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It was an exciting opportunity to plan this year's festival as we love to share our faith, our roots, our culture, and heritage with our community. This milestone of our 25th Festival will be one to be remembered.

Our festival fans returning to the festival will love our Middle Eastern music throughout the festival. Our music this year features Amin Sultan and his band. This year we are proud to present for your entertainment the Mawtini Dabke Troupe from Detroit. Get ready for our dancers to engage you in learning the Dabke as they invite you to join them on the dance floor.

In keeping with tradition, we prepared delicious dinners for you such as the ever-popular gyros, lamb shanks, grape leaves, Kafta, kibbee, chicken Shawarma and falafel.

We also have our pastry shop with a wide variety of Middle Eatern sweets including the ever popular Baklawa as well as Kanafeh and much more. Other treats include honey balls, coffee, and outside a Beer and Wine bar.

The festival will also include our bookstore, a number of vendors, tours of our magnificent church with our recenlty completed iconography, a children's play, and you will enjoy our Marketplace "the Emporium" with its different purchasing options.

Our parishioners have one thing in common which is an overwhelming enthusiasm to welcome you and offer our St George hospitality, an eagerness perhaps matched by you, our festival patrons! Thank you for spending time with us.

We invite people of all ages to enjoy the many aspects of our our 25th festival. Everyone here at St. George have been working tirelessly to present our 2022 festival for you. We are enormously proud of our executive committee, and grateful to our volunteers, cooks, sponsors, and supporters who have made this festival not only possible but safe, engaging, and entertaining.

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Dr William K. Nasser is the proud son of Christian Syrian-American immigrant parents who arrived in Terre Haute, Indiana in the early 1900's to live the American dream. Having fulfilled innumerable epic accomplishments, Dr. Nasser touched countless lives during his career prior to his death. As a Syrian-American, his family along with members of St. George Orthodox Church celebrate our heritage and are proud to be Americans. The St. George Festival honors this heritage with our community. Dr. Nasser himself dedicated his life to "treat everyone as he would want to be treated." May his memory be eternal.

on behalf of the entire Nasser Family and Tony K. Nasser, MD, FACC, FSCAI, FSVM Providence Medical Group

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#### About St. George Church

Founded 96 years ago by Christian families from the Middle East who settled in Central Indiana in the early 1900s, St. George Orthodox Church has been an active participant in the local community since its first home was erected at 28<sup>th</sup> and Sherman Drive in 1926. As our parish has grown and now includes members of diverse backgrounds, we relocated to the present location, in Fishers, in 2013.

#### Church History in a Nutshell

After Jesus' Resurrection, the Apostles, the eyewitnesses of the Risen Christ, went into all the world, preaching, teaching and baptizing (Matthew 28.19-20). They spread out from Jerusalem across the whole known world.

There was basically one Church, with several regional administrative centers, until the 'Great Schism' that happened in 13<sup>th</sup> century, when the Church of Rome separated. A subsequent division within the Church of Rome, known as the Protestant Reformation, took place in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and resulted in the many of denominations we know today.

Our bishop is a member of the Council of the same Antioch "where they were first called Christians" (Acts 11.26). There are about 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, with three million in North America.

#### **Icons**

Entering a traditional Orthodox church building, one is immediately struck by the presence of icons of Christ and the saints all around. This is 'theology in color,' and one perceives being "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12.1).

#### Main Weekly Services

Sunday: Matins & Divine Liturgy, 8:50 am

Wednesday: Evening Prayer & Adult Education, 6:30 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers, 5 pm

Check out our full schedule at www.stgindy.org

We welcome you to join us!



#### **Church Tours**

As you enjoy the food and music, we also welcome you to come, see the inside of the church building and what's under that 'gold dome at the top of the hill.'

Guided tours will begin at the following times.

Friday:

6:00, 7:30, 8:30 pm Tours

Saturday:

2:00, 3:30 pm Tours

5:00 pm Vespers (evening prayer)

6:30, 8:00 pm Tours

Sunday:

2:00, 3:30 pm Tours

You're also welcome to come in and just take a look any time during the Festival. We have several church members on hand to answer your questions.

Please enter via the glass lobby doors, where you will also find a selection of religious books and articles.

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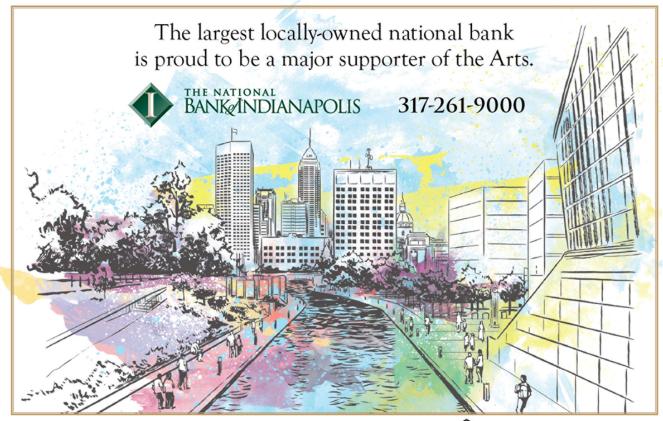


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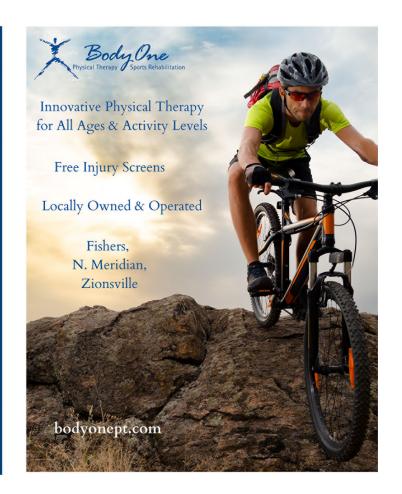
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## Amin Suttan

In 1998, Amin Sultan gained international recognition with the release of his first video clip entitled "Ya Msafer". This song and video aired on all the major Arabic radio and television stations including ART and MTV Europe's "Mashaweer". Amin was granted live interviews on LBC Int. Lebanon, and ANA Washington D.C.

In 1999, Amin released his second video clip,"Wailek" which was featured on art's Top20 and WEEKEND shows. "Wailek" is currently playing on ART and MTV Europe. Amin again made appearances on LBCI, and ANA television stations. He was also featured as a special guest with Dr. Hala Serhan on ART's show LAYLA.

As an Arabic artist in America, Amin embraced the opportunity to introduce the beauty and richness of Middle Eastern music to Americans as well as those of all different nationalities. Amin's style of music is Middle Eastern with western and European influences. Amin and his producers entered "Wailek" in a national contest, and were bestowed the honor of receiving the 1999 Telly Award for best video production. Inspired by the success of Latin artists Amin aspires to pioneer the music industry and put Arabic music on the map in the Western Hemisphere.

#### **Mawtini Dabke Troupe**

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Ground beef, onions, parsley, and spices mixed together and grilled to perfection with tahini sauce, and tomatoes.

#### GF Chicken Shawarma - \$11

Tender chicken breast marinated in a special blend of herbs and spices, served with a homemade garlic sauce, and pickles.

#### Falafel Pita - \$10

Ground chick peas and fava beans, herbs, and seasonings, fried to a golden crisp with tahini sauce, and tomatoes.

#### Meat Lovers Sampler - \$20

Can't decide which meat you want to try? Try them all! A sampler plate of gyro meat, kafta, chicken shawarma, served with garlic and yogurt sauces and pita bread.

#### St. George Fries - \$4

A generous portion of french fries seasoned with the St. George special seasoning with a hint of olive oil.



Chopped lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, seasoned with a light mediterranean vinaigrette.

Add any of the above proteins for an additional \$5

#### Kids Kafta Slider - \$6

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#### **6D LAMB SHANK: \$14**

A whole shank marinated with our special seasonings and roasted to perfection. Served with pita & salad.

#### MEZZA BOOTH: \$8 each OR PICK 3 FOR \$22

#### **GF** GRAPE LEAVES

A generous portion of grape leaves stuffed with ground beef, rice, seasoning, served with yogurt.

#### **VEGAN GRAPE LEAVES**

A generous portion of grape leaves stuffed with beans, vegetables, rice, and seasoning.

#### **SPANAKOPITA**

Three pieces of flaky filo dough stuffed with cheese and spinach.

#### **TIROPITA**

Three pieces of flaky filo dough stuffed with three different kinds of cheese.

#### **KIBBEE**

One large square piece of sautéed ground beef, spices, and cracked wheat, served with yogurt.

#### St George 2022 Special \$8

Kafta with tomato sauce on a bed of rice. Served with a small salad.



#### Honey Balls \$5

Balls of wheat flour dough, deep fried and coated with a sweet syrup. Add Ice Cream for \$2

#### Honey & Feta Pita Chips \$5

Freshly fried pita chips coated in a sweet syrup and topped with feta cheese. Sweet and salty!

#### SIDES

#### (available at all food booths):

Blended garbanzo beans, lemon juice, garlic, and tahini to make a perfectly creamy and healthy dip and served with pita bread.

GF V Rice & Green Beans - \$5 A generous portion of rice, topped with perfectly seasoned green beans in a tomato sauce.

Watermelon - \$4
Freshly cut watermelon.

Mediterranean Cheese Plate - \$ 9
A mix of biblical era cheeses and olives, drizzled with olive oil and herbs, served with pita bread.

Pita Chips & Fiery Feta Dip - \$5 Freshly fried pita chips with a tangy, slightly spicy, warm feta dip.

We accept cash, Festival coupons and credit cards at all food booths, and the pastry shop.









Vendors may have their own payment policies.

#### **Desserts:**

Walnut Baklawa \$2 - Layers of flaky filo dough filled with walnuts and topped with syrup.

Pistachio Baklawa \$2 - Layers of flaky filo dough filled with pistachios and topped with syrup.

Cashew Bird's Nest \$3 - Flaky filo dough rolled into a bird's nest filled with cashews and topped with syrup.

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Fingers \$1 — Flaky filo dough rolled around ground cashews topped with syrup.

Mini Rose \$1 - Mini bites of filo dough filled with cashews and topped with syrup.

Namoura \$3 — Mini cake of farina and a hint of coconut topped with syrup.

Makaroon \$2 - Deep fried anise dough, dipped in syrup.

Coconut Cookies \$2 - Soft biscuits covered with coconut.

Malban Sweet Candies \$1 - Fruit jelly made with fruit molasses, flavored with rose water and stuffed with pistachio.

Kanafeh \$6 — Shredded wheat filled with a wonderful blend of cheeses and topped with syrup. (Fine or Coarse)

Yiayia's Coffee Cake \$4 - Coffee cake with a hint of lemon and a light swirl of chocolate.

Burma \$3 — Shredded filo dough wrapped around cashews and fried to a golden brown.

Ghoribeh \$2 - "S" shaped butter cookie.

Mamoul \$3 – A light buttery outer cookie filled with walnuts, pistachios or dates.

#### **New for our 25th Festival**



Katiyif \$3 Pancakes stuffed with walnuts, baked and dipped in syrup



Kaak \$12 per package — Donut shaped anise cookies.

**Gummy Kabobs \$3** - A skewer filled with Fruity gummies.

Decorated Rice Krispy Treats \$3- Rice Krispy Treats dipped in chocolate with sprinkles.

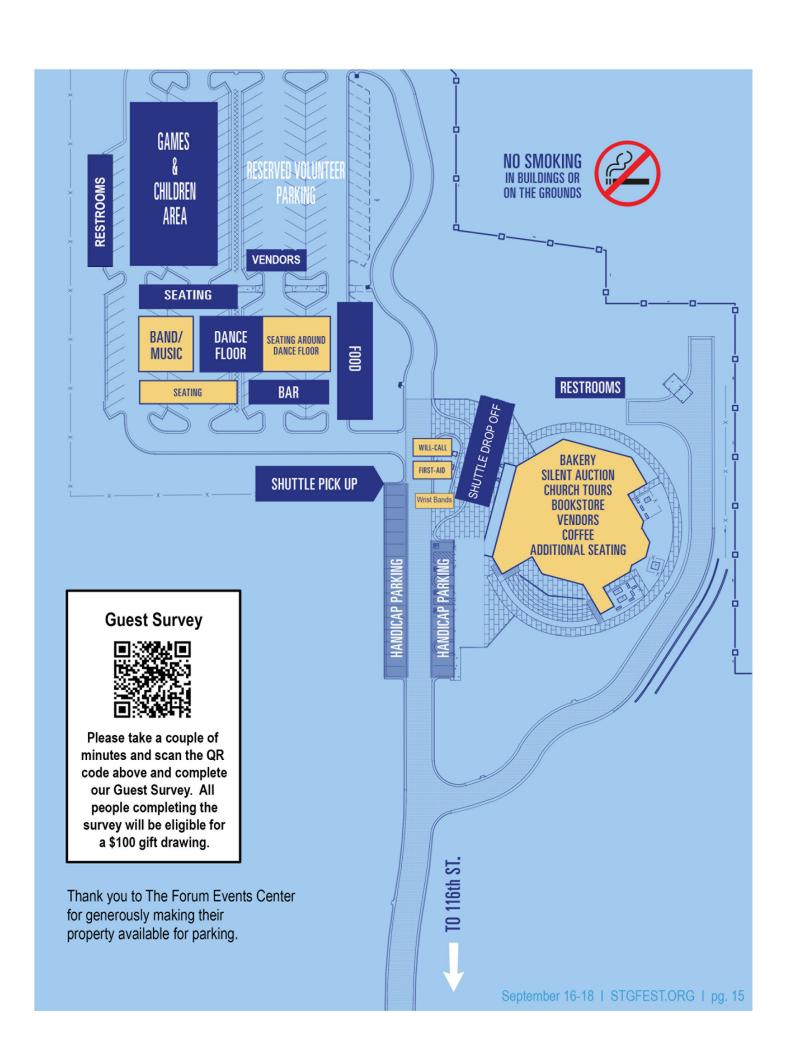
Baklawa Sampler \$20 – A sample of the most favorite Raklawa.

Saint George Sampler \$20 — A sample of our favorites here at St. George include Namoura, Ghoribeh, Kaak, Walnut Baklawa, Makaroon, Kourambiethes and Burma

Mixed Patries 1/2 Tray \$30— A variety of Baklawa, Bassma, Fingers, Ballourie, Birds Nest, Mini Roses, and Burma, all in a gift box.



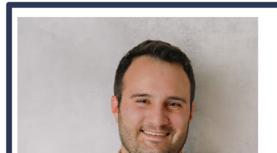
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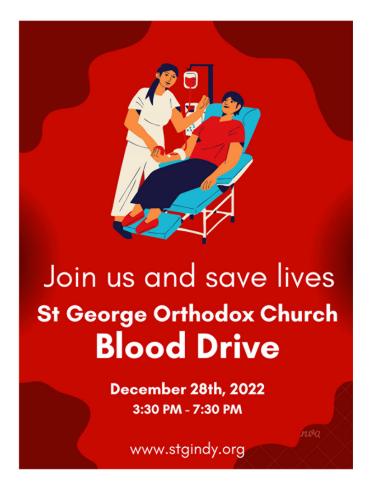
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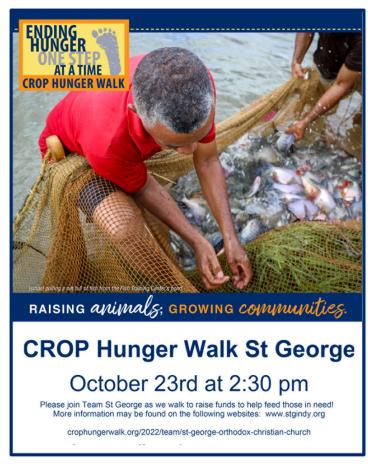
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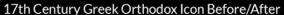
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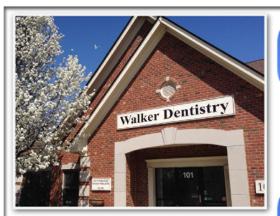






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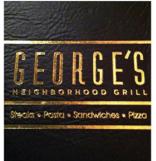
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