



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, December 28, 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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**Twenty Eight Sunday After Pentecost, Sunday After the Nativity of Christ, Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, and James the Brother of the Lord**

**Tone 3 Eothinon 6**

**The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon: Sing Praises to our God, sing praises. O clap your hands, all ye nations.**

**Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19**

Ye brethren: I certify you, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace.

To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

But other of the apostles saw I none; save James and the Lord's brother.

*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 2:13-23

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men.

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children, she refused to be consoled, because they were no more. "But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archela'us reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

**Altar Boys are:** Shadi Saliby, George Mitwasi, Nicholas Mitwasi, Matthew Sabbagh.

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Hannie Abraham Hikel, Rose Kassab, Mary Assaly, Elizabeth Albert, Edward Nahass, Nahi Shehady,, George Andrews, Howard Nafash, Laurice Kawash Crispino, Nicholas Sedawie, Larry Bulary, Christo Affsa, Michael Cooke.

**In memory of Rose Kassab** offered by William Jarjoura and family.

**In memory of Laurice Kawash Crispino** offered by Toni Ann Crispino 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.  
John & Nadia Joubran in memory of Hanna Abboud, Makram Joubran & Salem Joubran.  
Edward & Narmin Kurzum in memory of Ibrahim Akel.  
Toni Ann Crispino and family in memory of Laurice Kawash Crispino.  
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.  
John & Nadia Joubran for the good health of Joseph Dorkhom and Joanne Bitar.

**In memory of Rose & Lillie Kassab** offered by William Jarjoura, Albert & Sandy Mousab, William & Amal Jarjoura, David & Doreen Martens, Kevin & Barbara Cosgrave and their families.

**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 if you still have not made your donation. Minimum \$20.00 donation. Thank you!

### 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.

### 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.
- **Arabic Classes:** Classes are now in session Monday and Wednesday evenings. 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.

**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, **Today.** 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		