



## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, December 2, 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 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### The Epistle

**Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me.**

### Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 6:10-17

Ye brethren: Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

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| Name: _____<br>Address: _____<br>Telephone: _____<br>e-mail: _____<br>_____<br>I am a visitor<br>I recently moved into the area<br>I am interested in becoming a member<br>I would like to know more about this Church<br>I request a phone call<br>I would like an appointment with the Priest<br>Please include me on the Parish Mailing List<br>Please pray for:<br>_____<br>_____ | _____ I would like to volunteer for _____<br>_____<br>_____ I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially:<br>_____ Teen SOYO _____ PTA<br>_____ Sunday School _____ Charity Committee<br>_____ St. John the Divine Fellowship _____ Choir<br>_____ Ladies Society<br>_____ Other<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |
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**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. Matthew (22:2-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who ere invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready: come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it he was angry, and he went his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants when out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment' and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

**Altar Boys are: Ushers:** Spero Kalyoussef, Stehan Davan, Michael Weintraub,, George Fakes, Elie Lwaysi.

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

Claire Ameer Levash & Joan Ammer Davan in memory of Mary Sedawie Bulay.

**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)
- 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](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**

- **The Annual Parish Christmas Card** will be mailed out soon. Please fill out the attached coupon and return it in the enclosed envelope before December 1st, with a donation and your name will appear on the card. There also will be a table set up in the hall after Liturgy. Please see Marlene Ayoub or Jane Tadros with you donation. Thank you!

### St. John The Divine Fellowship

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.
- **Advent Book Series Monday Evenings**, November 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th & 17th at 7:30 pm. If interested, Please contact Fr. Elias, Julie Abboud or Rima Bandeli.
- **Advent Retreat, Saturday, December 1st, 10:30 am—3 pm.** Guest Speaker, Fr. Antony Hughes. Lunch will be served. Teens & Adults are invited. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Randa Munayyer at [randamunayyer@gmail.com](mailto:randamunayyer@gmail.com) or Maha Kabbast at 732-667-8293.
- **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, \$15.00 per person. All ladies from our parish are welcome.**

### 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.
- **Wednesday, December 5th, St. Nicholas Vespers**, Make you own ice cream Sundae.
- **Friday, December 14th, Annual Christmas Party**, Pasta Dinner.

### **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.

- **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.** More information to follow.
- 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.

### 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, December 12, 2007** at Casa Di Calabria Restaurant, 78 Barbour Street, Haledon, NJ. All Council members are invited with a guest. More Info to follow.
- **Election results:** Richard Abbate, Edward Kurzum & Geries Dorkhom, 3 year terms. Issa Lwaysi, George Sarraf & Khaled Klele, 1 year terms.

### 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.

### **November Birthdays**

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| 4th | Ousama Hanna    | 16th | Sandra Saba      |
| 6th | Carol Korbeh    | 16th | Daniela Batarseh |
| 7th | Kristina Sousou | 16th | Alexander Khalaf |
| 8th | Amanda Kilyk    | 18th | Emily Haid       |
| 9th | Michael Sabbagh | 20th | Victoria Ayoub   |
| 9th | Ruby Mamary     | 28th | Rami Saliby      |
| 9th | Nichole Shehady |      |                  |