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FATHER DAVID BUSS LEAVES

NEW PRIEST to ARRIVE



Fr. David with Godson - Eddie Kahl

by Mary Kehdi

Father David Buss will complete his ministry at St. Georges Antiochian Church of Portland on August 3, 1975. He has served the St. George Parish for two years since August 1973. Father David is leaving to expand his knowledge of the Orthodox teachings at the "Holly Cross" Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Boston, Mass. where he will also assist in serving one of the Orthodox churches there.

Father David was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 20, 1937. At the age of 28, he decided to carry on the word of God and was ordained as a priest on April 18, 1965, the year in which he began his involvement with the Arabic people in Berkeley, West Virginia. From May 1966 until July 1973, he was transferred to Arizona where he headed the St. George Orthodox Church of Ph-

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We welcome the Reverend Father ANTHONY SCOTT who is our appointed priest to follow Father David Buss in serving our pastorate of St. George Orthodox Church in Portland. Father Anthony is twenty-six years old, and holds two degrees: one in English Literature from the University of California, Berkeley



and a Master of Divinity from St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary. His wife, Margaret is also a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, with a Master's degree in Education.

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LETTER from Fr. DAVID

by Father David

My dear People:

Soon after arriving in Portland in August 1973, in one of the first bulletins published, I quoted the Prophet and King, David, when he prayed thus: "Don't let me bring shame to those who trust in You, Lord God Almighty! Don't let me bring disgrace to those who worship You!" (Psalm 69:6) When I began my service to you, my firm intention and

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resolve was to make that my daily prayer, namely, that I would not be a stumbling block to those Jesus is drawing to Himself; that I would not be a source of confusion to the faithful through thought, word, or deed, being mindful of the great responsibility of shepherding the flock of Christ as well as the judgement that awaits an unworthy Pastor; the picture is painted vividly by the Prophet Ezekiel:

"Thus says the Lord God: Woe to you pastors who have been feeding yourselves! Should not pastors feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe the slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the crippled you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness have you ruled them . . . therefore, you pastors, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the pastors." (Ezekiel 34:2b-4:9 10a)

Set against this horrifying image of unworthiness, the Apostle Paul delineates those positive qualities which must characterize the person of those called to serve our Lord Jesus Christ as pastors: He says that priests,

"... must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, an apt teacher, no drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money." (I Timothy 3:2-7)

These then are among the lofty standards set down by the Holy Spirit through His Prophets and Apostles. And it's against these standards that a pastor must judge himself; it is against these standards that he will be judged by his people and, ultimately, by God Himself.

Applying these standards to myself as I approach the end of my service here in Portland can do no other than to make clear how far and how often I

have fallen short. For All these shortcomings, known and unknown, I give myself over to God's boundless mercy and to your own loving-kindness.

As I prepare to leave I must also give you my heartfelt thanks: for your unparalleled hospitality. At the same time, I want to ask for your continued prayer on my behalf. Your believing and loving intercession with the Father is the greatest gift and the most precious legacy which you could bestow upon me as I take my leave.

As for you, and my abiding affection, hope and aspirations for you, I could do no better than to quote the inspired words of the Apostle Paul:

"I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love." (Philemon 4-7)

As your priest and shepherd in the Lord, I thank you again for all your kindnesses and for the privilege of serving you, and I invoke God's Blessing upon you and yours:

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
 May the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
 May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace!

And may our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ grant you the fullness of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness.

Your servant in His name,

Father David

(New Priest to Arrive, Cont.)

While studying at St. Vladimir's Seminary, Father Anthony Scott assisted in the Sunday Liturgies the Rev. Father Joseph Allen, Pastor of St. Anthony's church, Bergenfield, New Jersey, and Chairman of the Department of continued Pastoral Education.

In his letter to the Parish Council, Metropolitan Archbishop Philip Saliba stated to us: I do not have a better individual to succeed our beloved spiritual son Father David Buss, than Father Anthony Scott. He enjoys my full confidence. He is sincere, faithful, humble and obedient. His wife Margaret, is no less faithful than he. We urge you, therefore to extend to Father Anthony and his wife your full cooperation so that St. George Church will continue to be a hymn of praise to the Almighty God".

(Father David Buss Leaves, Cont.)

eniox, and on August 1973, Father David came to Portland to continue his mission of sharing God's love with our people.

His contributions to our congregation are so profound that they are standing proof of his achievements in our community: He has spearheaded a drive, during the 1973 October War, to help the sick and wounded in Syria, Egypt and Lebanon, the drive was tremendously successful for it raised over \$30,000; he also encouraged the SOYO to sponser two Palestinian Orphans who are in desperate need for someone's support; and he helped organize and start the first and very successful Bazar our church ever held. Yes, Father David has given enormously of himself, and so he has

Yes, Father David has enormously given of himself, leading us into putting deeper practice, and showing us the true light of God's promise "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over".

It is with his help and cooperation that the ladys Guild, and the Parish Council have been extraordinarily active in church affairs, and of course, the SOYO

with his help and cooperation, the Lays Guild, and the Parish Council have been extraordinarily active in church affairs. And the SOYO has been so eager and alive, for Father David has given it what it will forever treasure: independence, determination, love and unity. The countless trips he organized, and the rap sessions he participated in had brought the SOYO closer together, and to a great und-

erstanding with Father David, making them more active in church as well as in the community. He has also helped create this Newspaper, as well as established the Junior SOYO. According to Father David, "These kids of twelve years and under, need to get invloved in the active life of SOYO. We want to prepare them for future responsibilities, and good leadership!". and let us not forget the Bulletin that has never yet, failed to reach our homes weekly, and with no exception, but those of emergency times. This indicates to us the amount of time and work he put into it, in order to keep us notified to the weekly activities of the church.

In spiritual life, he has gathered the adults and accompanied the youths in order to enrich them with the Bible Studies, as well as he secured the good functioning of the Sunday School. And with his knowledge and gifted tongue he inspired, not only the believers, but the non-Christians who converted to Christianity.

In conclusion, Father David has well nourished the tree our fahters had planted, and lead this congregation by his ultimate personal devotion, guided by the power and love of God, and the faith in him and in our people. So let us pray that God may guide him, and light up the path he shoses to follow; to strengthen his love for us and for all people, and to keep us in his prayers, as we will keep him in ours!

A word from the SOYO: It could not be hard to say "Thank you", but this expression is hardly the one to express our deep feelings of love, joy, and gratitude toward this great person who gave us the great opportunity to be a part of him, and he, a part of us. What we could say is "In God's name Father David, don't let lose of this relationship. Do Not "STOP IT".



INTERVIEWING OUR COMMUNITY

by Erny Kahl

The SOYO has interviewed different members of our church community seeking their opinion on Father David as their shepherd for two years. Here is what they had to say:

Q: Have you become more involved in church because of Father David and why?

- It is true that I have always been involved in church, but Father David's fine leadership has truly brought many people closer to church.

- Father David's spiritual leadership has given me the incentive to participate more in St. George, and the realization of the fulfillment of church life.

- Definitely; his spiritual leadership has made me very interested in church.

- Yes; spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually.

Q: How do you see Father David?

- Nice, honest, good to be around, intelligent, and determined.

- A fine spiritual leader, intelligent, good personality, sense of humor, and knows the needs of the people.

- Sincere, warm, concerned, fun to be around, and a friend to each individual.

- A saint radiating his spirituality!

Q: Does Father David simulate conscientious faith and enquires through Sunday Services?

- Yes, he defines everything he reads from the Holy Bible and does it well, I truly hate to see him leave.

- Definitely; he beautifully explains the Liturgy, and is very strict in church ~~ms~~.

- Father always stresses the importance of the Divine Liturgy and at various times points out the meaningful parts of it. He is most explicit in telling us that the Liturgy is the most important part of the church service even though Father delivers a most stimulating sermon week after week.

Q: In what way has he helped you most and your family?

- Father David has brought me and my family closer to Jesus Christ through our Orthodox faith and that each one of us must rededicate our lives to the Lord. He has helped my children in revitalizing our Sunday School Program and also initiating an Adult Bible Class.

Q: How will you mostly remember Father David?

- By making the SOYO stronger, and keeping our children together!

SOYO Interviews Com. DAN MOSEE

by Jumana Trad

Recently I had the opportunity of interviewing our county commissioner, Mr. Dan Mosee.

Mr. Mosee (of Lebanese and Armenian descent), first got into politics when he had to borrow money to pay his taxes back in 1951. The taxes rose higher and higher and the battle to overcome it became harder and harder. He felt that what we needed was more businessmen in politics. Mr. Mosee went to school with Mark Hatfield who later went on to become senator. Mr. Mosee thought "Focey! If he can do it, I can do it too."

Mr. Mosee's view is that advanced education is not a prerequisite for entrance into the political field, however, public relations is a necessity.

Mr. Mosee was an active member in civic and community affairs, for he was the president of fifteen different organizations. His familiarity with the public elected officials grew through his intensive involvement in civic and community affairs.

Mr. Mosee commented that today's youth has a good reason to be dissatisfied with the city government, reasoning that not enough people take an active interest in what is going on in the government. Mr. Mosee explained

that today's youth could become more active in politics by campaigning for individuals that they believe in.

O.S.P.I.R.G. (Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group) has had little influence in Oregon's political scene according to Mr. Mosee.

Mr. Mosee's opinion is that the Arab Community has had little progress in the political field, and that they "don't put their money where their mouths are. "If I had to depend on the Arab Community," exclaimed Mr. Mosee, "I wouldn't get elected dog catcher."

The Key to politics, stressed Mr. Mosee, are not men but women. The women do the real work and the men are only the figure heads.

What Is The Purpose!

by Jumana Trad

In October of 1973, a war was launched by Syria and Egypt against the Israelis to regain lost Arab lands, and the Israelis accused the Arabs of invading Israeli land. The war started and was fought on Arab territory that Zionists had occupied! This war was a victory for the Arab people. The Arabs were no longer humiliated because of the loss of the '67 war, it also gave the Arab people a place in the world, and most of all, it opened the eyes of the world to the evergrowing Palestinian refugee problem.

Israel has repeatedly stressed that it will not negotiate with Mr. Arafat and his commandos for the simple excuse that they so call "terrorists". It was time for the Palestinian people to have a voice at the UN for their rights as people, especially that of Palestinian people. It is absolutely ridiculous of Israel to demand to negotiate with King Hussein and not directly with the PLO when the Palestinians are the principle party concerned with the issues at stake! The Arab states have not been empowered by the Palestinian people, and therefore, they lack the competence and the right to decide in its absence or on its behalf on matters affecting its country and its fate.

Israel, having banished the Palestinians physically from their rightful land, now endeavors to banish them politico-juridically as well as from councils of de-

cision-making concerning themselves and their country. To Israel, the Palestinian people as such do not exist, and Palestinians have neither national existence nor national rights. As Dr. Fayez Sayegh put it "Israel is, because Palestine is not, and Palestine is not, because Israel is. The being of Israel is therefore an act of elimination: it is the non-being of Palestine."



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1975 CONFERENCE

by Nabil Hanna

The twentieth annual meeting of the Western Region of SOYO (Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations) was held between July 10 and 13 in Newport Beach California. The ten parishes of the Western Region which is composed of Arizona, California and Oregon sent their priests, members of their youth groups, choirs, members of their parish councils and ladies' guilds, and Sunday school teachers for the '75 Western Region SOYO Parish Life Conference, as it is called.

The days started out with a Divine Liturgy followed by meetings of the various Church organizations, then there was free time followed by Vespers and a social activity. There were also some contests.

The Youth would like to congratulate Ranya Trad of Portland who received a second place prize in the creative arts contest. Nezar Trad of Portland was elected to the office of Teen SOYO treasurer for the region. Nabil Hanna was appointed regional chaplain, archivist and Project Loving Care chairman.

The 1977 conference will be held in Portland.



St. George Celebrates 45 Years

by Nabil Hanna

St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church celebrated her forty-fifth anniversary during the weekend of March 21-23, 1975. The parish was organized in 1930 when a small church was bought. The small parish struggled to exist during these forty-five years; thus it had great cause to rejoice. During same weekend, the youth of the parish hosted a regional meeting.

The celebration officially started with the arrival of Archbishop Philip Saliba, Metropolitan of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of New York and North America. Also arriving were twenty-five delegates and three priests from Arizona and California for the regional meeting.

Archbishop Philip and the regional clergy celebrated the Lenten Akathist Service in the evening of the 21st.

The SOYO, the youth of the parish, put on their annual Talent Show immediately after the Akathist Service. The main attractions of the show were a play directed by Miss Nadia Kahl and the first performance of a Dabke Dance troupe directed by Miss Jameely Farah.

The regional delegates' meeting of the youth was held in the morning of Saturday, March 22. In the afternoon, after the meeting, the visitors from the region were taken for a four-hour tour of Portland.

In the evening of the 22nd, a Grand Banquet was held. This was one of the highest points of celebration. Many dignitaries of civil service attended. There were many speeches and memoirs of the forty-five years. Certificates were presented to the founders of the parish or to their families if deceased. From twenty original founders, four remain today—Mrs. Frank Bitar, Louis Unis, George Kaady and Bob Bitar. Dancing followed the presentations.

Archbishop Philip, Fr. David and the other regional clergy celebrated a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the morning of Sunday, March 23.

The weekend turned out very well and was closed with the celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers by

Archbishop Philip, the regional clergy and Frs. George and Seraphim of the Greek and Russian Churches of Portland respectively, on Sunday evening.



The SOYO Dabke Dance Troupe



Banquet: Arch. addresses, Fr. David



Founders: Frank Bitar, Louis Unis
George Kaady, Bob Bitar



Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers

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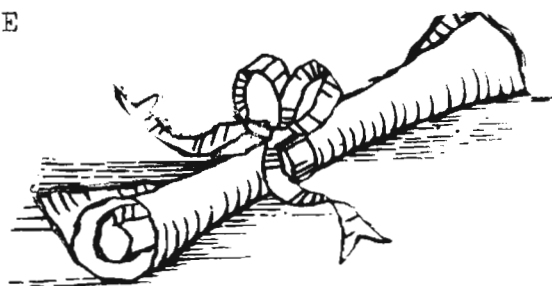
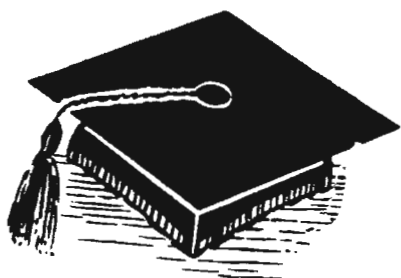
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You're young enough to look for truth. But old enough to know that truth is found by taking faith wherever you may go. You're young enough to make mistakes. But old enough to find that errors teach us lessons of a truly priceless kind. You're young enough to change the world and old enough to do whatever will contribute to a better world.

D. R. Gaulhaver

Good luck, and Allah be with you all, from S.O.Y.O.



Life is a March!

by Alice Gilmore

Life is a march without rest from the time we are born until our death. Sometimes we march slowly, sometimes fast, other times we seem to leap or skip. Nevertheless, we must keep on marching. To stop along the road can be a sign of fear, cowardliness, or even the beginning of death. Always keep going. For the forced march will liven your spirit with strength. Yes, there will be turns and obstacles along the way. The road will have its flowers, its thorns and even stones.

But if you sometimes stop, it won't be to look back, but to recover your spirit or to revive yourself. Maybe even to thank God for the many blessings that he showers upon us everyday. We might even stop to think about the people who need our help. Old people often are alone and without help. Sick people too are often neglected. Even a strong healthy person trying to fight the frustrations of daily life can have a sick soul. They need people who can listen, people who can comfort and perhaps show them a way to go on.

Don't stop to think about what you have done or to count the obstacles you overcame. Don't stop to spend the night with your fears and doubts. Don't stop because you don't know what lies ahead. When life's burdens are heavy and unbearable, move on. Our faith is in the Lord and he will help you in your search for happiness and for a better and prosperous life. He will help you carry your worries and sorrows. As you march in life take His hand so your step will become steady and sure, for His love won't let you fall.

Always keep walking--always walk with a bright outlook for the future. As young people you have so much to give of yourselves, as you have so many talents and opportunities to use them. In this frustrated world of ours we can use people who out of the depth of their Christian experience are convinced of the saving power of God, have a message to pass on to others. Walk with a song in your heart and with a light in your eyes for all to hear and see. Keep walking calmly and peacefully, trusting that

other lives will bless and tracks you have left, because you have passed through life doing well.

Worship in your church often. Become involved in the activities of the church and community, as you can go far and accomplish much if you all work together.

Those who embrace ideals of Christian love and express them will never march alone--Christ is with them.

May God bless each and everyone of you.



Light wings
Reaching out
Riding on a wave's
Crest
Crushing again
Looking upward
Crying for justice and
Simplicity
But
Things become complex
A multiplicity of
Woven webs
Fringed in tears

A rainbow
Smiles
Behind the tangles
Love is trying
To revive. *Mary Kehdi*



The Arabic Woman

by Mabel Bitar

As an Arabic woman, and an American society inhabitant for a period of time, I would not hesitate to say that the average Arabic woman is a much stronger person than the average American who, with no doubt, considers herself the symble of woman's liberation.

It is true that the American woman have been constantly fighting, and for that matter, winning most of her battles with men, yet as a person she fails for she tends to be sub-servant to them. She likes to be waited on, spoiled and pampered. Therefore, she is not as independent as she might think she is;

her independence for the needs of financial, as well as mental support makes her more neurotic than the Arabic woman. She is more dominating to her spouse, and weaker to her children.

That's the difference, for the Arab woman is taught to be strong, carefree and independent. She is a very dutiful wife and a mother. Her discipline of the children expands not only to self discipline, but also spiritual discipline. She is a stronger person in body and in mind, and achieving many goals by showing it - as in Syria where she is the soldier and National Guard protecting and defending her country against Zionist invations. And in business, she is dedicated to her talents - as in Lebanon, and other Arabic countries where she holds many governmental offices.

In conclusion, I believe that with liberation should come strength, especially in our world today!

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RECIPE



Tabkha of the month, by Mrs. Norman Raies

OYSTER CHOWDER

- 1 onion diced
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 1 cup diced, celery (stalks and leaves)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 16-ounce jar raw oysters, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (save liquer)
- 1 small can diced clams
- 2 cups fresh milk
- 1 large potatoe diced
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste

Saute the onion, carrot, celery and garlic in butter for 10 minutes. Transfer to a soup pot. Add the remaining ingredients, including the oyster and clam liqueurs. Simmer, but do not boil, for 30 minutes. Serve with crusty French bread or sourdough rye and lots of butter.



JOKE

I'm not saying she's a bad cook, said the boyfriend, but now I know why her family prays before every meal.

Mabel Bitar

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'SOCCER,

anyone?'

by Noury Al-Khaleedy

Soccer is the most popular sport in the world. It is played by more countries than any other sport in the world. The highest payed professional sports player plays soccer.

Yet for some reason soccer is not too popular in the United States. I feel this is due to the fact that people in America think that soccer is a sport for the weak and that football is a sport for the strong. Let me put to you a comparison of the two sports! In football you have four quarters to rest in including a long half time, and there are many time outs when the players can rest. In football, also, after you have run for a long ways you use an oxygen mask to help you catch your breath, and you use different teams for offense and defense. Last but not least in football, you wear a lot of protective padding such as: helmet, shoulder pads, knee pads, and many other pads. In soccer, all you get is a short time out at half time, and the only protective padding you wear are chin pads.

So you can see that football is not as hard to play as soccer, and that soccer takes much more stamina to play than football does.

But don't get the wrong idea. Soccer is not a sport just for the strong, but a sport for anyone, any-size. That's what makes soccer so fun for so many people because it can be enjoyed by people of all sizes.

Portland now has a new soccer team called the Portland Timbers and I suggest that all of you go out and support this team. We are one of the number one teams in the league and have a very good chance to make the playoffs this year. After you watch one of these games I am sure that you will agree with me that soccer is just as much fun to watch as football for it has more action.

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