



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, December 21, 2008*



**Matins ..... 9:00 am**

**Divine Liturgy ..... 10:00 am**

**Confession ..... 9:00—9:45 am**

**Sunday School ..... 9:30 am**

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THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST  
(KNOWN AS THE SUNDAY OF GENEALOGY)  
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The Epistle

**Prokeimen:** Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For thou art just in all that thou hast done to us.

**Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32 to end.**

Ye brethren: By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

*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) \_\_\_\_\_

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. Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'ti-el, and Sheal'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zakod the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered his, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'uel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

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

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Ruth Salotti, Charles Zagheb, Ibrahim Akel, George Shahadi, Markram Joubran, Eva Iyash, Nora Zalpha, Mary Slayby, Tamar Slayby, Rizkallah Dib Maatouk, Jamilie Rabahie.

**In memory of Michel & Georgette Yazgi** offered by George & Abir Yazgi and family.

**Memory Eternal.**

For the good health of Karen Balonze & Joseph Giammaralla on their engagement offered by John & Mary Balonze.

**May God grant them many years.**

**TRISAGION SERVICE**

**In memory of Souad Saba** offered by Edward & Mary Ellen Saba and family.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

George Hatab in memory of Tamam Hatab.  
George & Abir Yazgi in memory of Mechel & Georgette Yazgi.  
Lamia Moussallem & family in memory of Michael Moussallem.  
John & Mary Balonze for the good health of Joseph Dorkhom.  
Edward & Lillian Mamary in memory of Marie Hakim.  
Marie Shahadi in memory of Marie Hakim.  
Mona Barrios in memory of Marie Hakim  
Nicolas Cocja & family in memory of George & Diba Cocja.  
Edward & Narmin Kurzum in memory of Ibrahim Akel.  
Michael & Saw-san Fakes for the good health Joanne Bitar.  
Michael & Lisa Nafash for the good health of Gabriel & Diane Sabbagh & family.  
Michael & Lisa Nafash for the good health of Jeffrey, Mark, & Alexandra Nafash.

**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)

**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.** Please see Jane Tadros or Marlene Ayoub with your donation for the Parish Christmas Card. Minimum \$20.00 donation.

### 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." TODAY 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.
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### **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.

- **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.

**Parish Council**

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, January 21st, 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.
- There will be **no** classes, Sunday, December 28th. Classes will resume on Sunday January 4, 2009. Starting in January, the doors to the hall will be locked during Sunday School session. Please do not enter during that time. Thank you!

**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		