



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, December 30, 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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Thirty First Sunday After Pentecost, Sunday After the Nativity of Christ, Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, and James the Brother of the Lord

**Tone 6 Eothinon 9
The Epistle**

Prokeimenon: Sing Praises to our God, sing praises. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19

Ye brethren: I certify you, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace.

To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

But other of the apostles saw I none; save James and the Lord's brother.

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: "The 2008 Pledge Form lists no minimum \$ to meet. You decide on the amount of offering per week or per month or per year in proportion to your income. You can also choose to pay by using your Credit/Debit card and the monthly amount will be charged either on the 1st or the 15th of the month as you wish. This commitment is renewed every year. Please be generous with God as He is generous with you and your family. Please sign the form and return it to the Church office." 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

1st or

15th 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. Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children, she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archela'us reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

Ushers: St. Ignatius Members.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Nahi Shehady, Julia Ellien, Mildred Moussab, John Arrout, Effie Eddy.

In memory of Nahi Shehady offered by her children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

Souhel, Siham, Salwa, Afaf, Said, Lamia, Mona, Ziad and their families in memory of Nahi Shehady.

Karam, Abir & Mousa Wehbeh in memory of Fr. Maximus Nassour.

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
- We are now collecting coats, sweat shirts, sweat pants, jeans and sneakers for the homeless. Items must be in **good condition**. Please **No** socks or summer clothing.
- **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
- **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.
- **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 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.

- **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 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		