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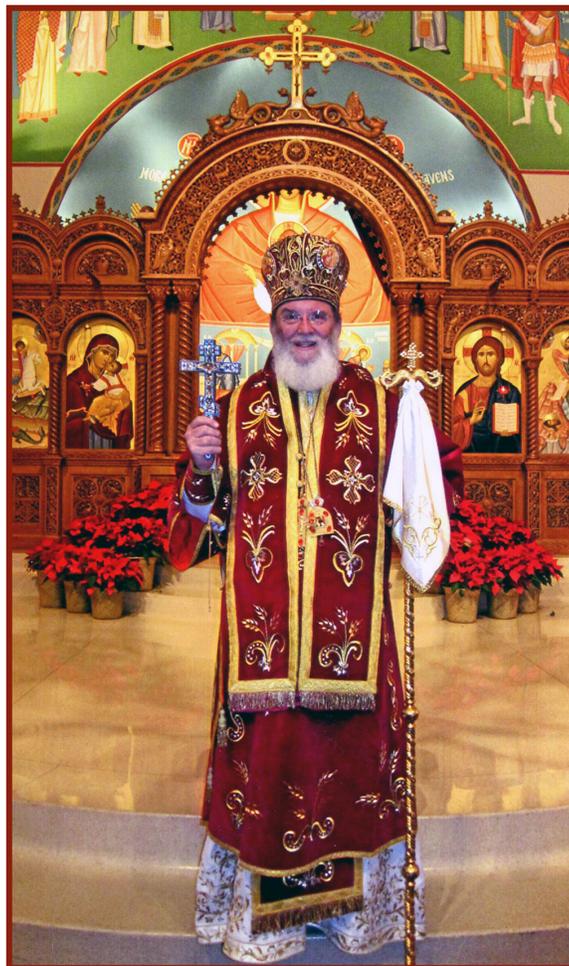
The Cathedral Messenger

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His Grace Bishop Basil *Do You Remember?*

There are many parishioners at St. George who first met him when he was Fr. Basil and had been assigned to Wichita as our parish priest in 1987. Only a handful knew him when he was Bill Essey, the newly appointed director of the Department of Youth Affairs for the Archdiocese in the mid-1970s. Back then there was no Antiochian Village, let alone a Camp St. Raphael. Chances are none of us knew him when he was still in public school and taking tap dance lessons in far-off Monessen, Pennsylvania, in the 1960s (although a few parishioners have heard the stories from his sisters).

No, for most of us at St. George Orthodox Christian Cathedral, he was, is, and always will be Bishop BASIL, consecrated and elevated to that rank 30 years ago on the last day of May. He is the first and only bishop of Wichita and the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America. Many of those present at his installation still remember his homily, which included an unexpected mention of the mother of the western outlaw Billie the Kid.



The life of a bishop can be measured in many ways. In our case, there are the dozens of hymns he arranged or transcribed that are sung by our Cathedral Choir; scores of ordinations – including the first-ever (of Deacon David Sebits, nine years ago) during a Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts; hundreds of hierarchical liturgies; and perhaps a thousand homilies, almost always skillfully balanced between the simple and the sublime – one of which was memorably sung rather than spoken. He also directed the selection and placement of icons in our Cathedral, which, for generations to come, will provide “a cloud of witnesses” to the faithful.

Measures like these are helpful and even impressive, but most of us would agree a far more important measure of a bishop is what he has accomplished on a personal level.

At St. George, we have been blessed to be the home of a bishop who not only knows how to administrate and to proclaim, but to lovingly

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MEMORY ETERNAL

Antigoni Dafnides 5/12, of St Louis, MO
(aunt of Paul Pappademos and
sister-in-law of Lois Pappademos)

2022 SAM & JACQUE KOURI & RUTH COHLMIA



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BRADY CLAASSEN, NAOMI DANIEL,
ZOEY ELLIS, REAGAN MAYO
AND LAYLA MASON



MODESTY & DIGNITY In Church

As summer approaches, please remember that dress in church should always be dignified and modest.

For women, sleeveless or low cut dresses and tops, short skirts, tight fitting outfits, and boldly colored clothes are not appropriate. For men, no shorts or message t-shirts; a jacket is customary and long sleeves preferred.

Skimpy outfits and backyard wear are hardly necessary for comfort in a modern air-conditioned church.

Mabrook! Blessings!

many years!

baptisms

Douglas Cyril Haines,
Henry Nathan Schlottman,
Elijah and Emilia Hopp, 4/23

birth

Rosemary Naer Hahn, 5/20
daughter of David & Emily Hahn

chrismations

Isaac David Hopp, Jeremy Hopp,
Meagan Brigid Hopp, Jeanette Hannah Jantz,
Steve Pasios Jantz, Barbara Odevseff-Johnson,
James W Johnson, Mariah Photini Spradlin,
Robin Euphrosyne Trammell
and Rocky Mecurius Trammel 4/23

marriage

John Murrell & Maria Begacheva, 5/29

Orthodox Super Saints

The Heroes of Our Faith

Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10
Each day from 1:00-4:00p



Kh. Gigi Shadid



VBS

VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL

To register, please visit
tinyurl.com/StGeorgeVBS2022
or scan the QR code



VBS is open to children age 4, by September 1, 2021
to 5th grade during the 2021-2022 school year

"For those interested in volunteering to help with VBS,
please indicate so on your registration or see Ben Mosley."

June FASTING

During this period, The Apostles' Fast takes
place June 20th, as the normal fasting traditions are
observed: abstaining from meat, poultry and dairy
There is no fasting June 1st, 15th or 17th.

Do You Remember?



help peel away the calluses of our hearts; to teach us in unexpected ways the truths of our historic faith; to remind us of the new commandment Christ has given to us; to pray for us unfailingly; to embody hospitality by inviting young and old to his home every

Lazarus Saturday; and to show the importance of giving by example – as when he dropped the first check into the offering plate at the beginning of our capital campaign.

Landmark anniversaries are not just achievements or excuses for celebrations. They are opportunities to share important memories for the benefit of others. Thirty years have given us plenty of chances to accumulate memories of our beloved bishop. We cherish those stories and those shared experiences, just as we cherish him. And we thank God for the love that has grown in us for a man who has been a good and faithful shepherd to so many for so long.

Many Years Master!

Subject: The Treehouse - Formula Shortage - KAKE News Spotlight

The Treehouse and the continued formula shortage and struggles were highlighted on KAKE News.

<https://bit.ly/39wDkVw>

Karey Padding, LMSW
Executive Director



Dear St. George Family,

Ukraine Relief

One more time we would like to express our deepest appreciation for all your help and generosity in helping the Ukrainian people at this difficult time. Many of you probably heard from the media about what's going on up there. However, many of you don't know that no humanitarian help reaching a certain area of Ukraine. Certainly, the northern part of the country. That is where your help coming so wayward. With your generous donations our friends, who we trust, deliver food, clothing, and medications to those, who have no other way to get anything of necessity. I can assure you that some of those people were saved from dying by your financial help and prayers. They would like for me to take this chance to share there's deepest gratitude and thankfulness for what you do.



We also would like to let you know, that in light of the new allowance from the US government, we would like, and have already started the process, to sponsor a family from Ukraine to come and live with us, in our house for as long as a war going. Provide not only the roof for them but also food and care as they need it. Perhaps they will have a chance to learn not only language but our beliefs and way to leave and sharing with others.

Praying for all of your well-being.

Yours in Christ,
George and Elena Nebrat

**Lebanese Red Cross
Secretary General**

Beirut, May 24, 2022
Ref: 496/2022



الصليب الأحمر اللبناني
الأمين العام

**Saint George Cathedral,
Wichita Kansas**

Dear Sirs,

The Lebanese Red Cross conveys its compliments to the Parish of St. George Cathedral and the community of Wichita, Kansas.

We would like to express to your good selves our deep gratitude for your generous donation to support the most vulnerable in our Lebanese Community in full neutrality and impartiality.

Your gesture will help deliver directly our humanitarian missions in underserved areas and benefit people with adequate health services and medicines, in the harsh time Lebanon is going through. It is the most beautiful testimony that distance is abolished before the purely human will to help.

Please acknowledge Dear Sirs the expression of our highest consideration.
Sincerely Yours,

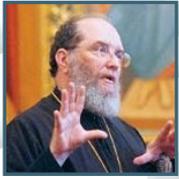

Georges Kettaneh
Secretary General



We are pleased to report that our shipping container of medicines and supplies has cleared customs, been processed, and been distributed to the Red Cross and Lebanese army. The Red Cross and army are now dispensing the items to a wide variety of clinics and installations across the country.

Many thanks to all those who donated and helped collect these badly needed items for the suffering Lebanese people!





Commemorating Bishop BASIL's 30th Anniversary

Preserve, O Lord, our Master and Chief
Priest and Grant Him Many Years!

DOWAMA PLC
St. George Cathedral - Wichita, KS
June 15 -18, 2022
www.dowamapl.org



Time to Update

St. George Parish:

In order to best keep in synch and in communication with **YOU** regarding notices, updates or anything relating to parish announcements, we ask that you **PLEASE** keep **US** up to date of any changes - as in a **new home address, home/mobile phone numbers, or any email address edits.**

Please email:

gina@stgeorgecathedral.net or call the Cathedral office - 636-4676.

Thank you.



We are coming up on our one year anniversary, and it's been a busy one for the Saint George Sewing Sisters. We completed nine baby quilts for new mommies, nine fleece lap blankets to help keep our parishioners warm, one Christmas fundraising quilt, and one African Missions quilt. We've definitely achieved our stated mission "to build friendships with other women of our Parish and serve others"! Our latest project, funded by the Community Support Team, was to sew 60 aprons for the Lord's Diner staff - we are wrapping up this project in the coming weeks. Thank you to Marcia, Rhonda, Rebekah, Jocelyn, Sandy and Judy for your dedication. And, special thanks to our WSU/Go-Create Mentor, Judy, for quilting our blankets for us! We invite all women to join us on Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall - we have all levels of sewing expertise and plan on doing other fun projects. Lastly, please let us know of any expectant mothers for baby quilts and others who could use a warm fleece lap blanket for next Winter.

In His Service,
**Nancy Claassen, Martha Sturgill
and Jenny Wall**



Community Rewards

Dillons Community Rewards Program

To participate in the Dillons Community Reward Program set up a

Dillons account online at this link <https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards> and designate St. George Orthodox Cathedral to receive your Community Rewards. When you shop at Dillons, a percentage of the sale will be forwarded to the St. George account. There is no extra charge to you.

OUR 2022 HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATES

"It is always a wonderful opportunity to be able to honor the many accomplishments and hard work of our parish's graduating seniors. Congratulations to Brady Claassen, Naomi Daniel, Zoey Ellis, Johnny Jabara, Johanna Ledell, Layla Mason, Reagan Mayo, Anthony Nabbout, and Ella Sipp on your many successes and achievements. Your St. George family

commends you, loves you greatly, and is always praying for you as you begin the next steps of your journeys. As you pursue your goals in your future education and endeavors, may you continue to emulate the love of Christ towards those you encounter and may you pursue your purpose with joy in your heart. May God bless you and keep you always."



Brady Claassen



Naomi Daniel



Zoey Ellis



Johnny Jabara



Johanna Ledell



Layla Mason



Reagan Mayo



Anthony Nabbout



Ella Sipp



Submitted by Jenny Wall,
Community Support Team Leader

Next Meeting
Tuesday, JUNE 14
12:00 noon in the Library.
We would love to have you join us!!
We usually meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at noon. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with our community. Please contact Jenny Wall at 990-4096 if you would like to be involved.

Upcoming Events:
(Watch for more details in the Bulletin)

Christmas in July

July 23 – 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

We invite you and your family to gather at the St. George gym to pack groceries for twenty-five families in need in the Wichita Community. 990-4096 by text or email walljenny4@gmail.com if you plan on being there!

BINGO is coming back!

Date to be announced.



St. George Lenten Drive items delivered to Harbor House

Community Support Donations in May



Check delivered to HopeNet

Community Support Events in May

Cook Up a Storm!

Eleven wonderful St. George parishoners gave some of their time on Saturday morning, May 7, to assemble 8 large casseroles which were then donated to Union Rescue Mission. Thanks to the great organizational skills of Cindy Abdullah, and the focused workers, the casseroles were made in record time, as well as a few batches of chocolate chip cookies. Join us next time when we once again cook for a great cause.



Kansas Food Bank Volunteer Day

Eight energetic St. George volunteers worked 2 hours on May 9, bagging and packing oranges. The group managed to fill 54 boxes without any mishaps!



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