

1 Introduced by Council Member Salem:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-565**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING  
6 ARCHPRIEST FATHER KAMAL ALRAHIL ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
7 ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASTORATE AT ST. GEORGE  
8 ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH; PROVIDING AN  
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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11 **WHEREAS**, Archpriest Father Kamal Alrahil, a native of Kferbou,  
12 Syria, graduated from St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology of  
13 the University of Balamand in Lebanon with a Master of Divinity  
14 degree, and earned his Master of Arts in Theological Studies at St.  
15 Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York. He  
16 is currently enrolled in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
17 studying for his Doctor of Ministry degree, anticipated to be  
18 complete in 2022; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Archpriest Fr. Alrahil was ordained to the priesthood  
20 at St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Toledo, Ohio in July 2001, and  
21 elevated to the rank of archpriest in 2010; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Archpriest Fr. Alrahil began his ministry as Youth  
23 Director at St. George Orthodox Church in Troy, Michigan before  
24 being assigned to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in  
25 Jacksonville in September 2001; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Archpriest Father Kamal Alrahil is the fifth Pastor  
27 who has led the congregation at St. George Antiochian Orthodox  
28 Church which was established in 1974. He has served the longest  
29 among all of the Pastors and has tirelessly nurtured the souls of  
30 his parishioners, performing 135 weddings, 280 baptisms and 45  
31 Chrismations; and

1           **WHEREAS**, for the past 20 years, Archpriest Fr. Alrahil has led  
2 the parish at St. George with grace and wisdom, inspiring his  
3 congregation with his preaching and his example of faith in action;  
4 now therefore

5           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

6           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby honors and  
7 congratulates Archpriest Father Kamal Alrahil on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
8 anniversary of his pastorate at St. George Antiochian Orthodox  
9 Church, and extends its best wishes for many more years of health,  
10 happiness and service to his congregation and to the Jacksonville  
11 community.

12           **Section 2.           Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
13 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
14 without the Mayor's signature.

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17 Form Approved:

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19           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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