



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, September 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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE CONCEPTION OF THE PROPHET AND FORERUNNER, JOHN THE BAPTIST

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: The Righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 4:22-27

For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai, which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar.

For this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children But the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, you who do not bear! Break forth and shout, you who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband."

If you like to worship with us, please fill in the information below and give to 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

_____ 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 our and returned their Financial Support Form. Please for- give 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

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Signature _____ Date _____

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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. John 17:1-13

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennes'-aret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; hence forth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

Ushers: Amin Amireh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

In memory of Joseph Zakak, Spiro Armoony, Charles TabEEK, Sophie Cleland, Joseph Hanna, William Newton, Ameen Kallas, Jameel Hamway, Abdo Azrak, Nicholas Fadil.

Nine-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Joseph Abuissa offered by his parents, John & Hilda and their family.

Memory Eternal.

For the good health of Ziad, Fadia & Janine Juzdan on the occasion of their birthdays offered by Hafez & Wadia Juzdan.

May God grant them many years.

Today's coffee hour is being donated in memory of Joseph Abuissa by his family and friends.

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

Veneta Trabousli for the good health of George Trabousli.
Hafez & Wadia Juzdan for the good health of Ziad, Fadia & Janine Juzdan.
Basel & Melissa Sabbagh for the good health of Eva Marie Sabbagh.
Adib & Hanni Roumie for the good health of Michael, Maha & Baby Ranya Kabbash.
Adib & Hanni Roumie for the good health of Salim, Julie, Albert & Annaliese Abboud.
George & Grace Andalfit in memory of Anthony Andalfit.
Rose Marie Zamloot in memory of Anthony Andalfit.
Salim & Jule Abboud in memory of Laila Nader.
Jenny Nabba & family in memory of Jameel Hamway.

Teen SOYO

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Mark Nafash, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian. Visit us at: <http://www.Hendk99@optonline.net>
- **Saturday, October 20, 2007, 8:30 pm — St. George Hafli, Fun & Dancing with DJ Mark. Mazza Will be served, bring your own bottle. Drink Set-ups will be available. Donation \$35.00.**
- **Saturday, November 17, 2007— Teen SOYO Retreat**
- **Friday, March 7-10, 2007— Delegates Meeting**
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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. Tickets 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.

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 preparing Kabob on Thursday, October 4, at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome to help.**

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.

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:** No confession will be given after Liturgy on Sunday Morning. Confession will only be given on Sunday Morning 9:00 to 9:45 am and Wednesday evening after vespers.
- **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.
- **Arabic Classes:** Monday and Wednesday evenings for adults and children beginning September 17th. If you are interested, please contact Ikhlas Munayyer at 201-460-1658 or call the church office at 973-256-8961.

HALL RENTALS

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007	Michael & Maha Kabbash
Saturday, February 2, 2008	Sathmarer Society
Saturday, May 24, 2008	Kaufman (Wedding Reception)

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, September 19, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.**
- The annual General Parish Meeting and Parish Council Elections will take place on **Sunday, October 28, 2007**, after Liturgy. More info to follow.
- Congratulations to all! We have completed the purchase of the property at 83 Woods Road. We will be communicating any further details in the coming months.

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.
- **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** (3rd) Sylvia Abuissa, (8th) Roison Sousou, (9th) Mereil Louis, (12th) Randy Arsheed & Laura Lwaysi, (13th) Jalil Tadros, (16th) Samuel Waldinger, (17th) Elias Chalet, (21st) Eva Nahass, (23rd) Jonathan Nadraws, (25th) Christina Korbeh & Janine Juzdan, (26th) Jessica Nafash. (27th) Amanda Daoud.
- **Registration Continues!**
- **Friday, October 26, 2007— Halloween Party.**