



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, April 20, 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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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. John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples {he who was to betray Jesus}, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Laz'arus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Laz'arus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard he had done this sign.

Altar Boys are: Mark Nafash, Paul Sabbagh, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Naseeb G. Nassor, Emil Barakat, Mary Makoul, Marie Durgom, Leonard Van Eck, Michael Chalet, Christine Khyatt Esahak, John M. Ameer.

Memory Eternal.

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

Michael & Lisa Nafash for the good health of Alexandra Nafash.
Karam Wehbeh & family for the good health of Michael Oliver.
Nicholas & Joyce Andalft for the good health of Benjamin Waldinger.
El Khouri family in memory of Samira El Khouri.
George & Peggy Nahass in memory of Michael McCarey.
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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
- **Palm Sunday, April 20th, Bake Sale after Lliturgy.**
- **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 Festival Work Days

- **Tuesday, April 22nd, String Cheese—9:30 am**
- **Tuesday, May 6th, Pastry Prep—6:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 9th, Mamool—6:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 16th, Grape Leaves—6:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 23rd, Grape Leaves—6:00 pm.**
- **Thursday, May 29th, Spinach Pies—6:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, June 3rd, Kibbee & Kabob—6:00 pm**
- **Thursday, June 12th, Baklawa & Swart—6:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, June 17th, Ghraybeh—9:30 am**

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.
- **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.
- **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. There will be an advertisement book distributed in the community before and during the festival. If you would like more information to place an Ad or make a donation towards this year's festival, please contact Amin Amireh, Jennifer Zabaneh or Elias Challet. **All Ads must be submitted by May 1st.!**

- **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.
- **Men's Club:** Mother's Day Breakfast after Liturgy, Sunday, May 11th, to honor all Mothers on Mother's day. Everyone is invited.

Parish Council

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday,	April 20,	Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
Monday,	April 21,	Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
Tuesday,	April 22,	Bridegroom Service	7:00 pm
Wednesday,	April 23,	Holy Unction Service	7:00 pm
Thursday,	April 24,	Liturgy 9:00 am –12 Passions Gospel	7:00 pm
Friday,	April 25,	Hours 10:00 am - Vespers 3:00 pm – Burial	7:00 pm
Saturday,	April 26,	Liturgy 9:00 am - Matins/Rush/Resurrection	11:00 pm
Sunday,	April 27,	Easter Sunday Services	11:00 am

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