be raised for almost every need of the church, it took several years to finally complete the iconostasis. The framework was built and installed, and over the years the icons and vigil lights above them were donated by many of the Arabic-speaking people of our community.

Many things in the building at the time of its purchase in 1929 required repairs or replacement. This was not a discouraging



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factor to the determined members of the Parish. It was not uncommon to see many men working on the inside and outside of the church after completing a good day's work at their own jobs. The woman would cook and work alongside their husbands until the work was finished. With a great deal of hard work on the part of the parishioners they slowly progressed but with a good sense of direction and a spirit of oneness.

The first board of trustees was created in 1929 with Habib Rezak elected President; Mike Morris Vice President, George F. Corey Treasurer and Nick Yakel Secretary. A men's committee was then formed and the first members of this organization of the young parish were Constantine Issa, Joseph Corey, Joseph Seikaly, Tawfick Mahshie, Sam Abdo, Sam Derany, Sam Khoury, Basil Ketaily, and Constantine Hodge.

With the purchase and furnishing of the church building, the parish still needed but could not afford a full-time priest. As has been the practice, divine liturgy was held whenever a priest visited Syracuse. This practice continued until the parish treasury could be strained with the necessary salary and expense of a priest to be totally assigned to Saint Elias. The first to serve the parish was real friend father boss loss. Then the newly ordained Reverend father George Kareem was sent from Cleveland Ohio to serve us parish priest of Saint Elias. Father Kareem faithfully worked for the progress of the church until the time of his death.

With the assignment of a full-time priest, it became even more important to raise funds for the operation of the church. This financial needs served to spur the members to holding an annual fundraising event the Saint Elias festival. In the early years the festival was held at the old bear trap park which has since been built over into Northern lights on route 81. Due to the fact that the majority of the parish members did not read English well enough the program for the annual event was printed entirely in Arabic.

The same people who need the written materials to be printed in their native tongue became self-taught, self-made citizens of the United States and a credit to their community. In turn, they raised their families to join the ranks of the productive members of their society as well as their church.

Growth took hold and soon the church hall could not comfortably accommodate and

serve the needs of the parish, expanded facilities had to be considered. Space for the church school was becoming rapidly limited. Khourieh Kareem was forced to hold Sunday instructions for the children in the kitchen of the basement hall. The need for added space became so pressing, a new social center was decided upon. The construction of the new center came from receipts of past festivals and individual contributions. When the addition was completed, the church school was moved into its new quarters. By 1956 the Sunday school had many classes and treasury, and began to accumulate modern equipment. In 1961 the church school was formally organized under the guidelines spelled out by the Archdiocese.

As the parish of Saint Elias was progressing, a new generation of Orthodox youth was coming into being resulting in the creation of the Orthodox Youth Organization, which ultimately became SOYO and a productively active part of the national organization.

Due to the reaching out beyond the limits of the local existence

and needs with respect to the church life, the leaders of the church once again recognized a need for larger and newer quarters for all phases of the parish life. Thus another era was started in the life of the now well established parish of Saint Elias. The possibilities open to the parish ranged from rebuilding and renovating to selling and buying or building. Talk subsequently turned to building new quarters and, although very slowly, developed into reality of initial plans for the prospective construction of the new and sale of the old.

As SOYO, Church School, Teen SOYO were added to the list so was the need for better housing for the organization as well as celebration of Divine Liturgy became a "now" thing.

Even with the sale of the age-worn, red-brick building on Lafayette Avenue, sufficient funds to construct a new edifice had to be accumulated in order to begin to put plans down on paper. The membership, therefore, in cooperation with the Russian Orthodox Church worked for and shared the financial benefits of weekly bingo games. The money collected

from these games added to the money collected from other social functions and conventions, were developed to a figure which then made definite plans a possible reality.

The goal set before the parish was to continue to nourish and bring into being those dreams started by the members of the original parish in 1929, a church completely belonging to and specifically built for, the Arab-speaking Orthodox Christians. So the search was on for the proper parcel of land on which to construct the dream. An exhaustive study of many areas in Onondaga County, as well as, the city of Syracuse was made.

Among the many sites reviewed and considered was the one finally purchased. This land was brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees by Nick Phillpey. In the final analysis of the advantages and disadvantages, it was felt the majority of parishioners would not experience extreme difficulty in reaching the church would it to be built on this lot. And the vote was taken and decision made to purchase the 7 1/3 acres of land on Onondaga Hill for \$10,000, \$1000 more than the price of the entire church purchased in 1929. But on this piece of land was space in which to grow conveniently over the coming years.

Although the bank accounts have been swelled considerably in the relatively few years, there still remains a great amount of money to be acquired before the actual construction could start. Parishioners, therefore, continued with their donated time and effort in running the bingo games, the festival and the other many money-raising functions in order to bring them to a point of breaking ground on August 18, 1968.

On that glorious, sunny Sunday morning, His Eminence Metropolitan Philip was handed the golden shovel with which to make the first turn of the earth for the much dreamed of home for the parish of Saint Elias.

Even though the cost to the parishioners is at the figure of \$250,000, they can now know the joy and glow of owning their own church, not one made over but one made for them. The enthusiasm and determination permeated down to the smallest child. Attendance at the first Divine Liturgy, which was celebrated on July 20, 1969, will attest to that fact.

Under the direction of Father Michael Shahin, an aggressive and imaginative board of trustees capably supported by all organizations of the parish of Saint Elias, Syracuse, now has a building housing the church which can be proudly passed on to the Orthodox Christian generations to come.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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Our first home located on W. Lafayette Ave. in Syracuse. Purchased on September 16, 1929 for \$9000.

OUR PATRON SAINT

Excerpt from Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah

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Commemorated on July 20

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus accounts:

“When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames.” The name Elijah (the Lord’s strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1). The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last mea-

sure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet

Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: “Truly, the Lord is God!” Then the Prophet

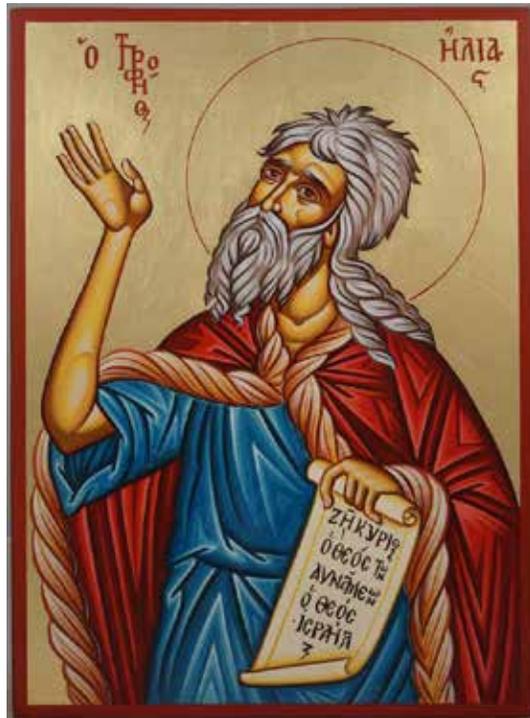
Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in “a gentle breeze” (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah’s mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.



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O angelic of body, pillar of the prophets and their cornerstone, the forerunner of the Second Coming of Christ, the venerable and glorious Elias, you sent grace from on high to Elisha to dispel sicknesses and purify lepers. Wherefore, he overflows with healing to those who honor him.

2 WAYS TO SUPPORT

PURCHASE OR SELL!

As you may already know, we will not be printing an ad book again this year, but you can still support your church by buying or selling a raffle ticket(s). Tickets are \$50/each with only 500 tickets being sold. This year the festival committee has chosen Ronald McDonald House Charities of CNY to receive some of the festival proceeds. A win-win!! As a church community, there have been enormous efforts this past year to support many charitable organizations, helping those in need. We hope you will join us on this drive by supporting your church and the families who find it necessary to stay at the Ronald McDonald House!

To purchase or sell raffle tickets, please email Kathy Fedrizzi at kathyfedrizzi@gmail.com or call at (315) 345-7402.

VOLUNTEER!

Your church needs your help and we do not want to exclude anyone who would like to work a shift or two at this year's festival. This is always a great time as we treat the Syracuse community with our Middle Eastern cuisine. Positions include; Grill, fryer, sandwich preparer, panini press, runners (puts orders together), cashiers, kitchen, handing out order forms, food coordinators (keeping up with inventory).

Shifts are as follows:

Friday: 3:00-8:00

Saturday: 11:30-4:00 & 3:45-8:00

Sunday: 11:30-3:00 & 2:45-6:00

Sunday Clean-up: 6:00-8:00

Please contact Reema Habayeb at (315) 427-6057 or Kathy Fedrizzi at (315) 345-7402 so we can get you scheduled.



1st Prize: \$5000 CASH

2nd Prize: Stickley Collector Edition Console Table (\$2000 value)

3rd Prize: Mid-East Cuisine Extravaganza (\$525 value)
Gift certificates from:

- **BulBul Middle Eastern Cuisine**
- **Byblos Mediterranean Café**
- **Goodie's Mediterranean Grill & Cuisine**
- **Jerusalem Supermarket**
- **King David's Restaurant**
- **Leader Market**
- **Mediterranean Combo Restaurant**
- **Munjed's Middle Eastern Café**
- **Oasis Mediterranean Market**
- **Samir's Imported Foods**

FATHER'S DAY BBQ



What a great way to honor our Fathers! Parishioners enjoyed a homestyle BBQ on Sunday, June 20. Thank you Antiochian Women and all those who helped make the event one to remember!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

Robert & Margarette Furbeck	1
William & Helen Vassily	1
Sammer & Deborah Essi	4
Salim & Laila Fashho	4
John & Cindy Abdo	12
Simon & Lily Abboud	18
Fadi & Nujoud Makhlof	24
Michel & Rima Nasr	26
Tony & Karen Caporizzo	28
Khader & Samira Fashho	28

August

Rami & Georgina Abu Manneh Khoury	3
Elias & Anna Abboud	6
Nabil & Suad Jabaji	13
Andrew & Sally Aitchison	14
Elias & Mary Sawalha	14
Dr Nicholas & Magdalena Mahshie	15
Elias Shamieh & Gloria Dayeh	19
Elia & Nuha Sousou	28

September

Michael & Elaine Buza Sr	1
Charles & Cecilia Shahin	1
Fayez & Nadia Abu Manneh	3
Andrew & Holly Kane	3
Suleiman & Nancy Dayeh	6
Brian & Joanne Craig	7
Thomas & Rana Madden III	7
Samir & Laurie Tawil	08
Majd & Layla Elias	12
Matthew & Nisreen Tadros	17
Ronald & Rola Cotran	22
Philip & Evelyn Gabriel	28
Paul & Pamela Eadi	30

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

July

Hilda Khammar	2
Gabriella Underwood	2
Shibel Jabaji	4
Sammer Essi	6
Victoria Hodge	7
Nader Jiries	7
Jacob Sousou	7
Andrew Dannoun	8
Faris Al-Khoury	9
Ronald Cotran	11
Samira Mahshie	11
Ana Totari	11
Elias Shamieh	14
Dalal Jiries	15
Elizabeth Preston	16
Michael Buza Sr.	17
Brian Craig	7
Edgar Daoud	18
Nabil Jabaji	18
Laila Fashho	20
George Mounayer	20
Lalia Tadros	20
Evelyn Gabriel	21
Jacob Carter	23
Eliana Makhlof	23
Sally Aitchison	25
Elia Sousou	25
Soubhi Azar	26
Jonathon Underwood	27
Reema Habayeb	29
Charles Shahin	29
Yousef Shamma	30
Kelsey Carter	31
Elaina El-amir	31
Majdolin Essi-Dain	31
Mai Makhlof	31

August

Dona Savage	1
Nabil Abdallah	2
Elaine Buza	2
Richard Cotran	5
Serene Habayeb	9
Rania Habib	9
Shirley Sabbagh	11
Richard Abdo	14
Mark Khairallah	14
Fayez Abu-Manneh	17
Salma Abu-Manneh	17
Paul Eadi	17
Cecilia Shahin	17
Sawsan Dannoun	19
Rihab Daoud	20
Serena Khalifeh	20
John Khammar	20
Kristen El-amir	21
Anna Abboud	23
Joshua Urbas	23
Gabrielle Tawil	24
Yvonne Atallah-Yunes	25
Samir Tawil	25
Antoinette Rezak	26
Marina Warner	27
Mazen Beshara	28
Rola Cotran	28
Scott Gantos	28
Fadi Khalifeh	28
Alexander Craig	30

September

Milia Alamir	1
Mary Sawalha	1
Bob Fedrizzi	2
Sami Makhlof	2
Nicole Abdo	3
Merian Tomeh	3
Kathy Fedrizzi	5
Jason Abdo	6
Nadima Alamir	6
Layla Elias	7
Rose Hawa	7
Issa Nesheiwat	7
Aida Soury	7
Naela Jiries	8
Nadine Habayeb	9
Simon Abboud	11
Deborah Eassa	11
Akram Tarazi	11
Magdalena Mahshie	12
Diana Soury	12
Emily Essi	13
Justin Carter	15
Nabeel Jiries	17
Pamela Eadi	18
George Dannoun	19
Salwa Habayeb	20
Labiba Tarazi	20
Faris Sousou	22
Zakary George	23
Lyla Abboud	26
Nancy Dayeh	26
Nuha Zraik	29
Michael Abdo	30

Congratulations!

HOLY MATRIMONY

May 29 - Danna Sawalha and Paul Scouten
 June 28 - Rajai Fashho and Lara Sami Ghawi

NEWBORNS

May 22 - Salim George Fashho to parents Khader and Samira
 June 6 - Sophia Layla Elias to parents Majid and Layla

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FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS!



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