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THE ROCK

A newsletter for Sts. Peter & George Coptic Orthodox Church

The Resurrection & Summer Connection

As summer approaches, we are reminded of the growing light and warmth of the sun, which can be seen as a metaphor for the resurrection and the light of Christ. In the Coptic Orthodox Church, the resurrection is central to our faith, representing the triumph of life over death, the defeat of sin and evil, and the promise of eternal life.

The light of Christ is the divine energy that gives life and light to all things, influencing people for good and preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit. It's present in all aspects of creation, from the smallest cell to the vastness of the universe.

During summer, we can see the light of Christ in the blooming of flowers and the lengthening of days, reminding us of the transformative power of the resurrection that brings new life and hope.

Reflecting on this parallel, we can let the light of Christ guide us in our daily lives, helping us see the beauty and goodness in all things, love one another, and serve those in need. Let us embrace this power and share the message of hope and joy that the resurrection brings with those around us; today and every day.

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Treasurer's Note

By Julie Jackson

Would you like to support a fellow congregation member in need? Support a child to participate in VBS, Keraza, or attend a summer youth retreat?

Please consider making a donation in support and noting it for: Youth Programs, Charity, Fellowship, VBS, or Sunday School, and I will ensure your donation is allocated as you specify.

Some employers offer a Corporate Match Gift Program. Please inquire with your HR team to learn more about this, and oftentimes your company may match your existing donation up to a certain dollar amount. This is another great way to support our church.

As always, we thank you for your continued contributions and support of SPSG which allows us to fund more spiritual and fun fellowship opportunities for our congregation.

SPSG Youth Activities this Summer

KERAZA 2023

Midterm: July 15

Final Exam: August 5

Spiritual Competition: August 12

Sports Day: September 16

Creative Arts Competition: September 30

HS + COLLEGE RETREAT

May 27-28

Contact Dalal Isckarus (860) 836-8444

Choir performance at Concord Reserve Retirement Community!

Vacation Bible School

Come join us for an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) program at SPSG in 2023! Our VBS is not your typical sit-and-listen program, but rather a fun-filled and active experience centered on Christ.

During this program, our church will be transformed into a castle with soldiers and warhorses, providing an immersive and engaging experience for your children. This year, they will learn about the armor of God and become "Keepers of the Kingdom," standing strong in the battle for truth. With a variety of hands-on activities throughout the day, your children will have a blast while learning about God's love and teachings. We look forward to welcoming you to our VBS!

The program will run from June 21, 2023 to June 24, 2023.

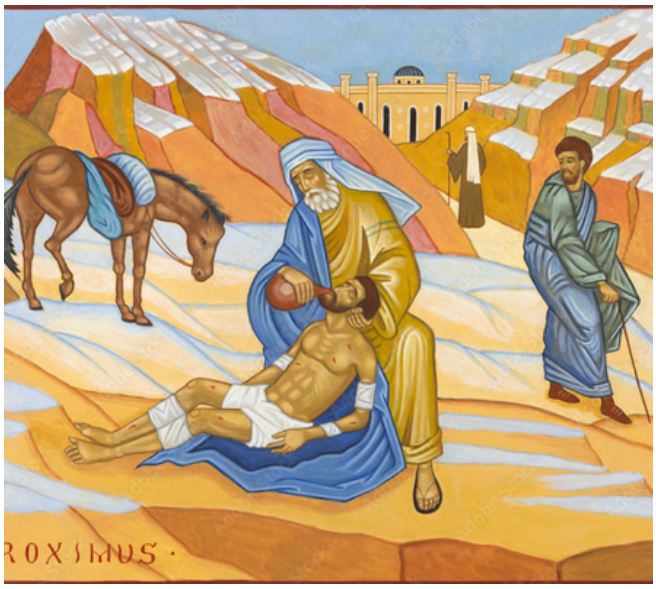
- Check-in: Wednesday 6:00-6:30 PM
- Wednesday: 6:30-9:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:00-8:30 PM
- Friday: 6:00-8:30 PM
- Saturday: 12:00-3:00 PM

The registration cost is $30 for first child, $25 for second child, and $20 for each additional child. Deadline to register is June 4, 2023. We will accept registration past this deadline, but unfortunately, will not be able to provide t-shirts for late registration. You can register online at https://spsg.church/vbs-2023/ or click the 'Keepers of the Kingdom' icon above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our VBS Director, Lilly Habashi, at 626-554-9684 or marilinedaoud@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Good Samaritan Group

"In fulfilling the Divine commandment, our mission is to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially the new comers, elderly, sick and those who are in need in our community"



If you are interested in getting involved with the Good Samaritan Group, feel free to reach out to any of the following leaders!

- Newcomers (NC)
  - Geehan Botros 216-396-0439
- Sick and Older Adults (SOA)
  - Mary Shoura 440-212-0092
  - Hanaa Girgis 440-454-1306
- Homeless Service (HS)
  - Anna Simone Ibrahim 440-212-1478
  - Fiby Tadros 216-456-4585
  - Maryan 973-234-9310

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Peter 4:10

Please Remember...

Toys in the Fellowship Hall and preschool hallways do not belong to us, and we cannot allow our children to play with or touch them. We must respect our tenants, Best Beginnings Preschool, and their property. Please help us to prevent children from sneaking into off-limit toy areas by asking them to leave and getting their parents to assure that they do.

URGENT

We are still short staffed on Orban bakers!

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve regularly as your schedule allows, AND to make a difference at SPSG.

Please reach out to Rimoun Matar. (908-565-2691)

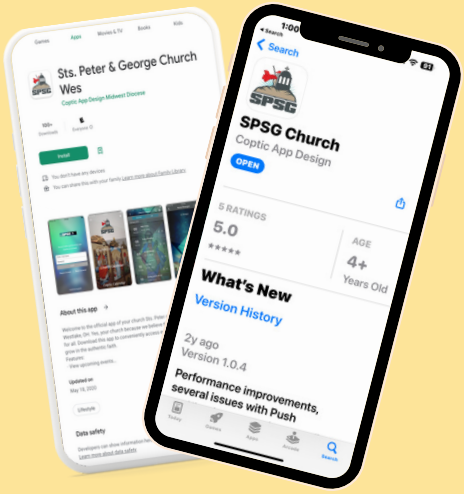
We are very excited to welcome these new SPSG families! We hope you are finding SPSG to be a warm, loving community.

Dr. Ahdy & Mrs. Amal Wahib

Mr. Andrew Abd El-Masih & Mrs. Ester Samaan and daughter, Aria

Dr. John Massoud & Mrs. Monica Abdwlsayed and children, Meryl & Gabriel

Mr. Peter Farag & Mrs. Ereny Samaan with sons, David & Rafael



Download our NEW SPSG App

We have updated our SPSG app onto a new platform to better serve you. This means you will have to register again to use it. Thank you for your patience as we navigate the new features!

Search for "SPSG Church" on either app or click below

App Store Play

St. Herman's Outreach

The SPSG youth continue to make a difference in our community! St. Herman's Outreach group provides a hot meal for the needy every first Sunday of the month. For further information or to make donations, please contact Sherif Zaky (zaky1@gmail.com).

Ways to donate

- **Drop a check** in the donation box located in the chapel
- **Mail a check** to:
  - SPSG
    25800 Hilliard Blvd.
    Westlake, OH 44145
- **Bank Transfers:** (preferred online method) or Credit Card Donations: https://spsg.church/about/support-us/
- **Venmo:** @SPSG_church

events

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:30-7pm Hymns 1st grade-HS	9:00 – 11:00 Arabic Liturgy (2nd & 4th Saturday)	9:00 AM: Matins & Psalms 10:00 AM: Liturgy Of The Faithful
7:00-7:30pm Vesper	4th Sat. of the month Open Day After Liturgy until 3pm 1st-8th grade	11:30 (or following the Liturgy) Sunday School K-12
7:30pm Adult Arabic Bible Study & Children Bible Study or Choir (all ages)		After Sunday School PreK - 1st Choir