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**Intentions this week:**

**Saturday Liturgy:**

- For the repose of the soul of Mary H. Murray, requested by her loving nephew, Edward M. Weyant. May her memory be eternal!
- For the repose of the soul of Michael Najim, the loving brother of Edmond Najim, requested by John and Gloria Jeffords. May his memory be eternal!
- For the repose of the soul of Sabrina Walker, requested by her loving mother, Gail Facas. May her memory be eternal!

**Sunday Liturgy:**

- For the repose of the soul of Margaret Moses, the loving mother of Deacon John Moses. May her memory be eternal!
- For the peace, health, and salvation of all fathers. For the repose of the souls of all deceased fathers. May their memories be eternal!

**Please pray for:** Ron and Mary Talge, Marino De La Cruz, Nick Rahal, Daniel Conigliaro, George Abbiati, Jr, Sandy Flaherty, Tanios Karam, Anna Villani, Dee Porlidis, Marcelle Nohra, Joyce Whelan, Father Ed Kakaty, John and Gloria Jeffords, Betty and Alex Antipoff, Marie Antipoff, Irene McCarthy, Kathleen McCarthy, Sheila Burke, Billy Brown, Marcy Davis, Linda Abbiati, Maroun Jabbour, Mindy Hajj, Abroze Gharios, Lisa Brown.

This Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Joumana Hajj	Sunday: Volunteer	<i>Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including fuel and building fund!</i>
Next Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Joumana Hajj	Sunday: Volunteer	
June 11(Liturgy cancelled due to Father Dennis being at a wedding and not being able to obtain a priest to cover for him). June 12.	21 people attended	The collection for Sunday was \$960.00	

**NOTE:** Memorial donations, hall rental, funeral offerings, and baptism offerings are included in the regular collection totals.

**Notes, upcoming events:**

**Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial:** It will take place at the end of Liturgy on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19.

**Father's Day Remembrance:** See bulletin insert!

**Apostles Fast:** June 20- to July 1; (also known as the St. Peter and Paul Fast).

**Divine Liturgy:** Wednesday, June 29, Feast of the Holy and Illustrious Apostles Peter and Paul. Liturgy at 5:30 pm.

**Divine Liturgy:** Saturday, June 25, for the repose of the souls of Peter Hajj (20 year) and Samira Hajj, requested by Joumana and Gabriel Hajj. May their memories be eternal!

**Blessing of Vehicles (all types):** Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, after Liturgy. This is in honor of St. Elias (Elijah), whose Feast Day is July 20. We will have Liturgy to honor him at 5:30pm on Wednesday, July 20, and bless vehicles on this day also! St. Elias appeared with Moses and spoke to Jesus on the Mountain of the Transfiguration. He, also, was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot drawn by fiery horses. **Read in your Bible: 2 Kings, Chapter 2: verses 1 to 12!** We will serve barbequed hot dogs and hamburgers and soda, free of charge, after each Liturgy on July 23 and 24. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert, but it is not required. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church **by Sunday, July 9**, so we know how much food to purchase. Donations to cover the cost will be accepted, but not required. No food will be served after Liturgy on the actual Feast Day of July 20. Any profit will go to the Driveway/Parking lot Fund!

**Mahrajan:** Sunday, August 28, 11:30am-5:00pm.

**Ender's Island Liturgy and Picnic:** Bishop Nicholas will be attending both the Liturgy and the Picnic! **Date changed to September 8, from September 9!!** Because of rising prices, the cost for the picnic has gone up to \$15 per person, **maximum for a family of 4 or more is \$50.**

**Children age 6 or under are free.** This pays for the use of the chapel, picnic area, hot dogs, hamburgers, all condiments, lemonade, water, paper products, staff, and to reserve the inside dining room in case of bad weather. The dining room can hold only 60 people. The deadline to sign up was last Sunday, 32 people from the parish are currently coming. I will be giving the remaining seats to 3 other parishes. If you still want to go, please see Father Dennis **today** and I can take back some seats from other parishes.

**Covid:** Masks are still suggested, but are optional at this time.

**200 Club Fund Raiser for the Driveway/ Parking Lot Building Fund:** Pierre Hage and Gus Hage will be restarting and administering the 200 Club. Please see Pierre or Gus for the details. The cost of participating is \$50. Each first Sunday of the month, after Liturgy, a drawing will take place. First prize: \$50, Second prize: \$25, Third prize: \$10, Fourth prize: \$10, Fifth prize: \$10. We need 26 people to basically break even! **If you wish to participate, please sign the sheet on the table in the back of the church and donate your \$50 by June 26 (we have extended the deadline to sign up from June 12 to June 26). We have 13 people signed up, we need at least 13 more.** It's a fun event, with the drawing taking place at Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of the month!

**Sanctuary Lamp (June):** For Gloria Massad by her friends, Gloria and John Jeffords. May her memory be eternal!

### **June 18 and June 19 Father's Day Remembrance List**

Today we honor all fathers. Relatives and friends, of the below listed men, have requested that they be specifically honored during the Divine Liturgies on June 18 and 19 during the Great Procession of the Holy Gifts and at the Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial, at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, June 19. **Note: "D" means deceased.**

1. For the peace, health and salvation of the Hajj and Jabbour fathers, requested by Gabriel and Joumana Hajj
2. Joseph Francis(D) and Joseph Moukawsher(D), requested by Joanne and Patrick Moukawsher
3. Jabran Najim(D), requested by Edmond Najim
4. David Massad (D) and George Abbiati, Sr. (D), requested by Gerard and Laura Massad

5. Wilford LaCourse (D), requested by Rose and David LaFleur
6. Father Simon Hage(D), Elias Hage(D), Salim Slim(D), requested by Faouzi and Katia Hage
7. Youssef Slim(D) requested by Takla Hage
8. Halim Hage (D) and Malek Malek (D), requested by Jack and Alia Hage
9. Georges Matar(D), requested by Dina Matar
10. Thomas McCarthy(D) and James Brown(D), requested by Father Dennis and Lisa
11. Elias Doro (D), Edward Doro (D) and Nicolas Hage (D), requested by Albert and Jamal Doro.
12. Elias Gharios(D), Elias Doro(D), Antoine Gharios, and all the fathers of the Gharios and Doro families, requested by Abroze Gharios

### **Father's Day History**

#### **Why we celebrate Father's Day:**

Father's Day celebrates and honors the men who have embraced the central and essential role of fatherhood. On this day, we thank fathers for the sacrifices they make, for their responsibility in nurturing and raising children, being an example of devotion to God, devotion to their wives, and for being upstanding members of their community.

#### **Who started Father's Day?**

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U. S. history. The honoring of these men happened because of the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton, the daughter of a dedicated reverend. While missing her own dad, who had died in 1896, Mrs. Clayton wanted to honor the many fathers who had died in the mining explosion, which killed more than 360 men and boys, and left about 1,000 children fatherless. Although the Fairmont service was the first known to honor fathers, it did not turn into an annual event, nor was the idea promoted.

#### **Father's Day gains Momentum:**

Several other people across the nation had similar ideas throughout the years, but Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd is credited for being the one to popularize it, starting events that led to Father's Day becoming a U. S. national holiday.

Her story began as she sat listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Mrs. Dodd thought that it might be nice to honor fathers as well. Her father, William Smart, had raised his six children alone on his farm in Washington state, after his wife died giving birth.

Mrs. Dodd proposed to the Spokane, Washington Ministerial Association and the YMCA that they celebrate a “Father’s Day” on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June because it was her father’s birthday. The idea received strong support, but the good ministers of Spokane asked that the day be changed to give them extra time to prepare sermons . So the first Father’s day in Spokane, Washington, was observed on June 19, 1910 (the third Sunday in June), and became an annual event there. Soon, other town had their own celebrations.

### **From Local Celebration to National Holiday:**

In spite of widespread support, Father’s Day did not become a permanent holiday for many years. The first bill was introduced into Congress in 1913, but in spite of encouragement from President Woodrow Wilson, it did not pass. In 1966, Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation designating the third Sunday in June to honor fathers.

Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a law, declaring that Father’s Day be celebrated annually on the third Sunday in June. It has been an official, permanent, national holiday ever since. In contrast, a push for Mother’s Day began in 1907. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother’s day to be observed on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday honoring mothers.

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