



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, April 13, 2008



Matins 9:00 am
Confession 9:00—9:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: THE COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT.

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The Epistle

The Epistle: Vow and pay unto the Lord your God. In Judah is God known.

Section for the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Ye brethren: When Christ came an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation:

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh;

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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 _____

We are asking all parishioners to please fill out and return the attached Financial Support Form.

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. Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will raise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zeb' edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and who ever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give life as a ransom for many."

Altar Boys are: Peter Yazgi, Stephan Davan, George Fakes, Elie Lwaysi, Andrew Hanna.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Regina Sappah, Camil Hallal, Wadiah Hakim, Margaret Nakash, David Kozam, Joseph Hamway, Jeffrey Nahass.

Memory Eternal.

Forty-Day Trisagion service

In memory of Samira El Khouri offered by her children and their families.

In memory of Michael Mc Carey offered by Anton & Janet Homsey.

Memory Eternal.

Six-Month Trisagion Service

In memory of Michael Yazigi offered by his children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

Today's Coffee hour is being donated by the El Khouri family in memory of Samira Ek Khouri.

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

Stacey Kyrillidis for the good health of Afife Aboushanab.
 Jennie Nabba & Family for the good health of Albert Kaba.
 Edward & Lillian Mamary for the good health of Albert Kaba.
 Robert & Pearl Nahass for the good health of George Juzdan.
 Danny & Susanne Haddad for the good health of George Juzdan.
 Janet & Anton Homsey in memory of Leon Matook.
 Robert & Pearl Nahass in memory of Leon Matook.
 David & Jane Tadros in memory of Jail & Afifeh Tadros.
 George & Dorothy Juzdan and family in memory of Albert Juzdan.

In memory of Michael Mc Carey offered by Anton & Janet Homsey, Alan Matook, William & Olivia Kabbash, Edward & Lillian Mamary, Robert & Pearl Nahass.

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
- **Lazarus Saturday, April 19th, Clean Church after Liturgy.**
- **Palm Sunday, April 20th, Bake Sale after Liturgy.**
- **Good Friday, April 25th, All Night Vigil. Teens will sleep overnight in church. Please let Hend know if you will be attending.**

Charity Committee

- The charity outreach committee is a group of people within the church who undertake fundraising activities, which specifically benefit local charitable causes. These activities bring alive the teaching of our Lord, when he said "in as much as you have done it to these, the least of my brethren, you have done it to me".
- For more information on how to become involved, please call Julie Abboud at 973-812-0444 or e-mail at immalbert@aol.com

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

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.
- Raffle to benefit Camp Scholarships. Tickets are \$10. Drawing is May 17, 2008. Tickets on sale now! See Michael Kabbash.

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 Fadia Juzdan.
- Meeting after Liturgy **TODAY** 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.
- **Lazarus Saturday Communion Breakfast, April 19th, after Liturgy. Memorial donations are now being accepted. Please see Julie Abboud or Marlene Ayoub. Egg Hunt. Sunday, April 27th, after Pascha Liturgy.**

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 JSa-lotti@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.
- **GREAT LENT SERVICES: Monday, Great Compline, Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy, Friday, Akathist-Madayeh. All services begin at 7:00 pm.**
- **Building Fund:** The Fund Raising Committee for the new property has sent out letters to each church member and to many friends of our church requesting their participation. Please fill out the pledge form and send it with your check to the church office. Make the check payable to "St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church," and indicate in memo "New Property Funds." One of the Committee members will follow up on each letter by getting in touch with you personally, either by email or by phone call. Your prompt and positive response will make their job easier." For more information, please contact Fr. Elias Bitar or Salim Abboud.
- **Save the date:** The Fund Raising Committee will be hosting an event featuring Mr. Simon Shaheen on Saturday, May 3rd. More information to follow.
- **St. George's Day Celebration, Brunch, Sunday, May 4th after Liturgy. Donation: Adults \$15.00, Children \$10.00.**
- This year's **Festival 2008** is scheduled for June 20, 21 and 22. Please volunteer your services by contacting Amin Amireh or Jennifer Zabaneh.

- **Champion:** The Champion will be published on a bi-monthly basis. If any one wishes to submit an article , please email to Michelle Handal at michellehandal@aol.com. All ads for the champion must be submitted to Salim Saykali, 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.
- **Book Store:** Now available for sale in the St. George Bookstore the long-awaited, complete "Orthodox Study Bible" including both the Old and New Testaments. This new publication features an original translation by Orthodox Scholars of the Old Testament from the Septuagint. It also includes insightful commentary drawn from the Christian writers of the first ten centuries; full-Color Icons and helpful notes relating Scripture to seasons of Christian feasting and fasting. Please pay a visit to the bookstore to see for yourself the beauty of this new Bible, which might become a family treasure.
- **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.
- **Book Club:** Meets Monday, April 14, at 8:00 pm after Great Compline.
- **Men's Club:** Meeting, Sunday, May 11th, after Liturgy. Please See Robert Nahass for more information.

Parish Council

Next Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

The Parish Council met on Wednesday, March 19. We are asking any church member that has a key to the hall or the church or the kitchen to have it recorded with Jackie. We would like to make sure that the heating system is not left on after hours, which has cost us an excessive cost in the last few months.

We ask each family to fill out the 2008 Pledge Form, sign it and return it to the church office. So far, we have received very few signed pledges. Signing a pledge form does not oblige anyone to pay, but it would remind you of your promise to offer to the Lord a token of your appreciation for all His grace and blessings.

Please look in your heart and come up with the amount you know is adequate giving. So far this year, we have incurred, in the first two months, over \$ 22,000 shortfall between our expenses and our collections".

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.
- Saints Festival, Sunday, May 18, after Liturgy. Come and listen to your children tell about their classroom Saint. Parents are invited. Food and beverages will be served.

April Birthday's

03	Marcel Louis	13	Paul Sabbagh
06	Juliana Hanna	14	Richard Hanna
07	Thomas Klele	21	Miranda Bandeli
09	Joseph Samaan	21	Steven Malki
11	John Elias	22	John Joubran
12	Ellena Salim	22	Nicholas Matkiwsky
12	Diala Stavrou	30	John Pace & Julia Arsheed