



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, December 14, 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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**TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND SUNDAY OF THE FORFATHERS**

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**The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon:** How great are they work, O Lord. Thou hast made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians 3:4-11**

Ye brethren: When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

In the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them.

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 14:16-24

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the house holder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen."

**Altar Boys are:** Simone Kurzum, Ramzi Kurzum, Anthony Handal, Andrew Handal.

**Ushers are:** Bishara Elmasri, Farah Munayyer, George Sarraf, Edward Kurzum, Aliyas Aboughanam.

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Henry Lauritano, Saleem Elmasri, Norman Sedawie, Thomas Balish, Michael Kashey, Shafika Gorab, Mary Zayat, Ferris Kawash, Kabalan Fadil, Genevieve Andalaft.

**In memory of Michael Moussallem** offered by Lamia and Sandra Moussallem, and Mireille & Bobby Antinozzi.

**In memory of Saleem Elmasri** offered by Natalia Elmasri, her children and their families.

**ONE YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE**

**In memory of Fr. Maximos Nassosur** offered by George & Rana Derbaly and family.  
**Memory Eternal.**

**For the good health of Thomas & Hoda Oliver** offered by their children and their families.  
**May God grant them many years.**

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

Natalia Elmasri in memory of Saleem Elmasri.  
Bishara & Muna Elmasri and family in memory of Saleem Elmasri.  
Elie & Hala Dollari in memory of Sayed Bassim.  
Lola Nasseh in memory of Nasseh & Chalet.  
Adib & Hanni Roumie for the good health of their family.  
Carlos & Grace Hosri for the good health of Thomas & Hoda Oliver.

**In memory of Marie Hakim** offered by George & Lara Sarraf, George & Peggy Nahass, Edward & Lillian Nahass, Stacy Kyrillidis, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Davis, Nicholas & Somaya Gorab, Antoine & Samia Zeitoun, Joseph & Afife Aboushanab, Olivia Kabbash, Hafez & Wadia Juzdan, Mark & Jackie Salotti, Edward & Narmin Kurzum, George & Elsie Nassor, Jim & Lori Hakim & family, Alfred Ayoub, Charlie & Dolores Mansur, Elaine Puzio, Emanuel & Ikhlis Munayyer, Robert & Pearl Nahass, Andrew & Jean Masini, Margaret DeGeyter, Alvia & Barbara Kipnis.

**Teen SOYO**

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Alexandra Nafash, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at [Hendk99@optonline.net](mailto:Hendk99@optonline.net)
- We are collecting coats, blankets, sweats, sneakers. **Only New Socks, Hats & Gloves. NO SUMMER CLOTHING!!!** Thank you!

**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](mailto: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.
- **Annual Parish Christmas Card.** Last days to have your name added to the Parish Christmas Card for a minimum \$20.00 donation. Please see Jane Tadros or Marlene Ayoub in the hall after Liturgy.

### St. John The Divine Fellowship

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.

### Ladies Society

**We will be having our annual Christmas Hobby Party, Monday, December 29th at 12:00 Noon, at the Brownstone.** Cost \$18.00. Please RSVP to Jackie Salotti or Fadia Juzdan. All Ladies from our parish are welcome.

**Please support the "Holiday Shop." Sunday, December 21st, is the last Sunday.**

**Grape Leaves are still available while supply lasts. 3 bundles of 10 for \$10.00.**

### 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.
- **Christmas Party**, Friday, December 19th, 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Please see Marlene Ayoub details.

### 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.
- **VESPERS:** Wednesday, Evenings 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.
- **Arabic Classes:** Classes will begin on Monday, September 22nd, at 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact Ikhlas Munayyer or call the Church office at 973-256-8961 or email [JSalotti@aol.com](mailto:JSalotti@aol.com)

- **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](mailto: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.
- **New Year's Eve:** Dinner-Dance, featuring Eddie Ossama. Mazza, Dinner, Open Bar. Adults \$80—Children (5-12) \$50. Please seed Fadia Juzdan in the hall after Liturgy for reservation and payment, or call 973-220-3687.
- **Men's Club:** Meeting, Friday, December 19th.

**Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00 pm. The meetings of the Parish Council are open to all parishioners. If you are interested, you are welcome to attend them.

The parish elected three officers. They are Salim Abboud, Ziad Juzdan and Elie Saade. In addition, there will be four appointed members; two voting members appointed by Father and two non-voting members appointed by the Parish Council .If you are interested to serve on the Parish Council, please speak to Father or to Adib Roumie.

Who qualifies to serve on the Church Council? Members are usually selected for their business experience, education, or legal background. However, the best parish council members are those who are Church-oriented and Christ-Oriented. A good council member is one that is active in the worship and sacramental life of the church. The best candidates are easy to find – they are in the church and are committed to serve the church.

**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.
- There should be **nobody** in the church hall during Sunday school session.

**December Birthday's**

12-2	Gina Nadraws	12-17	Solena Nehme
12-3	David Oliver	12-26	Nicholas Juzdan
12-5	Benjamin Waldinger	12-27	Alice Tatrous
12-9	David Joubran	12-27	Chris Beyjoun
12-12	Yara Al-Rabaa	12-29	Andrew Hanna
12-12	George Beyjoun	12-31	Siobhan Sousou
12-15	Elias Tadros		