

Magnificat ministers to **all** women — women who are actively involved in ministries; women beginning their journey of faith; and women who want to share a spiritual encounter.

Magnificat's **objectives** are to:

- ✚ live out the mystery of Mary's visit to Elizabeth;
- ✚ nurture openness to the Holy Spirit through a deeper commitment to Jesus as Lord;
- ✚ provide opportunities which foster growth in holiness; and
- ✚ sponsor the Magnificat meal, the essential function of Magnificat.

The Magnificat Meal takes place two times a year and lasts for two to three hours providing all who participate the opportunity for:

- a shared meal,
- fellowship,
- praise,
- personal testimony, and
- intercessory prayer.

Magnificat was established by a group of Catholic women from the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1981 to provide women an opportunity to experience a faith-sharing encounter in a relaxed social setting.

In 1997, the *Mary, Cause of Our Joy*, Toronto chapter was established.

In these words of the Magnificat, Mary proclaimed to Elizabeth her gratitude for the wonderful action of God in her life.

*My soul magnifies the Lord,
my spirit finds joy in God my Saviour...
God who is mighty has done great
things for me, holy is His name.*

Luke 1:46-49

Please join us for our 37th Magnificat breakfast, to share together the same spirit of gratitude and praise of God. This inspirational encounter can be enjoyed with friends and family members.

After our meal, there will be a time of prayer and an opportunity to hear one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. A priest will be available at the end of the testimony for anyone wishing to partake in the sacrament of Reconciliation. We respectfully request that children not attend.

Saturday April 30, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Doors open at 9:00 a.m.)

Guest Speaker: Ahlam Jona

Julius Banquet Centre

2201 Finch Ave W # 32 North York, ON

Tickets may not be ordered by e-mail and are \$22 each or \$220 for a book of ten tickets. Each book purchased represents ten women who will be seated at the same table.

Tickets may be purchased by:

Mail: using the tear-off, mail-in section of this flyer until **April 15**

Phone: Inez @ 416-745-4268 until **April 15**

In Person: after weekend masses at St. Benedict Church **April 2 & 3, 9 & 10**

Tickets will not be sold at the door. No reserved seating.

About our speaker...

Ahlam Jona



Born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq, Ahlam treasures her beloved homeland: the cradle of civilization, rich in antiquity, culture, natural beauty and faith. Arabic speaking, she takes pride in also speaking Assyrian, a language whose roots are Aramaic; the language of Jesus.

From a young age, Ahlam was formed in the faith and sought opportunities to deepen her relationship with God, Mother Mary and the saints. In the various stages of her life, she trusted in God's guiding presence.

As a wife and mother of five children, her faith would be her greatest refuge especially in the events that led her and her family to flee their cherished home in 2006 and country in 2009.

In the face of fear and terror, Ahlam, led her wounded and persecuted Christian family to Syria. Trusting their safety and protection to the mercy of God, Ahlam's tenacious spirit then led her to meet, in Syria, the director of ORAT, Office of Refugees Archdiocese of Toronto. Setback yet again by the terror and devastation of the Syrian war, Ahlam courageously held on to hope. Enduring four years of hardships, obstacles and sufferings, Ahlam and her family finally arrived in Toronto in April 2013, her faith only strengthened!

MAIL-IN ORDER FORM FOR MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

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Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

No. of tickets _____ @ \$22 each. No. of books of 10 tickets _____ @ \$220 per book.

Please include payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with order.

Send cheque, payable to Magnificat and stamped, self-addressed envelope BY APRIL 15 to:

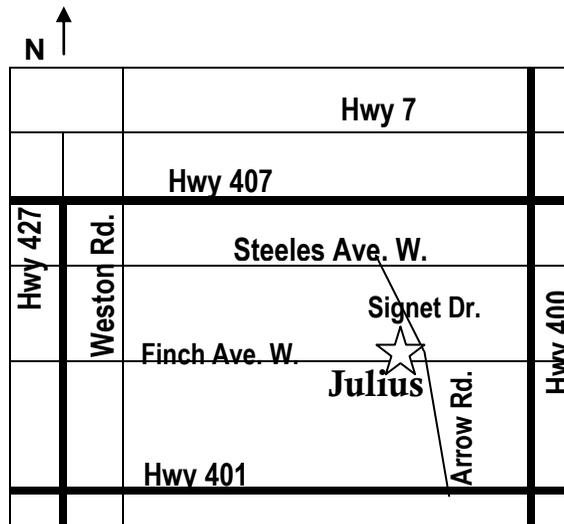
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New Location

Directions to

Julius

Banquet Centre
2201 Finch Ave. W. Suite 32
North York, ON
(Just west of Hwy 400)



Accessible by TTC
Intersection is Finch & Weston Rd.

Magnificat

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name.*

*He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

*He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.*

*He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.*

Luke 1:46-55



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