

March 29, 2023

Dear Friend of St George:

As the pastor at St. George Orthodox Christian Church, I hope you will consider being a sponsor for our 26th Annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival. The date of our three-day festival will be September 15-17, 2023. It will be held on our church grounds located at 10748 E. 116th Street in Fishers.

Since our church move to this location in 2013, we have been pleased to welcome nearly 7,000 visitors to this Festival each year. The Indianapolis Star has called this event, "one of the top ten things to do, eat or see" in Fishers for several years.

Our church is part of a worldwide family of Orthodox Christian Churches, and was founded in 1926 by Christian immigrants from Syria and Lebanon. Our festival attendees will enjoy a variety of Middle Eastern dishes, including lamb shanks, falafel, gyros, stuffed grape leaves, baklava, pastries and much more. We provide ample parking via bus shuttle service, live Arabic music, a visiting dance troupe, dancing for the guests, a children's amusement area, a section of vendor booths and tours of our church.

We encourage you to experience our culture and friendly members of our parish. It is a wonderful place for family fun in a unique setting.

Visitors are encouraged to take a guided tour of our church building and witness the beautiful hand painted iconography by Dr. George Kordis of Athens, Greece, and his team of iconographers. The church building also features a Byzantine-style golden dome that has become a landmark in Fishers.

The names and logos of our sponsors plus our menu will be featured in our beautiful festival program and on our festival website.

We are presently looking for sponsorship pledge commitments. You will receive an invoice for payment on August 1, 2023. We have included the 2023 St. George Middle Eastern Festival Sponsorship and Advertising brochure for your review. You can secure your sponsorship at this time by returning the pledge form to Duke Haddad, Ed.D. at dhaddad324@gmail.com or Riyad Bannourah at riyadsb61@aol.com. You can also contact me at St. George Orthodox Church, 317-845-7755.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. We hope to hear from you soon.

Wishing you all of God's blessings,

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Very Rev. Anthony G. Yazge

Pastor