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GET READY For The St. George Centennial!

1918

September 1 marks the beginning of a new ecclesiastical year. As we move into this year, we are approaching a milestone in our St. George parish history – our 100th anniversary!

The founders of our St. George community had begun migrating to Wichita and surrounding areas in the late 19th century and are known to have been here by 1895. In 1904, Fr. Nicola Yanni was ordained and commissioned to serve Antiochian Orthodox Christians all over the Midwest, Great Plains, Southwest, and Rocky Mountain areas. One of the communities he ministered to was a gathering of about 20 Orthodox in Wichita, Kansas.

By 1918, the community had acquired sufficient resources to purchase its first church property, at 218 S. Handley St. Thus April 5, 1918 represents the official founding of St. George parish. The building, a former Episcopal church, was purchased on behalf of the community by Trustees Jabour Ablah, Shaker Cohlma, and Nemtallah Farha. It was heated by a potbelly stove, contained no restroom, and the air con-



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ditioning system consisted of open windows. Nevertheless, it represented a giant leap forward for the community – made up originally of the Ablah, Bayouth, Cohlma, David, Farha, Jabara, Razook, Swyden, and Wolf families and their relatives.

Today, 100 years later, St. George Cathedral stands proudly on 13th as one of the most impressive architectural monuments in the city. On a given Sunday, the temple houses over 300 worshippers from a diverse array of family and

ethnic backgrounds. The growth has been impressive, the transformation has been total, and at the same time, the stability of our parish has been remarkable!

We are thus preparing to celebrate and commemorate our 100 year history throughout the coming year. Yet achieving this milestone is not just an occasion to contemplate our past; it is an opportunity to propel us into the future – to prepare for the next 100 years!

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MEMORY ETERNAL

Henry "Hank" Farha, 7/14

Stewardship ALERT!

Giving has been consistently down in 2017 compared to previous years

Take note of the July 31 year-to-date comparison below:



2015	2016	2017
Income		
\$441,862	\$400,449	\$360,897
Expenses		
\$402,434	\$400,925	\$446,078
Over/Under		
\$39,428	\$(476)	\$(85,181)

Please attend to your support of St. George Cathedral

Women's Faith & Growth

Join us Thursday, September 21, 7:15p
in the Youth Center

for an evening of fellowship & faith.
We are beginning with the book,

"Nearly Orthodox",
by Angela Doll Carlson

See Kh. Meredith if you'd like to order the book through Eighth Day Books.

SEPTEMBER FASTING

During this period, the normal fasting traditions are observed: abstain from meat, poultry and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays. Note: Thursday, September 14th is a fast day for the Elevation of the Holy Cross.

MABROOK! BLESSINGS!

BAPTISM

Sebastian Enslow, 8/5
Jonas Street, 7/8

BIRTH

George Sam Jamal Farha, 7/29
Benae Michael Phillips, 7/12

CHRISMATION

Thomas Leming, 5/23

MARRIAGE

C.J. Henrichsen and Ashley Cohlma, 8/19
Jonas Street and Kelsea Brittain, 7/22
Cooper Rowe and Ann Farha, 7/1

MANY YEARS!

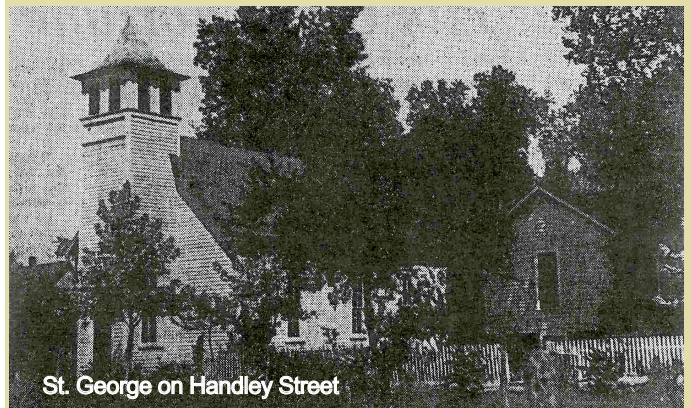


Centennial ...CONTINUED

To that end, please take note of the following:

- The Centennial weekend with Metropolitan Joseph will be held May 4-6, with the grand celebration taking place Sunday evening, May 6.
- Preparation for the commemorative journal and parish directory is underway.
- Outreach to friends and former members
- A capital campaign will be undertaken, developing funding for:
 - The next phase of iconography
 - Remodeling of the Fellowship Hall, bathrooms, and hallway
 - Purchase of new kitchen equipment and facility furniture
 - Exterior facility maintenance and repair
 - Replacement of HVAC units
 - Painting and refreshing of the entire facility

This process is already getting underway. We look forward to your generous support as we celebrate our heritage and prepare for our future!



St. George on Handley Street

2017 TEEN SOYO OFFICERS

CALEB DOOM	PRESIDENT
JOEY MAKBOUD	VICE-PRESIDENT
ELLOA ZAKHARIA	SECRETARY
HANNAH DOOM	HISTORIAN
LANIE HENROY	HISTORIAN
ROHYO OWEN	HISTORIAN



The Book of ACTS this years theme

TEENS JOIN US every Wednesday night in the Youth Center after Vespers 7:15p.

Hard questions
Real answers
Life-changing experiences

November 10-11
Weekend Retreat
for High Schoolers

Let's Talk About the Hard Stuff

Nov 10-11
Wichita, KS



- < Awesome Activities >
- < Great Conversation >
- < Fun to be had by all >

You do not want to miss this!

RSVP today to Grace Saad
grace@stgeorgecathedral.net or
(316) 619-8531

St George Cathedral Church School 2017-2018

Fall semester theme:

"THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLE'S DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS"

ACTS 2:42



PreK-K
Monaica Ledell
Kayla Mason
Macrina Castrisos
Naomi Polk

1st/2nd
Kelly Reinert
Christina Ashton

3rd/4th
Libbe Coons
Vickie Coons

5th/6th
Candace Leming
Rebecca Likiardopoulos

Teen Class
Misha Warren
Nick Oldziej

Registration

**SUNDAY,
September 10th**

Classes Begin

**SUNDAY,
September 17th**

CONTINUING CATECHESIS

Discerning the Spirits

A Series on Orthodoxy and Contemporary Spiritualities

September 20:
Essentials of Orthodox Spirituality
— Fr. Joshua

September 27:
Yoga, Meditation and the Jesus Prayer
— Fr. Paul

October 4:
Prosperity, Preachers and the Gospel of Jesus
— Mark Mosley

October 11:
Mindfulness or Watchfulness?
Differences and Similarities
— Scott Spradlin

October 18:
Christian Faith and the New Paganism
— Athanasios Sherry

All presentations will take place on
Wednesday evenings
following Vespers at 7:15p



PLEASE JOIN US IN A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. FOR

HERITAGE Sunday

SEPTEMBER 17



THE ST. GEORGE CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT HERITAGE SOCIETY

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE CATHEDRAL ENDOWMENT.
WON'T YOU DO THE SAME?

MEMBERS:

His Grace Rt. Rev. Bishop BASIL
V. Rev. Paul & Kh. Jeannie O'Callaghan
Rev. Dn. David & Jennifer Sebitts
Mr. Mark Ayesch
Mrs. Sherri Ayesch
Mr. Lindy Bayouth
Mrs. Judie Castrisos
Mrs. Nancy Cohlma
Mr. Bruce Colver
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Mrs. Leilah Farha
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Mr. Tom Jacob

Dr. Sam & Mrs. Jacqueline Kouri
Dr. Glenn & Mrs. Nancy Kubina
Mrs. Alice Laham
Mr. Doug & Mrs. Gayle Malone
Dr. Kent & Mrs. Sandy Murray
Mr. Constantine & Mrs. Magdalen Vloutely
Anonymous

DEPARTED MEMBERS:

Mr. Lindy Andeel
Mr. Tony & Mrs. Grace Barkett
Ms. Sally Bayouth
Mr. Tom & Mrs. Shirley Castrisos
Dr. George Farha
Mr. Ralph & Mrs. Nina Farha
Mrs. Vickie Farha
Mr. Zack Farha
Prof. Fran Jabara
Mr. Philip Laham
Mrs. Sherry Morrow
Mr. Ralph Razoock
Ms. Mary Shadid
Mr. Paul Wulf & Dr. Taissia Reinhadt-Wulf

If you have made a commitment to the Cathedral in your estate planning and your name does not appear above, or to learn more about making a such a commitment, please contact Fr. Paul, or Deacon David, Chair of the St. George Cathedral Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees.

"It's as easy as adding one line to your will"

By gifting a percentage of your estate or a fixed amount to the Cathedral Endowment, you will provide for the future needs of our community.

The Heritage Society: *Gifting Future Generations with the Heritage of Faith*



Welcome! Ahlan wa Sahlan!

We welcome Philippe and Nataly Nabbout and children Saleem and Emma to our St. George Cathedral community! Philippe is cousin to Nassim, Bassem, and Sami Nabbout, and Nataly is the sister of Reina Nabbout.

Farewell Friends

Allah ma' akum - God be with you!



Don and Allison Lemons have relocated full-time to Santa Fe, NM where their son Nathan lives and where they have spent summers for many years. Don is a retired Professor of Physics at Bethel College, and recently published the very well-received *Drawing Physics*. Don and Allison were long-term members of the Cathedral Choir and are greatly missed!



Maria (Masha) Begacheva was also a member of the Cathedral Choir and was with us for five years as she pursued her Bachelor's Degree in Music at Wichita State. An accomplished cellist, Masha has been accepted as a graduate teaching assistant in the Master's Degree program at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.



WARREN FARHA

receives
St. John of Damascus Award
by Erin Doom



The inaugural St. John of Damascus Award was given to Warren Farha on the evening of August 26. The award was created as a fundraiser to honor a person whose life and work exemplifies Eighth Day Institute's mission to renew culture through faith and learning.

Nearly 300 people gathered to honor Warren. His favorite food – potato chips and potato wedges – were served during the cocktail hour while music from the bookstore played to a slideshow full of great memories. After a brief introduction and a toast from Director Doom, the award was presented: an icon of St John of Damascus, a plaque with a passage from St. John of Damascus's famous work *The Fountain of Knowledge*, tickets to Tommy Emmanuel, and dinner at Redrock Canyon Grill. Following the award, Warren offered a wonderful reflection on cultural renewal. And then the toasts and roasts began. In addition to live toasts by

family, friends, and former employees, written submissions were read from our own Bishop Basil (did you know he blessed the bookstore and was the first customer?) and Fr. Chad Hatfield, and from well-known authors such as Dale Allison, Peter Leithart, and Hans Boersma. Plus, video submissions were aired from Greg Wolfe, Scott Cairns, and Frederica Mathewes-Green (you can see her delightful submission at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f78BEdXS8tM>).

If you missed the event, tax-deductible donations can still be made in honor of Warren and the wonderful bookstore he has created: online at eighthdayinstitute.org or by mail to Eighth Day Institute, 2836 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67214.

Cheers to Warren Farha, Founder of Eighth Day Books and Peddler of Books and Culture!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BY TRACI SPENCER

wē'd love to have you join us!

"for I was hungry and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me" — Matthew 25: 35-36

COMPLETED PROJECTS

The Community Support Committee was very busy this summer.

IN JUNE WE SERVED

McAdams Academy On Saturday, June 3rd, St. George volunteers helped move McAdams Academy. We helped move large furniture, bookcases, computers, books, appliances, etc. Chuck Knowles was extremely grateful for our help. He gave us a tour of their new facility and explained the work that he does with "at risk" youth in our community.

Kansas Masonic Home On Tuesday, June 20th, St. George volunteers helped paint the nails of residents, organized their Library, the children that volunteered help plant tomatoes in their garden, conducted BINGO, and helped the residents with crafts.

IN JULY WE SERVED

Christmas in July On Saturday, July 15th, St. George volunteers delivered food and books to twenty-five Treehouse families.

IASIS Christian Center On Sunday, July 16th, St. George volunteers assembled twenty-five snack bags for their teens going to Young Life church camp. In addition, we approved \$950 to help them with the constructing of their Community Center.

Lord's Diner On Sunday, July 16th, St. George volunteers helped serve meals to the homeless in our community at the Broadway location.

IN AUGUST WE SERVED

Young At Heart On August 8th, from 11:30-1:00 St. George, St. Mary, and St. Michael's parishioners enjoyed a catered meal by Ilham Saad, had fellowship, and played BINGO.

International Rescue Committee We gave \$1,000 and purchased sturdy backpacks with essential items, such as a planner, insulated lunch bag, thermos, watch, etc. for the refugee men to use as work bags when they travel to work for the week.

VA Hospital - Homeless Veterans Community Support purchased snacks for their annual homeless summit on Friday, August 25th. The snacks included cheese, fruit, vegetables, granola bars, and pastries. In addition, we will give additional money to aid in transitioning homeless veterans into independent living.

**Next Meeting Tuesday,
September 5th
12:00 Noon in the Conference Room.
We would love to have you join us!!**



WHAT'S COMING UP ???

The Lord's Diner

On Sunday, September 17th, St. George volunteers will be serving the homeless in our community. Please contact Pat Millburn at 265-1380 if you can help serve.

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**Teens fill 35 backpacks of school supplies for students at Coleman Middle School.
Thank you to our Community Support Group for funding this project.**

the treehouse 2017
LABOR RUN
Running for moms
so babies can bloom!

**LABOR DAY
MONDAY
SEPT. 4 • 2017**

**SEDGWICK
COUNTY PARK**



St. George Orthodox Christian Cathedral

The *84th* Annual Lebanese Dinner & Food Sale 2017

Saturday, October 14th, 4-8 p.m.
Sunday, October 15th, 12-7 p.m.

- Dine-In or Drive Thru
- Cathedral Tours throughout the day
- Country Kitchen with Ethnic Specialties & Homemade Goodies

Adults - \$18 • Children - \$9
(age 10 & under)



Tickets & Information • 316-636-4676

7515 East 13th St • www.stgeorgecathedral.net

St. George Cathedral 84th Annual Lebanese Dinner

PRE-ORDER FORM

Orders must be placed no later than

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

(Limited quantities are available)

Make orders by mail, phone, fax or e-mail to:

St. George Cathedral • 7515 E. 13th Street • Wichita, KS 67206

Phone: 636-4676 • Fax: 636-5628 • E-mail: gina@stgeorgecathedral.net

Pick up orders at the Cathedral on:

Saturday, October 7th

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 8th

12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

(Orders NOT PICKED UP will be cancelled and money REFUNDED)

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	AMOUNT
Kibba Pan (12 pcs.) (Limited amount available)	\$18.00	_____	_____
Cabbage Roll Pan (Limited amount available)	\$18.00	_____	_____
Baklava Pan (20 pcs.)	\$18.00	_____	_____
Meat Pies (pkg. of 8)	\$8.00	_____	_____

(note the change in prices)

TOTAL _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

E-mail: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Name of person filling order: _____ Date order picked up ___/___/___

Cash Check # _____ Amount _____

COUNTRY KITCHEN



Let's whip up some made-from-scratch goodies. Homemade labels and express check-in forms are available in the Cathedral office or at coffee hour. Questions? Please contact Val Learned (371-4866), Janet Cohlma (305-8447) or Robin Moore (648-3920).



DONATION DROPOFF SCHEDULE:

Friday, Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 12:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Please take all items to the Cathedral.



Express Check-In Form

Each year the community looks forward to the items found in the Country Kitchen. Your baked goods, ethnic specialties, jellies, canned items, candies, are a very important and wonderful addition to the annual dinner. Thank you for your hard work!

Drop your goodies off on **Friday, October 13th from 1:00 to 4:00p.m.** or on **Saturday October 14th from 12:00 to 2:00p.** Please label your goodies prior to bringing them to the church. Labels are available in the Cathedral office and in the coffee hour. Non-perishables may be dropped off in the church office during the week prior to the dinner.

Don't have time to wrap your goodies? The Country Kitchen chairwomen will do it for you.

HOMEMADE FROM THE KITCHEN OF: _____

ITEMS	SIZE OF PACKAGE	QUANTITY	PRICE	NOTES	PERMISSION TO REPACKAGE?
EXAMPLE: CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES	1 DOZEN	6	\$6.50	WITH NUTS	YES