

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

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
6 ARCHPRIEST FATHER KAMAL ALRAHIL ON THE 20TH
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 is
16 currently enrolled in the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary studying
17 for his Doctor of Ministry degree, anticipated to be complete in
18 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 being
24 assigned to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Jacksonville in
25 September 2001; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Archpriest Father Kamal Alrahil is the fifth Pastor who
27 has led the congregation at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
28 which was established in 1974. He has served the longest among all
29 of the Pastors and has tirelessly nurtured the souls of his
30 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 congratulates
7 Archpriest Father Kamal Alrahil on the 20th anniversary of his
8 pastorate at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, and extends its
9 best wishes for many more years of health, happiness and service to
10 his congregation and to the Jacksonville community.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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