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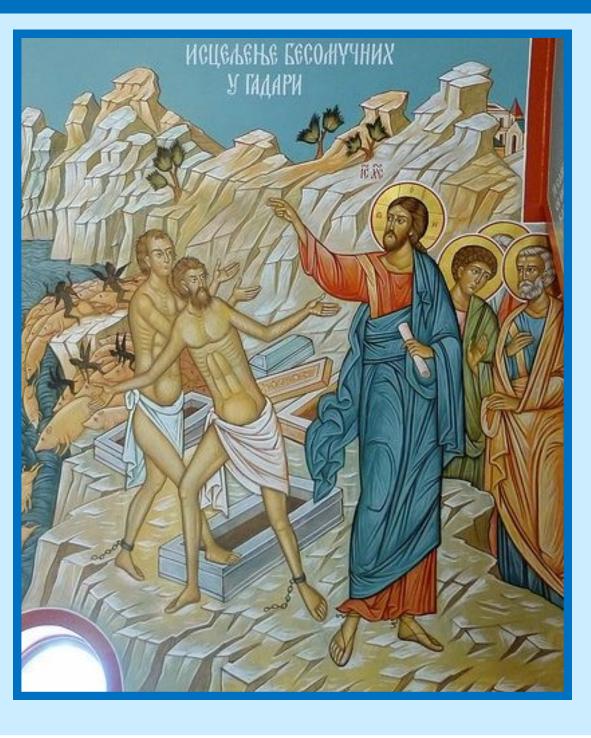
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Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 Six Sunday after the Holy Cross الأحد الستادس بعد ارتفاع الصليب





#### October 24, 2021 - Six Sunday after the Holy Gross.



## Liturgy Intentions

# Sunday, Oct. 24, Six Sunday after the Holy Cross. 9:30 AM (English)

+David Hajjar by Siham Harrigton.

- +Yvonne Sawaya by Sandra Eknoian.
- +William H. Schmidt by Elizabeth Tamer.
- +Archimandrite Maximos Mardelli.

#### 11:30 AM (Arabic)

+Fouad Saad (40 Dav) Memorial Service.

by Lena & Ghassan Samaha & Family. +Fawza Klaff & +Salem Issa and all their dead people by Souad (Khoury) Issa & Family.

- +Amal (Tabet) Karam by Elie & Mary Karak.
- +Jack & Laure Ataya by Sadie & Ron Ward.
- +Helene Hamoui by Andy & Suzy Martignetti.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 5:00 PM Vespers.



- +David Hajjar by Gracia Skaf.
- +Yvonne Sawaya by Kathy & Dr. Farahat Homsy & Family.
- +Linda Hajar
- +Emily Hajar
- +Salwa Hajar
- +Emily Hajar by Paul Hajar.
- +Archimandrite George Riashi.
- 11:30 AM (Arabic)
- +Amal (Tabet) Karam by Toufic & Hala Karak.
- +Jack & Laure Ataya by Patrick & Roula Hanna.
- +Helene Hamoui by Joseph & Claude Ataya & Family.
- +George Samaha by Nicholas & Samar Dolabani.
- +Rev. Andrew Kolitsos.

+David E. Hajjar, Selectman in the Town of Norwood and our parishioner, passed away unexpectedly at his home on October 16, 2021. His Funeral was on October 20 at the Cathedral. David was laid to rest at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. Our Condolences to his wife and children and to his family and friends. May his Memory be Eternal.



#### +Fouad Raji Saad

Father of Lena Samaha passed away in Zahleh-Lebanon on Sep. 20, 2021. Our condolences to Lena and Ghassan Samaha and Family for their loss. His 40 day memorial service will be on Oct. 24, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

May he rest in peace, and May his Memory be Eternal.

Sunday Readings: Gal. 6:11-18; Lk. 8:27-39

#### Please pray for the health and divine protection of

Tony Abdi, Elaine Bitar, Michele Domaney, Elizabeth Higgins, Robert Gamel, Saleem Ghazaleh, Daniel Jabbour, Vincent Kenneally, Harry McKannon, Nina Mary Maginnis, Theresa Quinn, Edward Rezek, Maggie Rosenthal, John Williams.

# Parish Financial Support Oct. 17, 2021 (Weekly donations needed for budget: \$2,600)

Candles:	\$ 132.00
1st. Liturgy:	\$ 1,803.00
2nd Liturgy:	\$ 289.00
Baptism:	\$ 00
Mail-In:	\$ 00
L. Int. Mem.& Fun:	\$ 505.00
Total:	\$ 2,597.00

Many thanks to all of you for your weekly contributions. We depend greatly on your steady stewardship. God bless you for your generous support.



### The Sanctuary Lamp

Keeps vigil this week for

#### +Fouad Raji Saad

Please remember her in your prayers.

2nd Collection: There will be a 2nd Collection for Missions on Oct. 24. Please help these who are spreading the Gospel of Christ around the world.

**Daily Prayers at Home:** There is in your bulletin, and in the email, a pamphlet with the changeable parts of the daily office and list of the daily scripture readings. We encourage you to use it for your family and personal prayers. Feel free to share it with you friends and family.

**Prayer Line:** We have a parish prayer-line. There are no formal meetings, just a commitment to pray for others in your daily prayers. You can join it or submit names for prayers by contacting Roberta Williams. robertaw@comcast.net.

Remember Me In Your Kingdom: The Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service for the departed is on the third Wednesday of the month (Nov. 17) at 7 PM.

#### Weekly Liturgy Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday:

Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday:

Vespers 5:00 p.m.

#### Feast Days:

Great Vespers: 7:00 p.m. Evening before Feast Divine Liturgy: 7:00 p.m. Day of the Feast .



#### 4 New Icons Installed

At his 50th Anniversary Celebration in September, 2019, Bishop Nicholas said that he would donate all of his monetary gifts to purchase new icons for the cathedral iconostasis. His donation was not enough to complete the job, and therefore generous parishioners have stepped forward to help. The first four icons of the project have now been installed - the Mother of God and Christ and the Annunciation. Hopefully, 2 more icons will arrive each month until the project is completed. The icons are painted by Fabrica Lux Dei Company in Mexico. This company only decorates, paints and restores churches. They have worked in Mexico, Central America, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean Islands and the US. Hopefully, this beautification project will be done by Pascha. When it is finished, a special blessing service and celebration will be held.

The following Icons for the first row are already donated: Christ, the Mother of God, the Annunciation (Holy Doors), Saint Romanos and Saint Stephen the First Deacon, Saint Nicholas. Remaining on the first row is Saint Barbara.

The following icons are already donated for the second or upper row: Deisis (John the Baptist and Theotokos bowing to Christ), the Apostle James, the Apostle Matthew, Archangel Raphael. Remaining are 10 more Apostles and Archangel Michael.

**Sincere Thanks:** Many thanks to those who organized and participated in the 10th Anniversary Celebration of my rectorship of the Cathedral. Your kind words, wishes, cards and gifts are appreciated. In Christ, - **Father Philip Raczka** 

# Sunday School News: Registration for the new School Year is now in process. Classes started, Sunday, September 19. Our program starts with Pre-K (4 years old) and goes

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Rector's Committee: This September begins a new 2 year term (September 2021-August 2023) for the Rector's Committee. If you wish to volunteer to serve please contact Father Philip: <a href="mailto:graczka@alumni.nd.edu">graczka@alumni.nd.edu</a>

#### **Boston Mask Mandate.** Starting Aug 27,

in Boston people have to wear masks in public buildings. This does not apply to churches. Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated, or feel insecure, or wish to be cautious. We will continue not to kiss the icons, Gospel Book and Cross.



Saturday, October 23, 10 AM - 6 PM Sunday, October 24, 10 AM - 4 PM

Syrian food sold in bulk & Individual dinners Syrian String Cheese - Syrian Pastry - Camdy - Meatball Sandwiches. Come & Enjoy our delicious food and sweets with family & friends We accept credit cards(\$5 Min) - We are following CDC guidelines.

Saint Anthony of The Desert Church
Founder's Day Annual Hafli / Saturday, October 23, 2021
Live Entertainment - Featuring Amid (Sultan) Khoury
Doors Open @ 7:00 PM - Midnight
Tickets = \$75 VIP / General Admission = \$65
(Ticket Includes Mezza and Dessert) - Cash Bar
Reservation Only: Rectory Office/Tue.-Fri. 9:30AM-4:30AM
P: 508-672-7653 or saotd@verizon.net
Alternate Contacts: Fadi Heneine @ 774-526-9994
Tony Akouri @ 401-241-1976 - Donations to Benefit Parish.
Location: Saint Sharbel Parish Center
300N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA 02723

**Faith Formation Class:** Our Thursday evening Faith Formation Classes resumed on Thursday, September 23 at 7 PM. Father Philip will lead us in studying the Epistles of Saint Paul starting with 1 & 2 Corinthians.

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Shattuck Shelter: Due to continuing health concerns there will be no Shattuck Shelter Dinners sponsored by our parish. We were contacted however, to assist the Shelter in another way. When residents of the Shelter transition into their own apartment they need clothing: shirts & boxers for men all sizes, men undershirts all sizes, only men colored socks one size for all (Please no white socks), and housewarming gifts. They need items like: towels, sheets, dishes, silverware, toilet paper etc. Can you donate some of these items? Please contact Laila Zeinieh to help out: <a href="mailto:laila.zeinieh@gmail.com">laila.zeinieh@gmail.com</a>

#### PRAY FOR OUR PARISH

A successful parish is the parish that prays, not just at formal church services, but at home as well. Prayer keeps us connected to God and each other. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for people to pray for the parish. You sign up for the same date each month. If you sign-up for the 10th, then on Jan 10, Feb. 10 & March 10 etc... you would pray for the parish. You pray at home and remember the clergy, parishioners, parish activities, and groups. We all need each other's spiritual support. Please sign up so that not a day goes by when our parish is without prayer.