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January 4, 2026

Sunday before Theophany of Christ,

Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; Venerable Theoktistos of Sicily

The Sunday before Theophany marks a time of spiritual anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This pivotal moment in the life of Christ revealed the fullness of the Holy Trinity: the voice of the Father declared, *"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,"* the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove, and Jesus Himself stood in the waters of the Jordan. Theophany, meaning *"manifestation of God,"* is a feast of divine revelation, reminding us of Christ's mission to renew and sanctify creation. On this day, we also reflect on the ministry of St. John the Baptist, whose call to repentance prepared the way for the Lord. As we hear his words, *"Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight,"* we are invited to renew our own commitment to follow Christ, embracing the transformative power of His grace in our lives.



Sunday, January 4, 2026

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The Feast Day of Theophany

Theophany is the name of the feast day that celebrates when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. Look at the words of the Troparion to learn more about what happened. The dashes will help you know how long to sing the words.

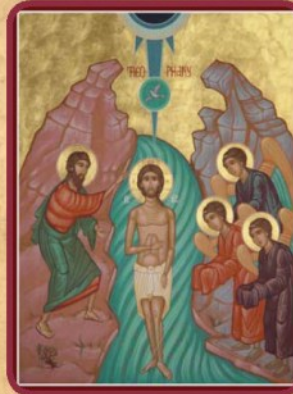
Theophany Troparion

When Thou, O Lord, wast bap - tized in the
Jor - dan, the wor - ship of the Trin - i - ty was made
man - i - fest.

The voice of the Fa - ther did bear wit - ~ ~ ~ ness un -
to Thee, and called Thee His be - lov - ed Son.

And the Spir - it, in the form of a dove, did con - firm
the con - stan - cy of the words.

O Christ our God, Who didst ap - pear and
il - ~ ~ lu - mi - nate the world, glo - ry to Thee, O Lord.



On the day of Theophany we learned that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We also learned that when Jesus stepped into the Jordan River, the water was made clean. On the feast day, January 6, we remember that one day all of nature will be made clean and new again. Here is how we celebrate the feast.

AT CHURCH. At the service of the feast, we pray as Father dips the handcross in a large bowl of water. In this way, the water is made holy. Then Father sprinkles water on the walls of the church and on us, as a blessing. We also drink some of the holy water.



OUR HOUSE BLESSING. In the days after Theophany, Father comes to our homes. We need to prepare for this special visit. Look at the checklist on the right.

Father blesses our home because it is to be a holy place, where we "commend ourselves, each other, and all our lives unto Christ, our God." Each year we are refreshed and renewed with the holy water of Theophany.



Checklist for Father's Visit

- ☐ we set out a white tablecloth
- ☐ we place a bowl and candle on the cloth, and a donation
- ☐ we turn off anything making noise, or distracting, and turn the lights on in each room
- ☐ we gather the family together, pray, sing, and as Father goes into each room, we point out where the icons are

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THEOPHANY

THEOPHANY (from GR *theophania*) means shining forth or manifestation of God. The Old Testament contains many stories demonstrating God's immense love for His creation and the extent to which He is willing to go in order to bring human beings into fellowship with Himself (God manifested Himself to Abraham, Jacob and Moses).

In the New Testament, **THEOPHANY** marks the Baptism of Christ by the glorious Prophet and Forerunner **John the Baptist**. Christ's baptism in the Jordan was "theophany" because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. It was also a "theophany" in that the world was granted a revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God: the **Father's** voice is heard from Heaven, the **Son of God** is incarnate and standing physically in the Jordan, and the **Holy Spirit** descends on Him in the form of a dove (Mt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:31-34.) The Icon of the Feast tells the story from the Gospels in images and color.

The theme of "manifestation" or "revelation" is also expressed with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, "Christ has appeared and enlightened the world." The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.

THEOPHANY is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on **January 6**. In mystic commemoration of the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan, the Great Blessing of Water is performed. As the Troparion of the Feast is sung, the celebrant immerses the Cross into the water three times and then proceeds to sprinkle the water in the four directions of the world. The holy water so blessed is used by the priests to bless the homes of the faithful.



عيد الظهور الإلهي (عيد الغطاس)

تشتق كلمة **THEOPHANY** الإنكليزية من كلمة "theophania" اليونانية وتعني إشراق أو ظهور الله. يحتوي العهد القديم على قصص عديدة تظهر حبَّ الله الفائق لخليقته ومدى استعداده للعمل على إعادة بني البشر إلى حضرتة . (قاله قد أظهر نفسه لإبراهيم ويعقوب وموسى).

في العهد الجديد، يشير **الظهور الإلهي** إلى معمودية السيد المسيح من قبل النبي المجيد السابق **يوحنا المعمدان** . هذا وتعتبر معمودية المسيح في نهر الأردن ظهوراً إلهياً لأنها كانت بداية خدمة ربنا التبشيرية العامة. كما كان أيضاً ظهوراً إلهياً ، من حيث أنه أظهر للعالم طبيعة الله الثالوثية : حيث يسمع صوت الأب من السماء، وابن الله المتجسد واقف بالجسد في نهر الأردن، والروح القدس يخط عليه بهيئة حمامة (متى 3: 17-13) و (مرقس 1: 9-11) و (لوقا 3: 21-22) و (يوحنا 1: 31-34). إن أيقونة العيد تُخبر بالحدث كما ورد في الأناجيل بالصور والألوان .

يتم التعبير عن موضوع "الظهور" أو "الوحي" من خلال رمز النور. هذا ونرتل في العيد قائلين، "ظهر المسيح وأثار العالم" إذ تحتفل الكنيسة في هذا اليوم بإنارة العالم من نور المسيح .

عيد الظهور الإلهي هو أحد الأعياد العظيمة في الكنيسة الأرثوذكسية ويُحتفل به في السادس من كانون الثاني . وفي الإحتفال الروحي بذكرى معمودية السيد المسيح في نهر الأردن يتم تقديس الماء . وفي أثناء ترتيل طروبارية العيد، يقوم الكاهن بتغطيس الصليب في الماء ثلاث مرات ومن ثم برش الماء في الاتجاهات الأربع لهذا لعالم . هذا ويستخدم الكهنة الماء الذي تم تقديسه كما سبق ذكره في تقديس بيوت المؤمنين.

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Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday January 04, 2026

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. * River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive * the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. * O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; * hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. * Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now * to clothe you in the first robe again. * Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor; healer of the infirm, champion of kings; victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God; for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

In the running waters of * the Jordan River, * on this day the Lord of all * crieth to John: Be not afraid * and hesitate not to baptize Me, * for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

طروبارية القيامة باللحن الخامس

لِنُسَبِّحْ نَحْنُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَنَسْجُدْ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، الْمُسَاوِي لِلْأَبِ وَالرُّوحِ فِي الْأَرْزَلِيَّةِ وَعَدَمِ الْإِبْتِدَاءِ، الْمَوْلُودِ مِنَ الْعَذْرَاءِ لِخَلَاصِنَا، لِأَنَّهُ سَرَّ بِالْجَسَدِ أَنْ يَغْلُو عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ، وَيَحْتَمِلَ الْمَوْتَ، وَيُنْهَضَ الْمَوْتَى بِقِيَامَتِهِ الْمَجِيدَةِ.

طروبارية تَقْدِيمَةِ عِيدِ الظُّهُورِ الْإِلَهِيِّ بِاللْحَنِ الرَّابِعِ

إِسْتَعِدِّي يَا زَبُولُون، وَتَهَيَّأِي يَا نَفْتَالِيم. وَأَنْتَ يَا نَهْرَ الْأُرْدُنِّ، قِفْ مُمَسِكَاً عَنْ جَرِيكِ، وَاقْبَلِ السَّيِّدَ بِفَرَحٍ، آتِياً لِيَعْتَمِدَ. إِطْرَبْ يَا آدَمُ وَابْتَهِجْ مَعَ الْأُمِّ الْأُولَى وَلَا تُخْفِيا ذَاتَكُمَا، كَمَا اخْتَفَيْنِي فِي الْفِرْدَوْسِ قَدِماً، لِأَنَّهُ لَمَّا رَأَى عُرَاةً، ظَهَرَ لِكَي يُلْبِسَكُمَا الْحُلَّةَ الْأُولَى. الْمَسِيحُ ظَهَرَ مُرِيداً أَنْ يُجِدَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ كُلَّهَا.

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طروبارية القديس جاورجيوس بالحن الرابع

بما أَلَّكَ للمأسورين مُحَرَّرَ ومُعَيَّقَ، وللفقراء والمساكين عاصِدَ وناصِرَ، وللمرضى طَبِيبَ وشافٍ، وعن المؤمنين مُكَافِحَ ومُحَارِبَ أَيَّهَا العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظَّفَرَ، تشفَّعْ إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

قنداق تَقْدِمة الظُّهور الإلهي بالحن الرابع

اليوم حَضَرَ الرَّبُّ في مَجاري الأُرْدُنْ، هَاتِفًا نَحْوَ يوحنا قَائِلًا: لَا تَجْرُعْ مِنْ تَعْمِيدِي، لِأَنِّي أَتَيْتُ لِأُخْلِصَ أَدَمَ الْمَجْبُولَ أَوَّلًا.

THE SYNAXARION

On January 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we prepare to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we celebrate the Synaxis of the holy Seventy Apostles.

Verses

It is right to acclaim with songs all together all of the Seventy glorious Apostles.
On the fourth we glorify men of mighty renown.

In addition to the twelve Great Apostles, the Lord chose seventy other, lesser apostles and sent them to preach to the Jews. He sent them out two by two before His face, to each town and place, saying: "Behold, I send you as sheep among wolves" (Luke 10:1-5). But as Judas, one of the Twelve, fell away from the Lord, so some among these Seventy withdrew from Him, not with the intention of betraying Him but from human weakness and lack of faith (John 6:66). The apostles elected new ones to take the fallen apostles' places. These Seventy labored in the same way as the twelve Great Apostles; they were the assistants of the Twelve in the spreading and strengthening of the Church of God in the world. They suffered much torture and malice, from men and from demons, but their firm faith and burning love for the risen Lord made them conquerors of the world and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Theoktistos of Sicily. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen



THE EPISTLE (Sunday before the Theophany)
*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my God.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

الرسالة (للأحد الذي قبل الظهور)
خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ. إِلَيْكَ يَا رَبُّ أَصْرُخُ إِلَهِي.

فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ الثَّانِيَةِ إِلَى تِيموثَاوَسَ

يَا وَلَدِي تِيموثَاوَسَ، تَبْقِظْ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَاحْتَمِلِ الْمَشَقَّاتِ، وَاعْمَلْ عَمَلَ الْمُبَشِّرِ، وَأَوْفِ خِدْمَتَكَ. أَمَّا أَنَا فَقَدْ أُرِيقُ السَّكِبَ عَلَيَّ وَوَقْتُ انْحِلَالِي قَدْ اقْتَرَبَ. وَقَدْ جَاهَدْتُ الْجِهَادَ الْحَسَنَ، وَأَتَمَمْتُ شَوْطِي، وَحَفِظْتُ الْإِيمَانَ. وَإِنَّمَا يَبْقَى مَحْفُوظاً لِي إِكْلِيلُ الْعَدْلِ الَّذِي يَجْزِينِي بِهِ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ الرَّبِّ، الدِّيَّانُ الْعَادِلُ، لَا إِنِّي فَقَطْ، بَلْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ ظُهُورَهُ أَيْضاً.

L'ÉPÎTRE

*Seigneur, sauve ton peuple, et bénis ton heritage.
Vers toi, Seigneur, j'appelle: mon Dieu.*

Lecture de la deuxième épître du saint apôtre Paul à Timothée

Mon enfant Timothée, Sois sobre en toutes choses, supporte les souffrances, fais l'œuvre d'un évangéliste, remplis bien ton ministère. Car pour moi, je sers déjà de libation, et le moment de mon départ approche. J'ai combattu le bon combat, j'ai achevé la course, j'ai gardé la foi. Désormais la couronne de justice m'est réservée ; le Seigneur, le juste juge, me le donnera dans ce jour-là, et non seulement à moi, mais encore à tous ceux qui auront aimé son avènement.



THE GOSPEL (Sunday before Theophany)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark . (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

L'ÉVANGILE (*dim. avant Theophany*)

Lecture de l'Évangile selon Saint Marc

Commencement de l'Évangile de Jésus Christ, Fils de Dieu. Selon ce qui est écrit dans Ésaïe, le prophète : « Voici, j'envoie devant toi mon messenger, Qui préparera ton chemin ; C'est la voix de celui qui crie dans le désert : "Préparez le chemin du Seigneur, Aplanissez ses sentiers". » Jean parut, baptisant dans le désert, et prêchant le baptême de repentance, pour la rémission des péchés. Tout le pays de Judée et tous les habitants de Jérusalem se rendaient auprès de lui ; et, confessant leurs péchés, ils se faisaient baptiser par lui dans le fleuve du Jourdain. Jean avait un vêtement de poils de chameau, et une ceinture de cuir autour des reins. Il se nourrissait de sauterelles et de miel sauvage. Il prêchait, disant : « Il vient après moi celui qui est plus puissant que moi, et je ne suis pas digne de délier, en me baissant, la courroie de ses souliers. Moi, je vous ai baptisés d'eau ; lui, il vous baptisera du Saint Esprit. »

(الإنجيل (للأحد الذي قبل الظهور الإلهي)

فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْقُسِ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ.
بَدَأَ إِنْجِيلَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي الْأَنْبِيَاءِ: "هَاءَئِذَا مُرْسَلُ مَلَائِكَةِ أَمَامِ وَجْهِكَ يُهَيِّئُ طَرِيقَكَ قُدَّامَكَ. صَوْتُ صَارِخٍ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ: أَعِدُّوا طَرِيقَ الرَّبِّ وَاجْعَلُوا سُبُلَهُ قَوِيمَةً." كَانَ يوحنا يُعَمِّدُ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ وَيَكْرِزُ بِمَعْمُودِيَّةِ التَّوْبَةِ لِغُفْرَانِ الْخَطَايَا. وَكَانَ يَخْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ جَمِيعُ أَهْلِ بَلَدِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ وَأُورُشَلِيمَ فَيُعْتَمِدُونَ جَمِيعُهُمْ مِنْهُ فِي نَهْرِ الْأَرْدَنِ، مُعْتَرِفِينَ بِخَطَايَاهُمْ. وَكَانَ يوحنا يَلْبَسُ وَبَرَ الْإِبِلِ وَعَلَى خَفَوَيْهِ مِئْطَافٌ مِنْ جِلْدٍ، وَيَأْكُلُ جَرَادًا وَعَسَلًا بَرِّيًّا. وَكَانَ يَكْرِزُ قَائِلًا: إِنَّهُ يَأْتِي بَعْدِي مَنْ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنِّي، وَأَنَا لَا أَسْتَحِقُّ أَنْ أُنْحَنِيَ وَأَحْلُ سَيْرَ حِذَائِهِ. أَنَا عَمَدْتُكُمْ بِالْمَاءِ، وَأَمَّا هُوَ فَيُعَمِّدُكُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

**THE ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN
LES FEMMES D'ANTIOCHE**

**AFTER-CHRISTMAS DINNER GATHERING
SOUPER RENCONTRE APRÈS-NOËL**

8 JAN 2026 @ 18h30

**LYLAC RESTAURANT
701, BOULEVARD CURÉ-LABELLE, LAVAL, QC H7V 2T8**

Cost/Coût: \$60

Menu (All included/Tout inclus)

Fattoush, Hummus, Motabbal, Kebbeh,
Cheese Roll/ Rouleau de fromage.

Main Course/ Plat principal – Select/ Choisissez 1:

Chicken and Beef Kebabs/ Kebabs au boeuf et au poulet;
Salmon/ Saumon; or/ ou Falafel.

Each served with grilled vegetables and cubed potatoes.
Chacun servi avec légumes grillés et patates en cubes.

Drinks/ Breuvages:

Soft Drink/ Liqueur douce; 1 Glass of Wine/ 1 verre de vin;
and/ et Coffee or Tea/ Café ou thé.

Dessert:

Atayef with nuts/ avec noix; and/ et Atayef with/ avec Ashta.

RSVP and payment must be received by January 5.

Réserver et envoyer le paiement avant le 5 janvier.

Linda Alexander: 514-585-1826, or abralinann@yahoo.ca
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Join us and come to the Church to attend church services in person.

For the Live feed, please join us on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgemtl/live_videos

January 2026

Sunday 4 - Sunday before Epiphany

- * 09:15 am Sunday Orthros
- * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy

Monday 5

- * 04:45 pm Orthros of The Theophany
- * 06:30 pm Divine Liturgy for Theophany - Blessing and distribution of Holy Water

Thursday 8

- * 06:00 pm Antiochian Women Post-Christmas Supper

Saturday 10

- * 02:00 pm Arabic classes
- * 04:00 pm Mother's Group Gathering
- * 06:00 pm Young Adults Meeting
- * 06:30 pm Vespers
- * 07:30 pm Arabic Bible Study Group



Sunday 11 - Sunday after Epiphany

- * 09:15 am Sunday Orthros
- * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 13

- * 06:00 pm Parish Council Post-Christmas Supper

Thursday 15

- * 06:00 pm Social Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday 17

- * 02:00 pm Arabic classes
- * 06:00 pm Young Adults Meeting
- * 06:30 pm Vespers

Sunday 18 - 12th Sunday of Luke

- * 09:15 am Sunday Orthros
- * 10:30 am Divine Liturgy



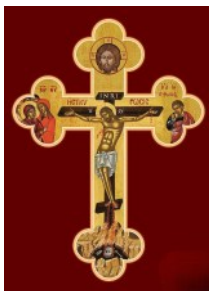
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For the Living

For the Orthodox Servants of God:
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Nabil Samaan; Jean-Pierre; Julie Grillakis; Sophia Jabbour;
Elie Doro; Mary Aboud; Jos  e Bernaquez;
Gaby, Nada & Nicolas Mouacdi  ;
Josephine Soury; Fouad.

Memorials Today

Adel Elia   (11 years)
Iliana (Dolly) Shoofey Marino (11 years)
Samy, Sultana & Michael Boutros
Jessica Chami
Emile & Venise Choueri



GIVING TO THE CHURCH:

A Guide for Kids and Teens



Did you know that every dollar, every gift, and every talent you have is a blessing?

Learning how to use what you have, whether it's money, time, or skills, is a superpower that can help you, your family, and your church!

Three Awesome Things You Can Do With What You Have:

- **Save a little:** Put some aside for the future.
- **Spend a little:** Enjoy what you've earned or received.
- **Share a little:** Help others and give back to God.



Why Share?

Our faith teaches us that sharing, especially through tithing, is one of the best ways to show gratitude to God. Tithing means giving a part of what you receive to support your church and its mission. It's not about how much you give, but about giving with a thankful heart. Even a small gift, given regularly, makes a big difference!

What Happens When You Give?

- You help your church care for people in need.
- You support fun activities, learning, and worship.
- You build a stronger, kinder community.
- You learn that true wealth isn't just about money, it's about generosity and love.



How Can You Start?

As part of our Church School, you'll get a box of tithing envelopes. Each week, you can put a little bit of what you have in an envelope and bring it to church. You can even decorate your envelopes to make giving fun and personal! This helps you remember that giving is a joyful way to thank God and help others.

A Message for You:

Giving isn't just about money, it's about sharing your heart, your time, and your talents. When you give, you grow in faith, kindness, and responsibility. You become a leader who makes the world better!

If you want to talk more about giving or have questions, reach out to Father Joseph.

We're here to help you discover the joy of generosity



***“ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK LET EACH
ONE OF YOU LAY SOMETHING ASIDE,
STORING UP AS HE MAY PROSPER, THAT
THERE BE NO COLLECTIONS WHEN I COME.”***

1 CORINTHIANS 16:2

المناسبات الكنسيّة القادمة

انضموا إلينا بحضوركم شخصياً إلى الكنيسة للمشاركة في الخدم الكنسيّة
يمكنكم متابعة البث المباشر على صفحة الفيسبوك الخاصة بكنيستنا
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كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٦

الأحد ٤

* صلاة السحرية ٩:١٥ صباحاً

* القدّاس الإلهي ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً

الإثنين ٥ - عيد الظهور الإلهي (الغطاس)

* صلاة السحرية ٤:٤٥ مساءً

* القدّاس الإلهي ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الخميس ٨

* عشاء ما بعد الميلاد للسيدات الأنطاكيات الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً

السبت ١٠

* دراسة اللغة العربيّة ٢:٠٠ ب.ظ.

* اجتماع فرقة الأمّهات ٤ مساءً

* اجتماع الشبيبة YAM ٦:٠٠ مساءً

* صلاة الغروب ٦:٣٠ مساءً

* دراسة إنجيليّة باللّغة العربيّة ٧:٠٠ مساءً

الأحد ١١

* صلاة السحرية ٩:١٠ صباحاً

* القدّاس الإلهي ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً

الثلاثاء ١٣

* عشاء مجلس الرعية لما بعد عيد الميلاد ٦:٠٠ مساءً

الخميس ١٥

* لقاء النادي الإجتماعي ٦:٠٠ مساءً

السبت ١٧

* دراسة اللغة العربيّة ٢:٠٠ ب.ظ.

* اجتماع الشبيبة YAM ٦:٠٠ مساءً

* صلاة الغروب ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الأحد ١٨

* صلاة السحرية ٩:١٠ صباحاً

* القدّاس الإلهي ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً





We have reached our 2025 Fundraising Goal - Thanks to You!

Thank You!

Saint George Orthodox Church is a vibrant spiritual hub serving the Orthodox Christian community in Montreal. The church is committed to nurturing its congregation and extending its impact through various programs and services. The community's support has been instrumental in facilitating spiritual growth, educational programs, and humanitarian efforts. **The church is thankful for you and your generosity, and thank you for your continued involvement and engagement.** Through traditional Orthodox worship services, spiritual guidance, and educational programs, the church strives to foster a sense of community and spiritual development.

You have helped make this possible. Thank You!

We pray that you have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year!

Saint George Orthodox Church of Montreal.

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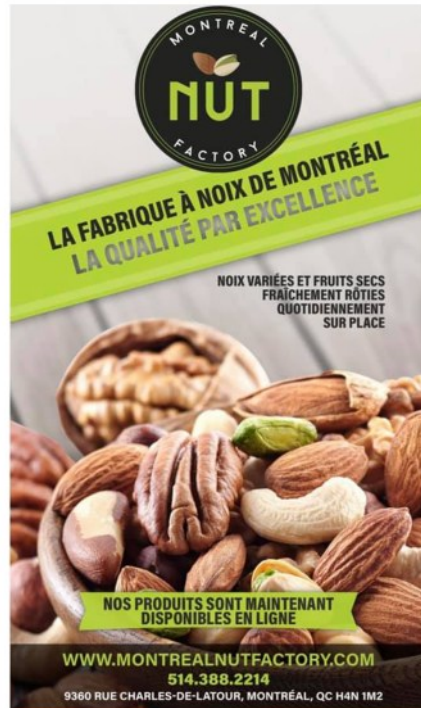
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House Blessing

It is an Orthodox Tradition to have one's home blessed by the priest following the Great Feast of Theophany (January 6th).



If you would like Fr. Joseph or Fr. Gabriel to visit and bless your home, please call the Church office **514-276-8533 Ext 200**, or email our Office Administrator Viviane Gédéon at **info@saintgeorgemontreal.org**.

Please specify your preference for the time of day:
morning, afternoon, or evening / weekday or weekend
and we will try and schedule your home visit along with others in your area during the month of January, February, or March.

Please note: You do not need to put out food, this is a time for you to spend time in prayer and in conversation with Fr Joseph and Fr. Gabriel, as they bless your home and spend a little bit of time with you and your family.

JANUARY 18TH IS GODPARENTS' SUNDAY

A BEAUTIFUL CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING AND LOVE
BETWEEN GODPARENTS AND GODCHILDREN!



We encourage the children (and their parents) to reach out to their Godparents and invite them to attend Divine Liturgy and walk with them for the procession at the end of Liturgy. Father Joseph and Father Gabriel will be honored to walk with all the Godchildren whose Godparents could not be with them that day!

Join us afterward for a **Extended Coffee Hour** hosted by **The Circle**

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