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GREAT-MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
THE MARTYRED BLIND MAN HEALED BY PANTELEIMON

الأحد السابع من القديس متى الانجيلي البشير
وتذكّار القديس بندلايمون

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة بالحن السادس

إِنَّ الْقَوَاتِ الْمَلَائِكِيَّةَ ظَهَرُوا عَلَى قَبْرِكَ الْمُوقَّرِ، وَالْحُرَّاسَ صَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ، وَمَرِّمَ وَقَفَتْ عِنْدَ الْقَبْرِ طَالِبَةً جَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ، فَسَبَّيْتَ الْجَحِيمَ وَلَمْ تُجَرَّبْ مِنْهَا، وَصَادَفْتَ الْبَتُولَ مَانِحاً الْحَيَاةَ. فَيَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَا رَبُّ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. PANTELEIMON IN TONE THREE

O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.

أبوليتيكيون للقديس بندلايْمون بالحن الثالث

أَيُّهَا الْقَدِيسُ اللَّابِسُ الْجِهَادِ، وَالطَّبِيبُ الشَّافِي بِنْدَلَايْمُونِ، تَشَفَّعْ إِلَى إِلَهِ الرَّحِيمِ، أَنْ يُنْعِمَ بِغُفْرَانِ الزَّلَّاتِ لِنَفْسِنَا.

TROPARION OF TRANSFIGURATION – TONE SEVEN

When Thou was Transfigured on the mountain top, O Christ our God. Thou didst reveal thy glory to thy disciples as they could bear it. Enlighten us poor sinners as well with thine everlasting light through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Giver of light, glory to Thee.

طروبارية التجلي على الحن السابع

لَمَا تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهِ فِي الْجَبَلِ، أَظْهَرْتَ مَجْدَكَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ بِحَسَبِ مَا اسْتَطَاعُوا. فَأَشْرَقَ لَنَا نَحْنُ الْخَطَاةُ نُورُكَ الْأَزَلِيِّ، بِشَفَاعَةِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِ، يَا مَانِحَ النُّورِ الْمَجْدُ لَكَ.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was

voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

قنداق عيد التجلي بالحن السابع

تَجَلَّيْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُ عَلَى الْجَبَلِ، وَحَسْبَمَا وَسِعَ تَلَامِيذُكَ شَاهِدُوا مَجْدَكَ. حَتَّى عِنْدَمَا يُعَايِنُونَكَ مَصْلُوبًا، يَقْظَنُوا أَنَّ أَلَمَكَ طَوْعًا بِاخْتِيَارِكَ، وَيَكْرِزُوا لِلْعَالَمِ، أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ شَاعُ الْآبِ.

THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

الرسالة

يُفْرَحُ الصِّدِّيقُ بِالرَّبِّ. اِسْمَعْ يَا اللَّهُ لِمِصَوْتِي.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسَ. (2:1-10)

يَا وَلَدِي تِيموثَاوَسَ، تَقَوَّ فِي النِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَمَا سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي لَدَى شُهُودٍ كَثِيرِينَ، اسْتَوْدِعْهُ أَنْسَاءً أَمَنَاءَ أَكْفَاءَ لِأَنْ يُعَلِّمُوا آخَرِينَ أَيْضًا. اخْتَمِلِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ كَجُنْدِيٍّ صَالِحٍ لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَتَجَنَّدُ فَيَرْتَبِكُ بِهُمُومِ الْحَيَاةِ، وَذَلِكَ لِيُرْضِيَ الَّذِي جَنَّدَهُ. وَأَيْضًا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُجَاهِدُ، فَلَا يَنَالُ الْإِكْلِيلَ مَا لَمْ يُجَاهِدْ جِهَادًا شَرْعِيًّا. وَيَجِبُ أَنْ الْحَارِثُ الَّذِي يَتَعَبُ أَنْ يَشْتَرِكَ فِي الْأَنْثَارِ أَوَّلًا. إِنْهُمْ مَا

أقول. فَلْيُؤْتِكَ الرَّبُّ فَهَمًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. أَذْكَرُ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، الَّذِي مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوَدَ، قَدْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ عَلَى حَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِي. الَّذِي أَحْتَمِلُ فِيهِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى الْقِيُودِ كَمُجْرِمٍ، إِلَّا أَنَّ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُقَيَّدُ. فَلِذَلِكَ أَنَا أَصْبِرُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمُخْتَارِينَ، لِكَيْ يَحْصُلُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى الْخَلَاصِ الَّذِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مَعَ الْمَجْدِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

الإنجيل

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بِيْشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى الْإِنْجِيلِي الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ. (9:27-35)

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ، فِيمَا يَسُوعُ مُجْتَازٌ، تَبِعَهُ أَعْمَيَانِ يَصِيحَانِ وَيَقُولَانِ: ارْحَمْنَا يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ. فَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْبَيْتَ، دَنَا إِلَيْهِ الْأَعْمَيَانِ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: هَلْ تَوَّعَّيْتُمَا أَنِّي أَفْعَلَ ذَلِكَ؟ فَقَالَا لَهُ: نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ. حِينَئِذٍ لَمَسَ أَعْيُنُهُمَا قَائِلًا: كَأَيْمَانِكُمَا فَلْيَكُنْ لَكُمَا. فَانْفَتَحَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمَا. فَانْتَهَرَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: انظُرَا، لَا يَعْلَمُ أَحَدٌ. فَلَمَّا خَرَجَا، شَهَرَاهُ فِي تِلْكَ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا. وَبَعْدَ خُرُوجِهِمَا، قَدَّمُوا إِلَيْهِ أُخْرَسَ بِهِ شَيْطَانٌ. فَلَمَّا أَخْرَجَ الشَّيْطَانُ، تَكَلَّمَ الْأُخْرَسُ. فَتَعَجَّبَتِ الْجُمُوعُ قَائِلِينَ: لَمْ يَظْهَرْ قَطُّ مِثْلُ هَذَا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَمَّا الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: إِنَّهُ بِرَأْسِ الشَّيَاطِينِ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ الْمَدْنَ كُلَّهَا وَالْقُرَى، يُعَلِّمُ فِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ، وَيَكْرِزُ بِبِشَارَةِ الْمَلَكُوتِ، وَيَشْفِي كُلَّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلَّ ضَعْفٍ فِي الشَّعْبِ.

TRISAGION PRAYER

One Year Memorial service in memory of Brandon Swanson, offered by his daughter Leila Swanson. Memory Eternal!



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: Fr. Samer and Kh. Julianna Youssef for the good health of their son Dominic on the occasion of his 19th birthday (July 26) and his name day (St. Panteleimon), and the good health of their sons; Dimitry and Damian and the Youssef and Neyman families. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Elias and Fadwa Jildeh for the good health of their son Christopher on the occasion of his 19th birthday (July 24) and Fadwa's mother Adele Dayeh on the ovvasion of her birthday (July 27), and the good health Elias, Fadwa, Salem and the Jildeh family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: George and Didi Kreitem on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (July 21) and the occasion of Didi's birthday (July 22) and George's birthday (July 29), and the good health of their children and grandchildren and the Kreitem family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Maher, Tatiana and Eli Hanani for the good health of Randa Hanani on the occasion of her birthday (July 24), and the good health of the Hanani family. Many Years!

OFFERED BY: Sami Haddad for the good health of his wife Ramza on the occasion of her birthday (July 27) and the good health of their children Tariq and his wife Maren, Ruba and Nour and the Haddad family. Many Years!

COFFEE HOUR

Offered By: Giselle Swanson

(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

*Fr. Samer will be out of town July 21-28th attending the
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Convention in Chicago.
Fr. Theodor will do the service on Sunday July 27th.*

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.

*2025 Daily Lives, Miracles, and Wisdom of the Saints
and Fasting Calendar available to purchase during the
coffee hour*

VALLEY OF OPPORTUNITY: A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH ELIAS LOUIS



There will be a book signing for our parishioner, Joseph Louis, on August 10th as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Fish Luncheon will be sponsored by the Parish Council members on Sunday August 10th on the occasion of the Feast of the Church, The Transfiguration.



DABKEH PRACTICE

In preparation for our annual food festival, we are calling all children of all ages who love to do Dabkeh Dance to come and join our amazing group of teachers who are experts in our cultural dance. We invite you to learn, have fun and present our culture to the whole community.

First practice starts on Sunday August 3, 2025 after the Divine Liturgy at the Sunday School Yard.

We will be meeting every Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CHURCH

Please save the date

FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS:

- **Wednesday, July 30th**: Grape Leaves Workshop at 10:00am
- **Wednesday, August 6:** Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Divine Liturgy @ 11:00am followed by fish luncheon at the church hall
- **August 10:** Sunday Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration. Fish Luncheon sponsored by the Parish Council
- **Wednesday, August 20:** Kubbeh Workshop at 10:00am
- **Wednesday, September 3:** Spinach workshop at 10:00am
- **Thursday & Friday, September 4 & 5:** Food Preparations at 10:00am. Please see Wardeh Asfour to sign up and let her know of your attendance
- **Food Festival Sept 6 & 7:** Our annual Food Festival will be on September 6 & 7. Please see Jad Bateh to help

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.

		Food Festival Wish List 2025
Qty		Items
KITCHEN		
3	Sleeves	Paper Plates Regular 8.5"
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates Small 300 ct.
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates (Bowl for Tabouleh)
2	Sleeves	Paper Plates Large 10.5
2	Sleeves	Plates for French Fries - DONATED
6	Boxes	Plastic Gloves Med.
6	Boxes	Plastic Gloves Large
1	Box	Plastic Gloves Small
2	Boxes	Napkins Small for Sweets - DONATED
2	Boxes	Napkins Large for Dinner
2	Roll	Aluminum Foil Large
4	Roll	Aluminum Foil small
1	Roll	Parchment paper - DONATED
1	Roll	Saran Wrap
20	Trays	Large Foil Trays
2	Bundle	Small Foil Trays
2	Boxes	Containers to go Large - DONATED
1	Boxes	Containers to go Small - DONATED
4	Boxes	Forks
2	Boxes	1 Spoon & 1 Knife - DONATED
2	Boxes	Paper Towels
1	Box	Coffee cups 8 oz. – 300 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
2	Boxes	Skewers for BBQ
1	Jars	Black Pepper,Allspice,2 Parsley Flakes,1Paprika
1	Cans	1 Montreal meat, 1 chicken, 1 Garlic powder
3	Bundles	White Cloth Towels - DONATED
1	Case	Bathroom Seat Cover - DONATED
2	Boxes	Bathroom Tissue
2	Box	C-Folding Towel Papers
2	Box	Hair Net - DONATED
1	Box	Plastic bags - DONATED
2	Boxes	Warmers 72 counts

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	Estella
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
3	cases	Hamburgers or 100 count
1	Case	Cheese
200	Count	Kubbeh
200	Count	Spinach
30	jars	Grape Leaves

SUPPLIES		
10	Bottles	Lemon Juice
2	Cans	American Coffee - DONATED
2	Bags	Basmati Rice - DONATED
5	LB	Cracked wheat for Tabouleh
1	Bag	Calrose rice 60# for Grape Leaves
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 & Kibeh

2	Cans	Pam Spray - DONATED
1	Bag	Sugar #25
3	Trays	Pita Bread 24Ct.
300	ct	Lavash for Sharwerma
1	jar	Maggie for rice
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
2	Buckets	Falafel Mix - DONATED
10	Bags of 8	Hamburger Buns
3	Boxes	30# Frozen French Fries
5	Count	Salt
4	Bottles	Vinegar
2	count	Yoghurt for Kiftah
SWEETS		
2	Trays	Baklava
10	Trays	Kinafeh - DONATED
100	Count	Katayef - DONATED
OTHER ITEMS		
10	Count	Yellow Jacket Trap
100	Count	Table cloth
3	lighter	for stove - DONATED



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" 4K TV | 4th = 49ers Tickets (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

THE SYNAXARION

On July 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, and the martyred blind man whom Panteleimon healed.

Verses

The blood of thy head was mingled with milk, O Martyr,
For whose sake Christ once shed His Blood mingled with water.

The blade was Panteleimon's lot on the twenty-seventh.

Panteleimon means "all merciful" in Greek. He was born in third-century Nicomedia of a Christian mother, Eubula, and a pagan father, Eustorgius. As a young man he studied medicine. The priest, Hermolaus, invited Panteleimon to be with him and taught him the Faith of Christ and baptized him. Panteleimon miraculously cured a blind man by the power of Christ whom the other doctors treated in vain. The blind man was later martyred and we also commemorate him today. Out of envy the doctors accused Panteleimon of being a Christian and he went before the Emperor Maximian to stand trial. Before the emperor, he freely declared that he was a Christian and he also healed a long-time paralytic. This miracle drew many pagans to the Faith of Christ. Sentenced to death, Panteleimon knelt for prayer. At that moment the executioner struck him on the neck with a sword, and it broke. The executioner was unable to execute him until the saint completed his prayer and until Panteleimon told him to behead him, which he then did. His relics possessed the ability to heal. Panteleimon is invoked in prayers at the time of the "Blessing of Waters" and in the blessing of the holy oils used in the "The Sacrament of Holy Unction," together with Hermolaus and the other unmercenary saints and wonderworkers.

By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

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 Ajuni, Richard & Karen Akery, Philipbia Akra, Ibrahim & Nadia Amireh, Daad Amireh, Nahida Appleton, Lovette Asfour, Jeannette Asfour, Salim & Wardeh 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:

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