

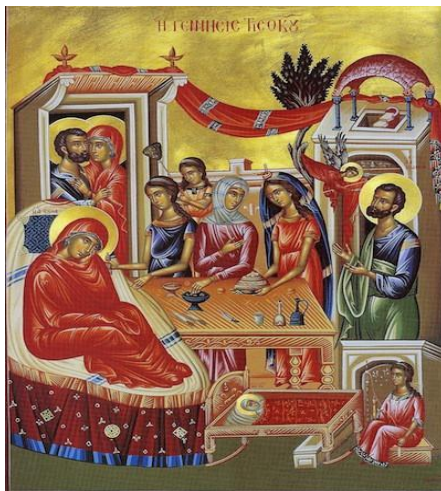


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AUGUST 31, 2025

**PLACING OF THE SASH OF THE THEOTOKOS IN HALKOPRATEIA
& TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**GENNADIUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN,
BISHOP OF CARTHAGE**

**الأحد الثاني عشر من القديس متى الانجيلي البشير
وتذكّار وضع ثوب والدّة الإله**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة بالحن الثالث

لِتَفْرَحِ السَّمَاوِيَّاتُ وَتَبْتَهِجِ الْأَرْضِيَّاتُ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَوَطَّئَ الْمَوْتَ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَصَارَ بِكُرِّ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَأُنْقَذْنَا مِنْ جَوْفِ الْجَحِيمِ، وَمَنَحَ الْعَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOTOKOS' SASH IN TONE EIGHT

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by thy seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in thee nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and Great Mercy to our souls.

أبوليتيكيون وضع ثوب والدة الإله بالحن الثامن

يَا وَالِدَةَ الْإِلَهِ الدَّائِمَةَ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ وَسِتْرَ الْبَشَرِ، لَقَدْ وَهَبْتَ لِمَدِينَتِكَ ثُوبَكَ وَزُنَارَ جَسَدِكَ الطَّاهِرِ وَشَاحاً حَرِيزاً، اللَّذِينَ بِمَوْلِكَ الَّذِي بَغِيرَ زَرْعٍ، اسْتَمَرَّ بِغَيْرِ فَسَادٍ، لِأَنَّهُ بِكَ تَتَجَدَّدُ الطَّبِيعَةُ وَالزَّمَانُ. فَلِذَلِكَ نَبْتَهِلُ إِلَيْكَ أَنْ تَمْنَحِي السَّلَامَةَ لِمَدِينَتِكَ، وَلِنَفُوسِنَا الرَّحْمَةَ الْعُظْمَى.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

أبوليتيكيون تجلّى ربنا يسوع المسيح بالحن السابع

لَمَّا تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهِ فِي الْجَبَلِ، أَظْهَرْتَ مَجْدَكَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ حَسَبَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا، فَأَشْرَقَ لَنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةَ نَوْرَكَ الْأَزَلِّيَّ، بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مَانِحَ النُّورِ، الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

KONTAKION FOR PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' SASH IN

tone two

Thy precious sash, O Theotokos, which encompassed thy God-receiving womb, is an invincible force for thy flock, and an unfailing treasury of every good, O only Ever-virgin Mother.

قِنْدَاقُ وَضْعِ زُنَّارِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ بِاللَّحْنِ الثَّانِي

إِنَّ زُنَّارَكَ الْمُكَرَّمُ الَّذِي أَحَاطَ بِبَطْنِكَ الْقَابِلِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا أُمَّ اللَّهِ الدَّائِمَةِ الْبَتُولِيَّةِ وَحَدَّهَا، هُوَ عِزٌّ لِمَدِينَتِكَ وَكَنْزٌ خَيْرَاتٍ لَا يُسْلَبُ.

THE EPISTLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

الرسالة

تُعَظِّمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخَلِّصِي،
لَأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضُعِ أَمَّتِهِ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ. (7-9:1)

القَارِئُ: يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ الْأَوَّلَ كَانَتْ لَهُ أَيْضاً فَرَائِضُ الْعِبَادَةِ وَالْقُدُّوسُ الْعَالَمِيُّ. لِأَنَّهُ نُصِبَ الْمَسْكُنُ الْأَوَّلُ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ الْقُدُّوسُ، وَكَانَتْ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ وَالْمَائِدَةُ وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ. وَكَانَ وَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي،

المَسْكَنُ الَّذِي يُقَالُ لَهُ قُدْسُ الْأَقْدَاسِ. وَفِيهِ مُسْتَوَقَّدُ الْبَخُورِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَتَابُوتُ الْعَهْدِ الْمُغَشَّى بِالذَّهَبِ مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ، فِيهِ قِسْطُ الْمَنِّ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحَتْ وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ. وَمِنْ فَوْقِهِ كَارُوبَا الْمَجْدِ الْمُظَلِّلَانِ الْغِطَاءَ. وَلَيْسَ هُنَا مَقَامُ الْكَلَامِ فِي ذَلِكَ تَفْصِيلاً. وَحَيْثُ كَانَ ذَلِكَ مُهَيَّأً هَكَذَا، فَالْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكَنِ الْأَوَّلِ كُلِّ حِينٍ فَيَتِمُّونَ الْخِدْمَةَ. وَأَمَّا الثَّانِي، فَإِنَّمَا يَدْخُلُهُ رُبُّيُوسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً فِي السَّنَةِ، لَيْسَ بِلَا دَمٍ يُقَرَّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (26-19:16)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ شَابٌّ وَجَثَا لَهُ قَائِلًا: أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، مَاذَا أَعْمَلُ مِنَ الصَّلَاحِ لَتَكُونَ لِي الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحًا؟ وَمَا صَالِحٌ إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ كُنْتَ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَدْخُلَ الْحَيَاةَ، فَاحْفَظِ الْوَصَايَا. فَقَالَ لَهُ: أَيُّهُ وَصَايَا؟ قَالَ يَسُوعُ: لَا تَقْتُلْ، لَا تَزْنِ، لَا تَسْرِقْ، لَا تَشْهَدْ بِالزُّورِ. أَكْرَمُ أَبَاكَ وَأُمِّكَ، أَحْبَبْ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ. قَالَ لَهُ الشَّابُّ: كُلُّ هَذَا قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُ مِنْذُ

صِبَايَ، فَمَاذَا يَنْقُصُنِي بَعْدُ؟ قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: إِنْ كُنْتَ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تَكُونَ كَامِلاً، فَادْهَبْ وَبِعْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَكَ وَأَعْطِهِ لِلْمَسَاكِينِ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ. وَتَعَالَ أَنْتَبِعَنِي. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الشَّابُّ هَذَا الْكَلَامَ، مَضَى حَزِيناً لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ كَثِيرٍ. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ يَعْسُرُ عَلَى الْعَنِيِّ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَيْضاً أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنْ مُرِرَ الْجَمَلُ مِنْ تَحْتِ الْإِبْرَةِ لِأَسْهَلٍ مِنْ دُخُولِ عَنِيٍّ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ تَلَامِيذُهُ بُهِتُوا جِداً وَقَالُوا "مَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ إِذَنْ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟" فَتَنَزَّرَ يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِمْ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: أَمَّا عِنْدَ النَّاسِ فَلَا يُسْتَطَاعُ هَذَا، وَأَمَّا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ فَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُسْتَطَاعٌ.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

OFFERED BY: Fr. Samer, the Clergy and the parishioners for the good of the parish council members, the building committee and the Ladies Auxiliary and their families. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Fr. Samer, the Clergy and the parishioners for the good health of all the families in Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and Ukraine and all the countries has the unrest in the world. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Widad Saah for the good health of her daughters; Daleen, Shadin and her husband Marwan Freij, and her grandchildren Ziyad, Mazen and Nizar. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: George and Jeanette Omran for the good health of Desiree and Hind Omran, Mai Araj and Fr. Samer Youssef. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Ibtisam Kreitem for the good health of her daughter Laila on the occasion of her birthday (August 30), and the good health of her children, Pierre, Samer and his wife Sara and her granddaughter Yasmin. For the good health of the Kreitem and Halteh families. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Daad Amireh on the occasion of her birthday (August 30) and the good health of her granddaughter Arbella on the occasion of her birthday (August 31) and her daughter Nataly's birthday (Sep 8). For the good health of the Amireh and Hina families. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: George and Didi Kreitem for the good health of Didi's mother Margarete Sakhel on the occasion of her birthday (August 31). For the good health of their daughters; Jenny, Joanna, Sandra and their family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Widad Saah, her daughters and their families in memory of beloved husband, father and grandfather Ibrahim Saah (2 Year Memorial). Memory Eternal!

COFFEE HOUR

Offered By: Widad Saah

(To host the Coffee Hour, please contact Wardeh Asfour @408-718-3339)

office@orthodoxredeemer.org

Online Link: www.orthodoxredeemer.org/sponsor-coffee-hour

Services Schedule Every Week

Matins @ 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Vespers: Every Saturday @ 5:00 PM

(Please check your email in case of any cancellations for Vespers)

Blessing of the children of the Sunday school, and the teachers will take place before the procession of the Cross on September 14. Please make sure your children will participate and be there to go on the procession with the elevated Cross at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Registration for the Sunday school during coffee hour starts this Sunday. Please see the teachers to register your children.

Samuel Hage, Hussam Ibrahim, Dimitry Youssef, Heather Simonovich, Randa Hanani and Jocelyn Mikhael.
Caitlin Timothy and Alia Nystrom as back-up/support

PARISH COUNCIL 2025

The Parish Council members' of 2025. Chair President; Bassam Khoury, Vice-Chair; Linda Salah, Treasurer; Dania Amireh Baker, Secretary; Maria Segal, Jad Bateh, Sana Eideh, Johnny Khamis, Didi Kreitem, Maher Fasheh and Rowida Barghouth. Sheila Veizades will represent the Antiochian Women Committee and Salem Aweiss will represent the Men Fellowship Committee.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN 2025

The Antiochian Women Committee Leaders of 2025. Wardeh Asfour, Rowida Barghouth, Rima Gannage, Diana Khoury, Sheila Veizades and Hala Aboujudom (Sunshine).

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults (college age and up to 39-1/2) meet on the first Sunday of the month and organize social, educational, and volunteer activities. For more information, please contact Fr. Theodor Sakellar @ 408-455-8145

SOYO (YOUTH GROUP 12-18 YEARS)

Our SOYO (Youth Group) is active through the leadership of the Advisors: Dominic Youssef and Caesar Haddad. The officers are: President; Isabella Zarzar, Vice-President; Riad Akery, Secretary; Adriana Ajlouni, Treasurer; Breanna Zarzar, Social Media Coordinator; Eliana Halteh.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Sunday School Registration is now open. Please register your children ASAP. Registration forms are available at the church hall or on church

Website: <http://www.orthodoxredeemer.org/schoolregistration>

School Schedule:

Sunday school starts 9/14/25 and ends 5/17/26. Sunday school graduation Ceremony will be on 5/17/26. Sunday school classes begin after communion and ends at 12:30pm.



DABKEH PRACTICE

This is a reminder that our **final Dabkeh practice** will be held **this Sunday, August 31st**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Please ensure that all performers are present and on time.

Additionally, our **mandatory dress rehearsal** will take place on **Friday, September 5th at 6:00 PM**. Attendance is required for all performers.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication. We look forward to a wonderful performance!

Please contact Mona Awad at monaawad432@gmail.com for any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

Please save the date

FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS: *A Volunteers signup sheet is available at the coffee hour. Please login your hours to help*

- ***Monday, September 1:*** *Church cleanup and setup workshop at 10:00am. Get all the kitchen pots and pans clean and ready to use at the festival. Make sure all grills and fryers are clean and working. Clean the trees and all the ground area and much more. Please come and help as much as you can*
- ***Wednesday, September 3:*** *Spinach workshop at 10:00am*
- ***Thursday, September 4:*** *Food Preparations at 10:00am*
- ***Friday, September 5:*** *Food Preparations at 10:00am, All Day Setup (Tents, Booths, Tables, Chairs, Displays, Stage and more. Need a lot of help. Please plan to come and help as much as you can*
- ***Saturday, September 6:*** *Food Festival day 1:00 – 9:00pm. Need help early morning and volunteers at all booths all day*
- ***Sunday, September 7:*** *Food Festival day 1:00 – 8:00pm. Need help early morning and volunteers at all booths all day*

Join Us for our Annual Food Festival!

September 6 & 7, 2025

Donations toward the food festival are now accepted. To donate or volunteer, please contact: Church Office at office@orthodoxredeemer.org, Feastiva Chair Jad Bateh @ (408)472-1467, Co-Chair Linda Salah @ (408)234-2952 or Donation Coordinator Wardeh Asfour @ (408)718-3339
Any Cash Donations Accepted, or Please Choose Items from List.
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

		Food Festival Wish List 2025
Qty		Items
KITCHEN		
3	Sleeves	Paper Plates Regular 8.5" - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates Small 300 ct. - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates (Bowl for Tabouleh) - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates Large 10.5 - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Plates for French Fries - DONATED
6	Boxes	Plastic Gloves Med. - DONATED
6	Boxes	Plastic Gloves X Large - DONATED
1	Box	Plastic Gloves Small - DONATED
2	Boxes	Napkins Small for Sweets - DONATED
2	Boxes	Napkins Large for Dinner
2	Roll	Aluminum Foil Large
4	Roll	Aluminum Foil small & medium - DONATED
1	Roll	Parchment paper - DONATED
1	Roll	Saran Wrap - DONATED
20	Trays	Large Foil Trays - DONATED
2	Bundle	Small Foil Trays - DONATED
2	Boxes	Containers to go Large - DONATED
1	Boxes	Containers to go Small - DONATED
4	Boxes	Forks – 2 Cases DONATED
2	Boxes	1 Spoon & 1 Knife - DONATED

2	Boxes	Paper Towels
1	Box	Coffee cups 8 oz. – 400 CT. DONATED
3	Ct	Clear cover for sweets - DONATED
2	Sleeves	Clear cups for wine - DONATED
2	Sleeves	2 Oz Cups for Tahini
3	Boxes	Garbage Bags Large
1	Each	Sponges, 2 Ajax, 2 Dish Soap, Windex, 1Pinesol
1	Each	1 Large Hand Soap, 6 Clorox
4	Boxes	Ziploc Bags, Small, <u>Medium, Large</u> - DONATED
2	Boxes	Skewers for BBQ
3	Bundles	White Cloth Towels - DONATED
1	Case	Bathroom Seat Cover - DONATED
2	Boxes	Bathroom Tissue - DONATED
2	Box	C-Folding Towel Papers
2	Box	Hair Net - DONATED
1	Box	Plastic bags - DONATED
2	Boxes	Warmers 72 counts - DONATED

DRINKS		
4	Cases	Coke 24ct - DONATED
4	Cases	Diet Coke - DONATED
4	Cases	Coke Zero - DONATED
2	Cases	Diet 7-Up or Diet Sprite - DONATED
3	Cases	Sprite - DONATED
60	Cases	Water – 40 CASES DONATED
BEER & WINE		
2	Cases	Heineken
4	Cases	Stella
5	Cases	Corona
1	Cases	White wine and red wine

VEGETABLES		
5	Boxes	Tomatoes
3	Boxes	Head Lettuce
1	Bags	Yellow Onions 50 #
1	Bags	Red Onions
3	Boxes	Cucumbers
1	Box	Bell Pepper
10	Ct	Green Onion
5	Box	Mint
4	Boxes	Parsley

MEAT		
40	#	Ground Beef for Kabob & grape leaves - DONATED
3	cases	Hamburgers or 100 count - - DONATED
1	Case	Cheese
200	Count	Kubbeh - DONATED
200	Count	Spinach - DONATED
30	jars	Grape Leaves - DONATED

SUPPLIES		
10	Bottles	Lemon Juice - DONATED
2	Cans	American Coffee - DONATED
2	Bags	Basmati Rice - DONATED
5	LB	Cracked wheat for Tabouleh
1	Bag	Calrose rice 60# for Grape Leaves - Done
5	Gallons	Olive Oil (3Qt)
1	Jar	Garlic
1	Lg. Bucket	Tahini
2	Large	Coffee Creamer - DONATED
1	Large	Tea Bags, Hot Chocolate - DONATED
4	Containers	Cooking Oil- 3Vegtables, 2 Canola - DONATED
3	Mazola oil	For cooking Rice & Kubbeh - DONATED

2	Cans	Pam Spray - DONATED
1	Bag	Sugar #25
3	Trays	Pita Bread 24Ct. - DONATED
300	ct	Lavash for Sharwerma - DONATED
1	jar	Maggie for rice - DONATED
1	Bag	Stirrer for Coffee
8	Cans	Hummus (Large) – 4 CANS DONATED
4	Bottles	Ketchup
2	Bottles	Mustard - DONATED
2	Jars	Hot Sauce-Large
2	Cans	Baking Powder - DONATED
2	Buckets	Falafel Mix - DONATED
10	Bags of 8	Hamburger Buns
3	Boxes	30# Frozen French Fries
5	Count	Salt - DONATED
8	Bottles	Wine Vinegar
SWEETS		
2	Trays	Baklava - DONATED
10	Trays	Knafeh - DONATED
100	Count	Katayef - DONATED
OTHER ITEMS		
10	Count	Yellow Jacket Trap
100	Count	Table cloth
3	lighter	for stove - DONATED

Message from Fr. Samer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fr. Samer is continuing to recover from his recent foot surgery. We are deeply grateful for all your prayers and support during this time. A special word of thanks to Fr. Theodore for serving the Divine Liturgy today. Please continue to keep Fr. Samer in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Fr. Samer would also like to encourage all of us to come together in preparing for our Mediterranean Food Festival on the weekend of September 6–7. This year, more than ever, your participation and volunteer efforts are essential for the success of the festival. Through our hospitality, we will welcome and share the joy of our parish with the whole Bay Area.

We kindly ask everyone to look at the volunteer times and opportunities available and join in the preparation and execution of this important event. With love, sacrifice, and teamwork, we will make this festival not only successful, but also a joyful witness of our faith and community at the Church of the Redeemer.

Thank you again and may God continue to bless our church family of the Redeemer.

Love in Christ,

Fr. Samer



Antiochian Orthodox Church of the Redeemer
PRESENTS



Our 42nd Annual

Mediterranean Food Festival

September 6th | 1pm - 9pm
September 7th | 12pm - 8pm

*Get ready for two unforgettable days of fun, delicious food,
family entertainment, music, culture, dancing, crafts,
church tours, kids' zone, and more!*

380 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos Hills, CA

*** FREE ADMISSION BEFORE 3PM ***

Don't miss the raffle! (Tickets - 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100)

1st = \$1,000 Cash | 2nd = \$500 Cash | 3rd = 75" HD TV | 4th = 49ers Tix (2)
(and more great prizes!)



PARKING AND SHUTTLE AVAILABLE AT
BRIDGES COMMUNITY CHURCH | 625 MAGDALENA AVE.

For the latest festival updates, go to facebook.com/orthodoxredeemer or call 650.941.1570



George Kreitem
Sound and DJ



Sam Azizeh
DJ



Alan George
Live Entertainment
Saturday only



Sami Ihsane
Live Entertainment
Sunday only

2025 PLEDGE MEMBERS

Thank you to all the members who submitted their pledges. 2025 pledges will roll into 2026. Please if you are able to increase your pledges to inform the office/ treasurer. **These names are not the final list, if you do not see your name please submit your pledge online.** For questions contact the treasure, Dania Amireh-Baker at treasurer@orthodoxredeemer.org. We are encouraging all parishioners to pledge online at www.orthodoxredeemer.org. Thank you for your love to Christ and His Church.

(If you want your name to be Anonymous, Please notify the office).

Members pledging	Members pledging	Members pledging
Aboujudom, David & Hala Aboujudom, Edmond Ajluni, Richard & Karen Akery, Philipbia Akra, Ibrahim & Nadia Amireh, Daad Amireh, Nahida Appleton, Lovette Asfour, Jeannette Asfour, Salim & Wardeh Ajlouni, Basem & Maha Awad, Marwan & Mona Aweiss, Salem & Samia Azar, Nicholas & Sonia Baker, Jonathan & Dania Bargouth, George & Rowida Barghash, Hadi & Suzan Bateh, Jad & Elaine Bateh, Nawal Bateh Dougherty, Anne Batmani, Nabil & Basma Batmani, Spir & Jehan Bechwati, Nicolas & Jihane Daya, Anis & May Dimes, Violette Dziuba, Robert Eideh, Hanna & Suad, Sana Elmasu, Osama & Hala Elsousou, Nicholas Fasheh, Diana Fasheh, Hiyam Fasheh, Maher & Dimah Gannage, Michel & Rima Godfrey, Richard & Nancy Goitom, Tsegie Green, David Habib, Yousif & Amal Haddad, Roula Haddad Bashour & Jane	Haddad, Francois & Maya Hadaya, William Hage, Samuel & Maya Hanani, Elias & Wardia Hanani, Fadi & Rana Hanani, Maher & Randa Hanhan, Sal & Laila Hanhan, Yvonne Hanna, David & Marta Hanna, Margaret Horn, Bobby & Mihaela Houcheime, Soulaïma, Mona Jaber, Nawal Jaber, Najla Jammal, Mary Jammal, Michel & Therese Jammal, Peter & Maria Joudy, Evon Jarrouche, Yacoub & Therese Kakunda, Bishara & Marlene Karanas, Catherine Kassis, Samer & Rana Kattuah, Suad Kawwas, Charlie & Carol Sara Kerba, Nabil Khamis, Johnny & Joulyana Khinno, Edmund & Maria Khoury, Bassam & Dima Khoury, Sami & Kamilia Knittel, Carl & Diana Kreitem, George & Adele Kreitem, Ibtisam Labban, George & Ghazal Laza, Marioara Liwi, Adrena Liwi, Doglas Lomeli, Scott & Vivian Louis, Joseph & Najah	Lutton, Chip & Jennifer Mawla, Nathera Michael, Rizik & Sylvia Mitri, George & Mona Mogannam, John & Norma Naser, Nuha Nunu, George Omran, George & Jeanette Saah, Abdallah & Hala Saah, Najwa Sakellar, Virginia Sakkab, Hilda Salah, Andrea Salah, John & Linda Salah, Mary Salah, Paul Salameh, Elias & Wissam Saoud, Suzan Sara, Msalam & Mimi Sayigh, Sonia Segal, Mitch & Maria Simonovich, Heather Sleiman, Nayla Srouji, Almaza Stroud, Joseph & Luisa Sousou, Nicola Skaff, George Tarazi, Mark Tarazi, Raja & Fadwa Theologides, Athanasios & Maria Timothy, Jake & Caitlin Tysver, Robert Vaisberg, Victor & Inessa Veizades, Tancho Veizades, Henry & Sheila Youssef, Dimitry Youssef, Fr. Samer and Julianna



Project Update: Moving Forward Together

We're happy to share that the County of Santa Clara Planning Department has officially approved our project after a thorough review process. With this important milestone behind us, we completed the architectural design and submitted it for plan check late last year.

The Building Department has since reviewed our plans and provided some feedback. We are currently making the required revisions and expect to resubmit them within the next couple of weeks. Once we receive final approval of our plans, we'll move forward with the permit application. Following permit approval, we'll begin soliciting construction bids from several contractors and prepare to make key decisions—including when to begin demolition and start building.

Our current timeline is very much dependent on having enough funds to allow us to build the initial structure (or "shell") and receiving approval from the bank for additional financing.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and major donors, our Fundraising Committee has raised an impressive \$3.5 million so far and continues working hard to reach the amount needed to begin construction. Our next goal is to reach \$5 million, which will allow us to begin construction of the shell—and we need your help to reach this important milestone. Once the shell is complete, we'll be able to lease the daycare (school) space, secure a mortgage, and complete the rest of the project. The lease payments are expected to cover the mortgage, helping ensure the long-term sustainability of our efforts.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and prayers as we move forward with this exciting new chapter for our parish!

Building committee:

V. Rev. Fr. Samer Youssef
Mitch Segal

Reyad Katwan
William Hadaya

John Mogannam
Bassam Khoury

Joe Louis