



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, October 7, 2007



Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Confession 9:00—9:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Epistle

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

Section from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 11:31 to end;12:1-9

Ye brethren: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ which is blessed forevermore, knoweth that I lie not.

In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

And though a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

And I knew such a man,(whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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 _____

Financial Support Forms for 2007 are now available.

The following individuals have filled out and returned their Financial Support Form. Please forgive us, if you have submitted a form and your name is not listed. Please call us and we will correct this problem. If you have not filled out a form and would like to, forms are available in the Narthex or at 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 2007 to
Saint George Church (including Archdiocese assessment) will be
\$_____ per year.**

**Minimum is \$570 per year for a single person (\$48/month) and
\$932 per year for a family (\$78/month)**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Select either check or credit/debit card

Payable by check:

- Pledge 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 7:11-16**

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Na'in and many of his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" And "God has visited his people!"

Altar Boys are: Andrew Chatrie, Matthew Chatrie, Eli Samaan, Albert Samaan, Matthew Sabbagh.

Ushers: Alexandra, Stephanie R, CJ Starke, Peter Yazgi.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

In memory of Anthony Jorwa, Richard Mamary, Russell Haggar, Saliba Elhin, Julie Kabbash, Marian Abousamra, Michael Ayoub, Joseph Sanzone.

In memory of Misbah, Fadel & Muhrez Misho, Kamelea Taham, Majoud Youssef, & The priest Samaan Badin offered by Michael & Zahia Badin.

Memory Eternal.

For the good health of Razek Sabbagh offered by Hannah, Michael, Paul & Timothy Sabbagh.

For the good health of Tata Idossia Abboud offered by Albert & Annaliese Abboud.

May God grant them many years.

ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Elin Saba offered by her children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

Nicholas & Joyce Andalft in memory of Anthony Andalft.
Abraham & Terry Mamary in memory of Richard Mamary.
Nicholas & Somaya Gorab for the good health of Elsie Nassor.
Hannah, Michael, Paul and Timothy Sabbagh for the good health of Ammou Roro.
Albert & Annaliese Abboud for the good health of our Tata Idossia Abboud.

Teen SOYO

- Our Teen SOYO (Society of Orthodox Youth Organization) is the most active organization of our parish. Our active and vibrant teenagers form the Teen SOYO that is involved in all aspects of the church life, including spiritual, social, and charitable activities. 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. Thank you!
- **Saturday, October 20, 2007— Hafli**
- **Saturday, November 17, 2007— Teen SOYO Retreat**
- **Friday, March 7-10, 2007— Delegates Meeting**

Charity Committee

- The charity outreach committee is a group of people within the church who undertake fundraising activities, which specifically benefit local charitable causes.
- For more information on how to become involved, please call Julie Abboud at 973-812-0444 or e-mail at immalbert@aol.com
- **Save the date! Friday, November 9th, an evening of Hope benefiting St. George Charity Committee @ Michelle's Restaurant in Garfield, NJ. Ticket will be on Sale September 30th. Donation \$75.00.**

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.

St. John The Divine Fellowship

- The Fellowship consists of young adults dedicated to following the example of their patron, St. John the Divine, who was the youngest apostle, and the closest to Jesus. They are involved in spiritual, social, and charitable activities within the church. For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.
- **Meeting, Sunday Octoberr 21, after Liturgy.**
- **Movie Night, Friday, November 2nd, 8:00 pm.**
- **Delegates Meeting, Friday, October 26-28, 2007, Johnstown, PA.**
- **Delegates Meeting, Friday, March 7-10, 2007**

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.
- **Kabob Luncheon, after Liturgy TODAY!** Please support the Ladies and join us.
- **Ladies Society Meeting, Sunday, October 14th, after Liturgy.**

PTA

- Our PTA is a support group of parents, and Sunday School teachers dedicated to the continuous improvement of our Sunday School, and other issues related to raising our children in the Orthodox faith. To assist our PTA, please see Marlene Ayoub.
- **Friday, October 26, 2007— Halloween Party.**

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.
- **Evening Liturgy**, Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 pm. Presentation of our Lady in the Temple.
- **Metropolitan Philip Charity Banquet to benefit Al Kafaat**, a charitable organization in Lebanon, Saturday, October 13th at 6:00 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.
- **Camp Meeting:** **Sunday, October 21, 2007**, after liturgy, there will be an important meeting for anyone who is planning on sending their children to camp next summer. Some of the policies have changed, and we need to discuss them as soon as possible. If you have a child 9 years of age or going into the 4th grade, they are able to go to camp. If you have any questions, please see Joanne Bitar.

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, October 17, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.**
- The annual General Parish Meeting and Parish Council Elections will take place on **Sunday, October 28, 2007**, after Liturgy. During the meeting there will be an election of six members of the church to serve on the Parish Council. **The Candidates are Richard Abbate, Edward Kurzum, John Balonze, Issa Lwise and Hazim Fanik.** If anyone is interested in running, please contact Amin Amireh.

Sunday School

- The Church's Sunday school is available from Nursery to students of high school age. Our teachers are volunteer members of our church family, and there is no fee associated with attendance. To enroll your children in the Sunday School, please see Brian Nafash. The Sunday school is open to all children of our church members.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Fadel Ayoub	14th	Jillian Haid
4th	Amanda Elmasri	16th	George Fakes
6th	Taylor Szabo	18th	Rami Mamary
8th	Julianna Sousou	22nd	Andrew Handal
12th	Sami Ayoub	22nd	Diane Lwaysi
12th	Gabriella Acoury	26th	Nataline Elmasri
14th	Sara Donovan	27th	Catherine Ibrahim