

August, 2013

# THE VINE

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"I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE  
THE BRANCHES" (JOHN 15:5)

1922-2013

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*The Monthly Newsletter of  
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Canton, Ohio*



## 2013 ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE SUMMER CAMP





## Letters from our Antiochian Village Campers!

I had a great time at Antiochian Village. Without the distraction of technology, praying and talking to God was easier to do. With morning Orthros, evening Vespers, and occasional Liturgies, God was a constant part of our life. Along with getting to reflect with God more often, I met many new people who became close friends over the two weeks. The staff was extremely nice- always wanting to help- and over all made the time there enjoyable. I am thankful for the experience of going to camp, and looking forward to returning next year.

*Andrew Jasser*

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It was my first year at Antiochian Village. I was not sure what it was going to be like. Our day started with Orthros in the morning and then breakfast. After breakfast everyone went to their morning program, Christian Education and got to learn more about my religion. Then we went to lunch and after lunch we had Afternoon Program which was filled with fun activities. Next, we went to vespers in the evening then went to dinner. Finally, at the end of the day we had Evening Program with various themes where all the campers participate. I met a lot of new friends and the counselors were nice. Everyone was happy with their counselors. I am looking forward to going to the Antiochian Village next year.

*Alexander Jasser*

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I'd like to thank the church for making my trip possible. Camp was an amazing experience that I had a lot of fun doing. I met many new people and made friendships that would last a life time, and also strengthened bonds with previous friends. My favorite part of camp was being able to talk with people and make new friends, and just enjoy the time we had together. By the time camp was over I didn't want to leave, the twelve days were much too short. Once again, I'd like to thank the church for making it all possible.

*Max Bechara*

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At camp this year I had a lot of fun seeing my friends again. I made a lot of new friends and I really bonded with my brother and sister cabin. This year on challenge course I went on the rock wall and it was so much fun! Also on the overnight we had a lot of fun finding wood, singing songs, and talking with the session priest, Fr. Antony. He really helps me and all of my friends out because he only goes to session three, so he gets to know us better. It was my first year without my brother but since I have already made so many friends it was easier and trust me I would stay all summer if I could and I know all my friends would say the same...I can't wait to go back next year!

Yours truly,

*Mareena Michael*

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*If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday School this year,  
please contact Michelle Shabeen-Wires  
at (330) 327-8051 or [shabeenwires@gmail.com](mailto:shabeenwires@gmail.com).*

*Teaching is a great way to learn more about our Faith!*

September 8

First day of Sunday School  
and  
Mini Picnic  
Creative Arts Awards  
and  
Bible Bowl Recognition

**MY TRIP TO VIETNAM AND SHANGHAI by Ann Durkin**

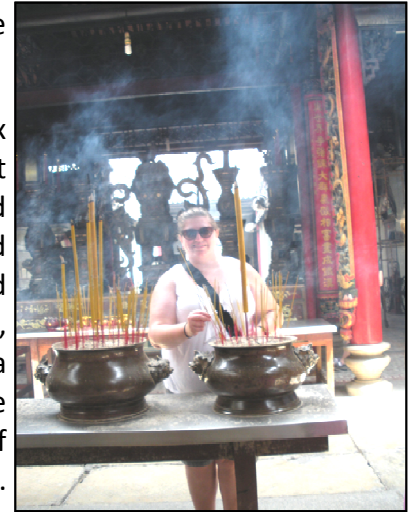
In May, I travelled to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and Shanghai, China as part of my coursework in my executive MBA program at Kent State University. When I travel, I try to attend services at the nearest



Hanging incense with pink prayer tags.

Orthodox Church. Unfortunately, in China this was virtually impossible to do. While China does have a very small population of Orthodox Christians, the Chinese government does not recognize the Orthodox Church, because it fears that there may be external political forces associated with the church. This is because of China’s proximity to Russia, and the Russian Orthodox Church. In fact, the only Orthodox Services available in the Shanghai Province are held at the Russian Embassy.

Although I was unable to attend an Orthodox Church, I did get to visit several Buddhist Temples. The Buddhist Temples included indoor and outdoor areas for worship, and were ornately decorated in colors of gold and red. While our beliefs are very different, I thought it was interesting that there were a few common practices, such as the use of incense and an altar. One practice I found very interesting involved writing your prayer on a slip of paper, and attaching it to the top of a cone shaped spring of incense.



Ann lighting incense in the temple.



Incense sticks & candles.

The incense was then hung from the ceiling, and lit from the bottom. The incense burns slowly dropping ashes on the temple floor. Our guide told us that Buddhists believe that when the lit section of the incense reaches the prayer, that their prayer will be heard.



Picture of the altar in the Buddhist Temple.

I really enjoyed my time in China and Vietnam. I was absolutely amazed at the number of people, and the size of the cities. The flow of traffic was really something to see! Most people ride



motorbikes, and they weave in and out of the buses and cars – and sometimes on to the sidewalks! It’s not uncommon to see entire families (mom, dad and two children) on the same bike! The picture below is just one little intersection in Vietnam, but it gives you an idea of the number of people commuting on a daily basis.

The daily commute in Vietnam.

## God Grant you Many Years!

8/03 Julia Abraham  
 8/04 Richard Bertram II  
 8/05 Antony Paul Shaheen II  
 8/05 Natalie Michael  
 8/06 Julian David Pahl  
 8/06 Laila Zakhm  
 8/07 Ronda Michael Strmac  
 8/08 Helen Shaheen  
 8/09 Grace Michael  
 8/10 Paula Massouh  
 8/11 Joyce Ann Esber  
 8/11 Caroline Zakhm  
 8/13 Rev. Fr. Michael Corbin  
 8/16 Louis Abuzakhm  
 8/16 Michael Ataya  
 8/17 Diane Abood  
 8/17 Susan Kanam  
 8/17 Denise Shaheen  
 8/18 Kamilia Abuzakhm  
 8/19 Eliana Shaheen  
 8/20 Maria Rada Ataya  
 8/21 Katarina Ataya  
 8/23 Anne Huggett  
 8/23 Gregory Cervo  
 8/24 Mariana Condon  
 8/25 Erin Huggett  
 8/25 Steven Davis  
 8/26 Mary Abou-Zakhim  
 8/27 Madeline Shaheen  
 8/27 Markos Shaheen  
 8/28 Nicole Renee Shaheen  
 8/30 Amy Joe Durkin

May all your dreams  
 and wishes  
 come true.  
 Happy Birthday!



Memory Eternal!  
 Our sympathies to Fr. George Rados  
 and the Tomey Families  
 on the passing of Kh. Jacque Rados.

Fr. Rados address:  
 V. Rev. Fr. George Rados  
 12130 Sheets Farm Rd.  
 North Potomac, MD 20878

Our deepest sympathy to the Caley family  
 on the death of Ron Caley who passed  
 away on Saturday, July 27, 2013.  
 Memory Eternal!



It's a Girl! It's a Boy!  
 Congratulations to  
 Richard and Michel Genda  
 on the birth of their twins,  
 Victoria Elaine, 5 lb, 9 oz, 17-1/2" long and  
 Richard Joseph Jr., 4 lb 15 oz, 18" long  
 born on June 28, 2013.



8/12/1973 *Faiz and Aida Shaheen*  
 8/15/1992 *Peter and Darleen Schiavo*  
 8/21/2010 *Patrick and Hour Kelly*  
 8/22/1997 *Joe and Summer Michael*  
 8/24/2002 *Jim and Ronda Strmae*  
 8/26/1951 *John and Sally Shaheen*  
 8/28/2005 *Carl and Elizabeth Maeris*



Congratulations to parents  
 Dr. Daniel and Penny and sister, Ava, on the birth of  
 their son/brother,  
 Alexander Daniel Shaheen, 8 lb 3oz, 21-3/4 long born on  
 July 9, 2013 in Dallas, Texas.  
 Grandparents are Fr. Basil and Kh. Linda Shaheen.



Congratulations to Joseph Shaheen and  
 Sarah Umstead who were married on  
 Sunday, July 28, 2013.  
 He is the son of Faiz and Aida Shaheen.  
 Sarah was Chrismated into the Orthodox  
 Church on June 24.

## Memorials - Memory Eternal

8/01/1975 Charles Saab  
 8/02/2004 Mimi Cavalier  
 8/04/1970 James Ferris Shaheen  
 8/04/1986 Jameely Eassa Shaheen  
 8/05/2003 Moses Michael  
 8/05/1998 Mike Tomey  
 8/06/1964 Jameely Toufeek Shaheen  
 8/10/1984 Robert P. Nimen  
 8/11/1986 Mitchell S. Shaheen, Sr.  
 8/12/1978 Patricia Kanam Von Kaenel  
 8/14/1959 Catherine Betros Shaheen  
 8/17/1946 Salim M. Shaheen  
 8/17/1990 Khouria Vivian E. Ziton  
 8/18/1945 Joseph D. Shaheen  
 8/18/1988 Julia S.M. Shaheen  
 8/18/2004 Jirjos George Zakhm  
 8/22/1995 Michal G. Shaheen  
 8/22/2006 Hannah Zenedes  
 8/23/2006 Richard Nimen  
 8/25/1965 Aniseh Michael  
 8/25/1998 Virginia Nimen  
 8/26/1970 Julia Shaheen Esber  
 8/26/1974 Norma Kouri Zeen  
 8/27/1995 Nora L. Audy  
 8/27/1996 Ferris J. Esber  
 8/28/1979 Hania Shaheen  
 8/28/1998 Rose Caley

# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>BAKE GOOD NEEDED!</b> The Ladies of St. George need baked goods for the bake sale at the church picnic on Sunday, August 25th. Cupcakes and brownies are great but we LOVE our Arabic goodies, and they really sell well!</p>				1  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm	2  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm	3  Vespers 5:00 pm
<b>Dormition Fast Aug. 1-14</b>						
4  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm  Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am	5  Holy Transfiguration of our Lord Evening Liturgy 6:30 pm Blessing of Grapes  Dabke Troupe practice 7-8 pm	6  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30	7  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm	8  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm	9  <i>Mid East Dinner Lunch 11:30am-1:30pm Dinner 4:30-7:30pm</i>  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm	10  Vespers 5:00 pm
11  Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am	12  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm  Dabke Troupe practice 7-8 pm	13  Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos: 6:30 pm	14  Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos Matins 5:30pm Liturgy 6:30pm	15	16	17  Vespers 5:00 pm
18  Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am	19  Dabke Troupe practice 7-8 pm	20  Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm	21	22	23	24  Vespers 5:00 pm
25  Annual Church Picnic  Matins 9 am Liturgy 10 am	26  Dabke Troupe practice 7-8 pm	27	28	29	30	31  Vespers 5:00 pm



Greg Ziton, George David, Ann Durkin and Father Michael

### ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL FUND

On Sunday July 14 the Archbishop MICHAEL Fund hosted a coffee hour honoring its scholarship recipients for 2013. They are Ann Durkin, Gregory Ziton, and Alex Michael. Thank you all for attending and donating to this Fund. A big thank you to Stevie Abraham, Leila Andrews, Bruce Esber, Joe Joseph, Janice Lance, Andria Michael, Greg Shaheen, Kayla Shaheen, and Rhonia Shaheen, for putting it together.

Gregory Shaheen, chairman, gave a short speech about the organization and that we not only give out scholarships but also donate to charities. This year a \$500 donation was given to the Crusaders for the orphans in Syria. Our treasury is funded through individual donations and Fund raisers.

Friends and family of the late, beloved Archbishop MICHAEL, I am very grateful to be standing here before you today as an Archbishop MICHAEL Educational and Charitable Fund scholarship recipient. For those of you whom I have not met my name is Gregory Ziton, and I am especially glad to be here in Canton today because my late grandfather, Fr. Ted Ziton, was the pastor here for more than twenty years. Although I never had a chance to meet Archbishop MICHAEL, I have heard nothing but great things about him. He was truly a loving man, and one of my grandfather's dearest friends.

Talking a little bit more about me, I am a recent graduate of Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland and next year I will begin working towards a business degree at the University of Cincinnati. My goal has been, and always will be, to use my talents to be the best that I can be in everything I do. Furthermore, my life's principal purposes are to serve God, be a man for others, and represent my family well.

I appreciate the fact this organization is willing to invest in my future, so for that I sincerely thank you. A person can't fulfill his or her true potential without support from others, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank those special people who have helped me to get where I am today. First the three people who I'm with nearly every day: my father Theodore as well as my mother Karen and sister Hannah, who are both currently in Pennsylvania at the Antiochian Village. Similarly I owe a great deal of thanks to the rest of my family, especially my grandparents, as well as all of my friends, teachers, priests and mentors from over the years. These people definitely deserve to be recognized as well. To conclude I am humbled and honored to be able to represent this parish and one of its fathers. Thank for the opportunity and God Bless.

*Gregory Ziton*

*Alex Michael was unable to attend but sent this note to be read at the presentation.*

First I would like to thank the Archbishop MICHAEL scholarship board for choosing me to receive this scholarship and I apologize for not being able to be present. This scholarship will go toward my education. I am studying at Kent State University and I am double

majoring in Accounting and Marketing and currently have a 3.63 gpa in college. I also was on the dean's list both semesters of my freshman year. After getting my undergrad I want to further my education and get my masters in Accounting, so I will be able to take the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) test. I hope to work at a public accounting firm somewhere locally this way I can be close to my family and church.

I am currently in the executive MBA program at Kent State University with an expected graduation date of May, 2014. I recently traveled to China and Vietnam as part of my coursework. While there, we visited American companies that do business internationally including Timken, Smuckers and Microsoft.

*Ann Durkin*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people for the recent acts of beautification to our church. First, to Janet Shaheen who (for many years) has taken it upon herself to plant very pretty flowers to enhance our look in the summer months. Also, to Issa Boutros for trimming the trees that were overgrown in the front and to Simone Shaheen for weeding and mulching the perimeter to really make our church stand out for the weddings and numerous other events that are held at our



social hall. Finally, to Mike Shaheen, Joe Joseph, Mitch Joseph, Nick Michael, Fahid Abood, and Simone Shaheen for clearing the tables out of the coat room in the social hall (a much-needed and long overdue task!). Thank you all so much for your efforts in keeping St. George a beautiful place to worship and spend time together.

In His Service,  
Tim Wires

Parish Council Fundraiser

The Parish Council will be selling "Lucky Number" calendars. Each calendar will be numbered from 000 to 999. There will be a daily winner based on the Ohio Lottery's 3-digit number drawn in the evening drawing. Cost will be \$25 per calendar and will be good for the whole 2014 year.

You can win more than once - as long as your "Lucky" number is drawn. Great gift idea for birthdays, stocking stuffers or for your little gambler friends. Contact any Parish Council member or the church office to get your calendar.



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
**JANUARY - JUNE 2013**

**Stewardship** is \$ 49,059  
compared to \$ 45,920 last year

**Middle Eastern Dinner** profits - \$ 16,290  
compared to \$ 14,965 last year

**Facility Rentals** are \$ 6,728  
compared to \$ 7,150 last year

**Archdiocese Assessments** are \$ 5,568  
compared to \$ 5,233 last year

**Candles & Trays** - \$ 5,988  
compared to \$ 6,276 last year

**TOTAL INCOME IS \$ 86,450**  
**TOTAL EXPENSE IS \$ 76,237**  
**SURPLUS FOR 6 MONTHS - \$ 10,213**

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
**Canton, Ohio**  
**Annual Church Picnic**

**Sunday, August 25, 2013 — 12 Noon**  
**at**  
**St. George Serbian Picnic Grounds**  
**I-77 & Portage Rd.**



**Middle Eastern and other Delicious**  
**Food**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Music**  
**Cash Raffle**  
**Ladies of St. George Bake Sale**

**Entertainment featuring the St. George Dabke Troup!**  
**They will be performing at 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm!**

The St. George Antiochian Orthodox  
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## Upcoming Events

### ANNUAL ST. GEORGE PICNIC

Sunday, August 25, 2013

12 Noon

at

St. George Serbian Picnic Grounds

I-77 & Portage Rd.



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