



## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

*237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424*

*Sunday, December 23, 2007*



**Matins ..... 9:00 am**  
**Confession ..... 9:00—9:45 am**

**Divine Liturgy ..... 10:00 am**  
**Sunday School ..... 9:30 am**

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The Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (Known as the Sunday of Genealogy)

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The Epistle

Prokeimen: Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For thou art just in all that thou hast done to us.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32 to end.

Ye brethren: By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

If you like to worship with us, please fill in the information below and give to the priest or any parish member!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
I am a visitor
I recently moved into the area
I am interested in becoming a member
I would like to know more about this Church
I request a phone call
I would like an appointment with the Priest
Please include me on the Parish Mailing List
Please pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_
I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially:
Teen SOYO \_\_\_\_\_ PTA
Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_ Charity Committee
St. John the Divine Fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ Choir
Ladies Society \_\_\_\_\_
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**New Financial Support Forms for 2008:** It is different from the old one in that it does not list a minimum \$\$ to meet. (1) You set up the amount you like to contribute as offering, (2) You choose whether you like to pay it weekly or monthly or quarterly. You also could choose to charge it to a credit/debit card and the monthly amount will be charged to your card every month. This commitment you signing is only good for one year. It starts on January 2008 and ends on December 2008. Each year you may submit a new pledge form. On the reverse side of the form is a chart that establishes the amount you wish to contribute depending on your income/earnings and also on the level you like to offer in proportion to your income. Please be generous with God as He is generous with you and your family and please do not forget to sign the form. Thank You!

**My Saint George's Church Financial Support**

Recognizing that all blessings are from God,  
I commit to the Saint George Orthodox Church a share of my blessings as thanks and support for His Holy Church.

**My financial support for the year 2008 to Saint George Church (including Archdiocese assessment) will be:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per Week

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per Month

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per Year

(Please circle one only)

**I will Renew this Commitment each Year on a New Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Select either check or credit/debit card

Payable by check:

- Offering envelopes will be sent to you

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By Master Card or Visa (Credit or Debit):

Card # \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

- Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Print Name as show on card \_\_\_\_\_
- Billing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization**

Yes, I would like the convenience of automatic monthly payments. By signing below, I authorize **Saint George** to charge my account monthly in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on the

- 1<sup>st</sup> or
- 15<sup>th</sup> day (please select one)

of each month until I provide a written cancellation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Holy Gospel**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehosh'aphat, and Jehosh'aphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'ti-el, and Sheal'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zakod the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered his, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman"uel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

**Altar Boys are:** Mark Nafash, Paul Sabbagh, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh.

**Ushers:** St. Ignatius Members.

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** George Shahadi, Markram Joubran, Eva Iyash, Nora Zalpa, Mary Slayby, Tamar Salby, Rizkallah Dib Maatouk, Jamilie Rabahie, Hannie Hikel, Mary As-saly, Elizabeth Albert, Edward Nahass, George Andrews, Howard Nafash, Laurice Crispino, Nicholas Sedawie, Larry Bulay, Christo Affsa, Michael Cooke.

**In memory of Michael, Emilie & Norman Solomon** offered by George & Elsie Nassor and Family.

**In memory of of Laurice Kawash Crispino** offered by Toni Ann & Raven Crispino.

**In memory of Makram Joubran and Salem Hanna Joubran** offered by John & Nadia Joubran and Family.

**Memory Eternal.**

**THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH, LADIES SOCIETY, CHOIR & CHARITY FUND**

Toni Ann, Raven & Ronald Crispino in memory of Laurice Crispino and Shafeek & Florence Kawash.

Lamia & Sandra Moussallem in memory of Michel Moussallem.

Robert & Mireille Antinozzi in memory of Michel Moussallem.

George Moussallem and family in memory of Michel Moussallem.

George & Elsie Nassor in memory of Michael, Emilie and Norman Solomon.

Randy & Barbara Weintraub and family in memory of Edna Ameer.

**Teen SOYO**

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Mark Nafash, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at [Hendk99@optonline.net](mailto:Hendk99@optonline.net)
- **TODAY**, Meeting after Liturgy. Last Day for collection of unwrapped new toys. Visit to Nursing Home.
- **Friday, March 7-10, 2008— Delegates Meeting.**

**Charity Committee**

- For more information on how to become involved, please call Julie Abboud at 973-812-0444 or e-mail at [immalbert@aol.com](mailto:immalbert@aol.com)
- **Holiday Food Drive** - They will be collecting food for holiday baskets. Items Needed– Canned fruit, soup tomatoes sauce, beans, vegetables, yams, gravy; pasta, rice & stuffing. Paper products, turkeys, baking chickens & frozen pies. Please place non-perishable items in conference room. Perishable items in freezer. Thank you!

**Choir**

- St. George's choir is made up of volunteer members of our parish, the choir has been gracing our liturgy with angelic music for many years. The choir is open to all members of the parish. For more information on how to become a choir member, please see Christine Lynch.
- **Thank you for your donations to the Annual Christmas Card!**

### St. John The Divine Fellowship

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.
- Fellowship meeting Sunday, January 6th, after Liturgy.
- **Wine & Cheese Event, Saturday, February 23, 2008.** More info to follow.
- **Delegates Meeting, Friday, March 7-10, 2008.**
- **Reverse Raffle, Saturday, May 17, 2008.** More info to follow.

### Ladies Society

- The Ladies Society is considered the foundation organization involved in many spiritual, and fund raising activities for the benefit of the church. The society is open to all women who are members of the parish. For more information on how to help please contact Yola Shehady.
- **The Ladies will be having their annual Christmas Party at the Brownstone on Friday, December 28th at 12:00 Noon, \$16.00 per person. All ladies from our parish are welcome. Please see Fadia Judan or Julia Kalyoussef.**
- **Ladies will be receiving Confession on Sunday, January 6th and Communion the following Sunday. Ladies Meeting, Sunday, January 13th, after Liturgy in Conference Room.**

### PTA

- We need the support of all parents of Sunday School children. Please volunteer to help to make our events successful. To assist our PTA, please see Marlene Ayoub.

### **Parish News, Activities & Announcements**

#### General Information

- Please remember to notify the church office of any address or telephone changes.
- If anyone has any announcements that they would like to include on the bulletin or any dates to be added to the church calendar, please e-mail the office at [JSalotti@aol.com](mailto:JSalotti@aol.com) or leave a note in the church office. *Thank you!*
- **Sacraments:** All baptism and marriage forms are available through the church office and should be completed and returned to the office one week prior to the event
- **Confession:** Confession will be given on Sunday Morning 9:00am to 9:45am and after Liturgy.
- **Christmas Eve Liturgy:** Matins 6:00 pm—Liturgy 7:00 pm.

- **Champion:** The Champion will be published on a bi-monthly basis. If any one wishes to submit an article for our September/October issue, please email to Michelle Handal at [michellehandal@aol.com](mailto:michellehandal@aol.com) by August 12th. All ads for the champion must be submitted to Salim Saykail, 973-675-7900.
- **Walks of Prayers:** The campaign for our commemorative walk continues. Forms are available in the hall after Liturgy. Our next brick order is ready to be sent to the engraver, so if you have not already placed your order for your **Personalized Memorial Brick**, please fill your form and give it to Edward or Narmin Kurzum or leave it at the church office.
- **St. George's Book Store:** Entire Bible is available on DVD, New and Old Testament. Donation \$20.
- **New Year's Eve Hafli: DJ. Mazza, Dinner, Breakfast, Open Bar.** Donation Adults \$75, Children (Ages 5-12) \$50. For tickets call Fadia Juzdan 973-200-0149 or 973-220-3687.
- If you are a mother with young children 2 1/2 years and younger and would like to be in a social group that will meet; once a week at the church, please call Fr. Elias at 973-256-9475.
- **We are planning another trip to the Holy Land** on September 12th thru 22nd, 2008. If you are interested in going, please let us know as soon as possible since we have a limited number of seats. Please call the church office at 973-256-8961 or Edward Kurzum at 973-857-6562
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### Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to attend! Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 16, 2008** at 7:00 pm.

### Sunday School

- To enroll your children in the Sunday School, please see Brian Nafash. The Sunday school is open to all children of our church members.
- We need the support of all parents of Sunday School children. Please volunteer to help to make our events successful.

### December Birthdays

2nd	Gina Nadraws	17th	Solena Nahme
3rd	David Oliver	26th	Nicholas Ziad Juzdan
5th	Benjamin Waldinger	27th	Alice Tatrous
9th	David Joubran	27th	Christopher Beyjoun
12th	Yara Al-Rabaa	29th	Andrew Hanna
12th	George Beyjoun	31st	Siobhan Sousou
15th	Elias Tadros		