

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ;

I would like to welcome all of you to our new liturgical year 2011-2012. It will be a very active year for the Youth Ministry in our Parish, but let me first introduce myself.

My name is Wafik Khoury, and I am the youth director at St. George Parish since July 2011. I started serving the church (in Egypt) as an altar boy since I was 3 years old when I could only carry a small candle in the altar. Carrying the fan or the cross was my super dream at that time and by years I did it, I even carried the big wood Cross on the Great Friday.

I launched the Sunday school in my church for the younger kids and I have been ordained as a Sub Deacon in 2003 by His Eminence Metropolitan Erinius. I joined many other organizations as "Faith and light" serving the handicapped children and the "All-In-One", which is a group of people from different churches come together to pray and organizing events for the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Professional wise, I have experience in different fields as Pharmacy, Sales, Human Resources, Customer service, and training.

Now back to the Youth Ministry. Our Ministry is concerning everything that is related to the kids, youth, young adults, adults and their families. That is why we have different programs under the umbrella of [The Youth Ministry](#) like [Sunday School](#), [Teen SOYO](#), [Fellowship of St. John The Divine \(FSJD\)](#), [Orthodox College Fellowship \(OCF\)](#), Teachers committee, and Parents Committee.

Our vision is: Make our youth live a healthy, active and spiritual life in order **“to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge”** (Ephesians 3: 19) by making the Bible and the Church the cornerstone of their lives.

In the church they can pray, eat, drink, learn, play, have fun, talk, meet new people for the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you want to help us in any of our activities, you have any question or you have any idea and you are willing to take the initiation to establish it... please don't hesitate to con-tact me either in the church every Sunday after the liturgy, by phone (514 806-4747) or by e-mail:

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Here are some important dates for the activities of the next period

- **Saturday 10th Sep.** Garage Sales (fundraising for Annual Parish BBQ)
- **Saturday 17th Sep.** Vespers will start on weekly basis at 5:00 pm, followed by Bible Study.
- **Sunday 18th Sep** 2nd Annual Parish BBQ. For more details please contact: **Stephanie Mitri: 514 224-1572; Brigitte Naccache: 514 962-7815.**
- **Sunday 18th Sep** Registration day for all The Youth Ministry Activities and altar boys.
- **Sunday 25th Sep.** Open day for Sunday School (SS)
- **October is “Youth Month”** where teens and FSJD group give sermons, read the Epistle, collect trays, usher and greet parishioners every Sunday.
- **Sunday 2nd Oct.** Starting SS every Sunday on weekly basis.
- **Nov 3-4** Executive Delegate Meeting in Oakville
- **Saturday 10th Dec.** Communion Breakfast

Watch for our more detailed schedule that will be published in the weekly bulletin. One more favor we ask from every one please **PRAY** for us and for our kids and for our ministry.

Thank You

SD. Wafik Khoury