



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, December 16, 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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Twenty-Nineth Sunday after Pentecost and Sunday of the Forefathers

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The Epistle

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 5:4-11

Ye brethren: When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them.

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

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

- 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. Luke 14:16-24

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the house holder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen."

Altar Boys are: George Juzdan, Nicholas Juzdan, Philip Sabbagh, Tommy Oliver.

Ushers: St. Ignatius Members.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Norman Sedawie, Thomas Balish, Michael Kashey, Shafika Gorab, Mary Zayat, Ferris Kawash, Kabalan Fadil, Genevieve Andalaft, Charles Zagheb, Ibrahim Akel.

In memory of Saleem Elmasri offered by Natalia Elmasri and family.

Memory Eternal.

ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Michael Moussallem offered by his wife and children.

Memory Eternal.

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

Alex & Zoi Fadil in memory of William Borzuka.
Souhel & Yola Shehady in memory of Michael Moussallem.
George & Elsie Nassor in memory of Michael Moussallem.
Natalia Elmasri & family in memory of Saleem Elmasri.
Bishara & Muna Elmasri in memory of Saleem Elmasri.
Edward & Narmin Kurzum in memory of Ibrahim Akel.

In memory of Louis Hakim offered by Frank & Terry Bednarek, Alex & Zoi Fadil, George & Elsie Nassor, Hafez & Wadia Juzdan, Emanuel & Ikhlas Munayyer.

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
- **Sunday, December 23**, 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
- **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 6, 2008, 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 Sunday, January 6th and Communion the following Sunday.**
- **Ladies Meeting, Sunday, January 13, 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.
- **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 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

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		