

January 2024

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"I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE
THE BRANCHES" (JOHN 15:5)



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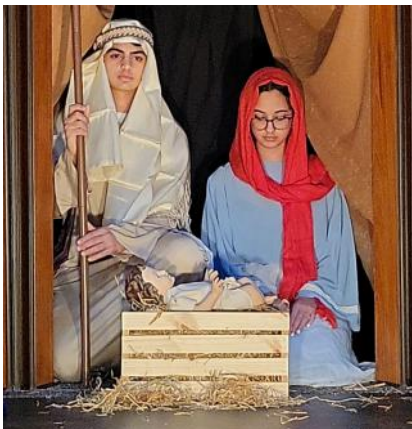
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The Monthly Newsletter of

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Canton, Ohio

A parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



**Thank you to Sarah Joseph and
Simone Shaheen for coordinating
the Sunday School Christmas pageant!**

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Thank you to Carol Boord for sponsoring the luncheon in memory of Subdeacon David Tomey and Don Boord.

Thank you to Max Rossett and all Soyo families for their help preparing the meal.

Thank you to Dr. Kelly and Rhonia Shaheen, Chuck and Helen Leonhardt and Jasmine Hilbert for the Sunday School Christmas gifts.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING





Congratulations to Subdeacon KJ and Randa Shaheen on the birth of their baby Lena Mariam Shaheen born on January 6. Grandparents Kelly and Rhonia Shaheen.

Thanks for all the cards and calls I've received. I'm thankful and grateful to all of you.
God bless you and keep you well.
Peggy Shaheen

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls!

God bless you,
Majida Daoud



Memory Eternal!

Our condolences to Susan and Mike Kanam and family on the recent passing of Susan's mother, Carol Brower and to Rick and Pam Huggett and family on the recent passing of Rick's father Virgil.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Circumcision of Christ / St. Basil the Great Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am				5 Royal Hours for Theophany 10 am Holy Theophany Matins 5:15 pm, Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 6:30 pm	6 Outdoor Blessing of Water at Stadium Park (Shelter #5) 12 pm Great Vespers 5 pm
7 Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am	8 Catechism Class, 6 pm-7:30 pm in the Library					13 Great Vespers 5 pm
14 Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am Annual Parish Meeting after church.		16 St. Anthony the Great Matins 5:30 pm Liturgy 6:30 pm	17 Bible Study in the Library 11 am		19 Paraklesis 6:30 pm	20 Great Vespers 5 pm
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FOOD MINISTRY

On Thursday December 21, our Food Ministry gathered in the social hall to compile Christmas bags, which were given to people at Altercare of Louisville and Bethany Nursing Home who don't have family or friends.

Our caring volunteers donated items to be put in the bags. We were able to fill the bags with popcorn, socks, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, puzzle books, pens and pencils, chapstick, Werthers candies, peanut butter crackers, Kleenex, notepads, and icons of St Genevieve, plus I'm probably forgetting a few things.

We had Michael, Elias, & Samia Bardawil, and Alice Mbatha color and write "We love you" and included those in the bags. We had Hannah and Hudson Davis home from college and helping out, plus delivering most of the bags to Louisville.

Thank you especially for this young generation who were eager to help.

Our ministry is young, but we had a good start in 2023, and look forward to our work in 2024. May God richly blessed all our volunteers, plus the people we serve.

"Faith without works is dead." James 2:26



ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION (December 3)



Thank you to Charlene Georges and Frank Sadosky for the candy canes and to Chris and Monica Griffin for the chocolate calendars.

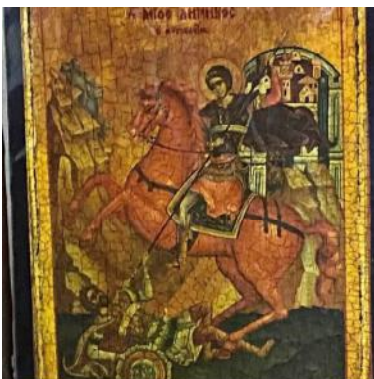


Thank you to Bea McPherson for the beautiful Poinsettias! May God bless you & we thank you for your dedication to Christ's holy church! Bea was also recently featured on Antiochian websites as the oldest member of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. (www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/1853)

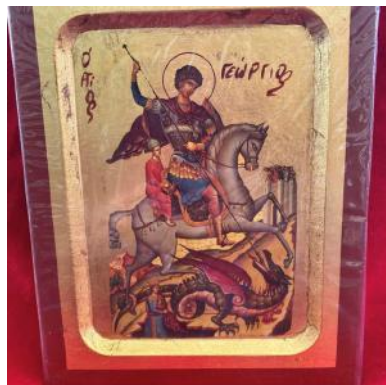


Nativity Cave in entry way of the church built by Subdeacon John (Iyad Bechara).

NEW icons imported from Greece coming to the bookstore soon! If you'd like to reserve an icon, please contact Liz Macris or Jazla Hilaneh. Limited quantities available. Thank you and God bless!



7.5 Inch x 5.75 Inch Saint Dimitrios Byzantine Greek Icon Imported From Gr...



9.5 inch x 7.5 inch Handmade Red & Gold Greek Icon Imported From Greece



10 inch x 7 inch Handmade Greek Icon Imported From Greece



5 Inch x 4.5 Inch Handmade Greek Silver Metal Icons Imported From Greece (Rea...



8 inch x 6.5 inch Handmade Saint George Greek Metal Icon Imported From Greece



College student dinner at Fr. Michael and Kf. Mira's house on December 27.

DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the various outreach projects we sponsored this Fall!



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Your generosity in the **THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES** supplied \$2400.00 in Gift Cards to families at Crenshaw,

Gibbs and Schreiber.

Your generosity allowed 3 families to have a Happy Holiday through the **GIVING TREE** – filling their wishes and needs.



Your generosity through the **COAT COLLECTION** helped Refuge of Hope and children in Canton City Schools.

This is the message of the Christ child...loving your neighbor... put into action.

Dear Sunday school teachers/students and parents, it is time to get our creative thinking caps on for the Creative Festivals 2024!

Mark your calendars - submissions are due: **SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**



The theme is: "All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

We will have an interactive exploration of the theme as soon as it is available as well as information packets!

Please see Liz Macris or Jazla Hilaneh in the bookstore if you have any questions.

Thank you and God bless!

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/antiochianarchdiocese/53255471074/>



Creative Festivals 2024

Home Blessings

Contact Fr. Michael or the office to schedule your home blessing.

(Schedule a time when all family members can be present. Place an icon, candle and small bowl of water on dining room table).

Online Form: <https://forms.gle/Sp7hLWrccjDj2eV9>



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

OPERATING FUND

JAN - DEC 2023

TOTAL INCOME IS \$ 245,188

TOTAL EXPENSE IS \$ 238,211

NET INCOME \$ 6,977

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Antiochian Village Summer Camp - Registration now open

***June 26-29, 2024
Parish Life Conference - Oakbrook IL.***

Live Streaming of Services on our Facebook page.

(You don't need a Facebook account to access the page and view the videos)

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Canton, Ohio

<https://www.facebook.com/st.georgeantiochiancanton/>

Online Word magazine:
www.antiochian.org/theword

Online Giving Option

St. George Church has an online

giving/stewardship option on our website.

God bless you for your support and we sincerely thank you
for your contribution.



Online Stewardship Option:

<http://www.stgeorgecanton.com/stewardship.html>

You can also set up a bill pay through your bank and
an automated check will come to the church (a free service).

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