

MARCH 12, 2017

DIVINE LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

See reverse for commemoration instructions.



HEALTH & SALVATION

Cecile & Michael Monier, Joseph Monier,
Yvette & Andre Monier, Odette Abcarius,
Samia Zumout, Rosalie Kost, Suha Habeebi,
Issa Moussa & Sophie Zumout, Fred and
Mary Salter, James & Anabel Clark, Jim &
Nawal Torres - Holy Wine, Joann Mclaghlin,
Elias & Samira Habeebi, Bill Hannah,
Brian David Hayes

REST & REPOSE

Max & Jeanette Rose, Ivan Vasileva,
Georgette Gehami, Hanna Babish,
Angela Dababneh



LENTERN SCHEDULE

is available in the narthex of the church.
Please take one and use it to keep abreast of
Lenten services.



Vatican City, Mar 2, 2017 / 11:47 am (CNA/
EWTN News).- In his prayer video for March,
Pope Francis prays for persecuted Christians,
asking for the prayers and aid of the whole
Church toward those mistreated on the basis
of their beliefs.

"How many people are being persecuted
because of their faith, forced to abandon their
homes, their places of worship, their lands,
their loved ones!" the Pope says in the video.
Released March 2, the video shows people
from different countries being photographed
as if arrested, then holding up signs reading
"Protestant," "Catholic," and "Orthodox."

"They are persecuted and killed because they
are Christians," the Pope says. "Those who
persecute them make no distinction between
the religious communities to which they
belong."

The video continues with real footage of
destroyed churches in the Middle East, followed
by clips of adults and children praying in a
church, at home, and at a school, and people
packing up food at a food bank, as the Pope
asks: "how many of you pray for persecuted
Christians?"

"Do it with me, that they may be supported
by the prayers and material help of all the
Churches and communities."

An initiative of the Jesuit-run global prayer
network Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope's
prayer videos are filmed in collaboration with
the Vatican Television Center and mark the
first time the Roman Pontiff's monthly prayer

intentions have been featured on video.
The Apostleship of Prayer, which produces the
monthly videos on the Pope's intentions, was
founded by Jesuit seminarians in France in 1884
to encourage Christians to serve God and others
through prayer, particularly for the needs of the
Church.

Since the late 1800s, the organization has
received a monthly, "universal" intention from
the Pope. In 1929, an additional missionary
intention was added by the Holy Father, aimed
at the faithful in particular.

Starting in January, rather than including a
missionary intention, Pope Francis has elected
to have only one prepared prayer intention – the
universal intention featured in the prayer video
– and will add a second intention focused on an
urgent or immediate need if one arises.

According to a report released in January, global
persecution of Christians has risen for the fourth
year in a row and is on a "rapid rise" in Asia.

The advocacy group Open Doors UK warned
in its annual report on Christian persecution,
released Jan. 12, that "Persecution levels have
been rising rapidly across Asia and the Indian
subcontinent, driven by extreme religious
nationalism which is often tacitly condoned, and
sometimes actively encouraged, by local and
national governments."

Overall persecution of Christians has risen from
last year, Open Doors UK noted, stating that
"Christians are being killed for their faith in more
countries than before."

"Christians living in these countries need the
support of their family, the body of Christ, to
help them stand firm in their faith," they stated.

WATCH THE VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL9L3FPCqvl>
or on our St. George Facebook page.

The Pope Video



DIVINE LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

During the Divine Liturgy we always pray for, "the parishioners and benefactors of this holy church, our friends, families and all that we have in mind." If you would like a one time individual commemoration for the living or deceased, please fill out a Divine Liturgy Commemoration envelope. One may also enroll or renew a commemoration for 40 days.



PARISH CALENDAR

Please stay informed about changes and additions to services and events by regularly visiting our calendar: www.st-george-melkite.org/ and clicking on "Calendar."



There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, however, an offering of thanksgiving is customary. The Pastoral Finance Council suggests \$100 for Baptism, \$200 for a Funeral (that includes a \$75 stipend for the cantor), and \$500 for a Wedding (that includes a \$75 stipend for the cantor). An offering is also appropriate for a Divine Liturgy commemoration.

To arrange for a Baptism, please contact Fr. Hezekias at least one month in advance. For Marriage Preparation and to plan for a wedding, please contact him at least six months in advance.

For Anointing of the Sick, to arrange for a Funeral or Memorial Service, contact Fr. Hezekias or Fr. Brendan immediately.

Confession upon request.

Please visit the Parish website <http://st-george-melkite.org> where you will find many useful links, especially the Calendar.



You can contact Fr. Hezekias, Fr. Brendan or Dcn. Dorotheos at the Parish phone number: 916.920-2900

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SATURDAY VESPERS ♦ 5:30 PM

SUNDAY

ORTHROS ♦ 9:30 AM

DIVINE LITURGY ♦ 10:30 AM

FEASTDAY VESPERS/DIVINE LITURGY ♦ 6:30 PM