



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, February 17, 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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**New Financial Support Forms for 2008:** "The 2008 Pledge Form lists no minimum \$ to meet. You decide on the amount of offering per week or per month or per year in proportion to your income. You can also choose to pay by using your Credit/Debit card and the monthly amount will be charged either on the 1st or the 15th of the month as you wish. This commitment is renewed every year. Please be generous with God as He is generous with you and your family. Please sign the form and return it to the Church office." Thank You!

**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 Holy Gospel**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke 18:10-14**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Phari-see and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Altar Boys are:** Andrew Chatrie, Matthew Chatrie, Eli Samaan, Albert Samaan

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION**

**In memory of** Rose Maloof, Eliane Karram, Basil Affsa, Charles Samra, Ralph Nakash, Nicholas Dahan, Josephine Ballan, Assad Eshak, Ada Khyatt, Michael Mamary, Rose Conti, Nadeema Hadad, George Mattar, William Grant, Sr., Milo Balonze.

**In memory of Elaine Karram** offered by George Karram and family.

**In memory of Rose Maloof** offered by her children and their families.

**Memory Eternal.**

**Forty-Day Trisagion Service**

**In memory of Sammy Fadil** offered by Valerie Fadil, Mary Fadil and their families.

**Memory Eternal.**

**Today's coffee hour is being donated by the Fadil family in memory of Sammy Fadil.**

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

Joseph & Fran Conti in memory of Rose Conti.

**In memory of Wayne Creek** offered by Edward & Lillian Mamary, George & Peggy Nahass, Jennie & James Nabba, Louis & Virginia Nabba, William & Olivia Kabbash, Rose Marie Zamloot, Margaret DeGeyter

**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](mailto:Hendk99@optonline.net)
- Sunday, February 24, meeting after Liturgy.
- **Friday, March 7-10, 2008— Delegates Meeting.**

**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.

### St. John The Divine Fellowship

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.
- Fellowship meeting Sunday, January 6th, after Liturgy.
- **Wine & Cheese Event, Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 7:00 pm.** Sampling of 5 different wine varietals from Argentina, Italy and the USA. Gourmet hors d'oeuvres & appetizers, cheese & fruit stations. Donation \$50.00. Adults only. For ticket and reservations contact Randa Munayyer at 201-207-9445 or email Randa.Munayyer@gmail.com
- **Delegates Meeting, Friday, March 7-10, 2008.**
- **Reverse Raffle, Saturday, May 10, 2008.** More info to follow.

### 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.
- **Bunco**, Friday, February 29, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to donate a gift, please see Fadia Juzdan or Lisa Nafash. Donation \$10.00.
- We will be preparing **Spinach Pies** on Wednesday, April 1st, at 9:30 am and 6:30pm, everyone is welcome to help! We are now taking orders. Please see Jackie Salotti or any Ladies Society member. Donation: \$12.00 per dozen.
- Friday, April 4th, **Lenten Dinner** after services.
- Sunday, April 6th, **Ladies Communion Breakfast** after Liturgy.

### 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.

### 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.
- **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 of 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.
- **Camp:** Meeting on Sunday, February 24th after Liturgy in church for all children and their parents who will be attending camp this summer.
- **We are asking each family to please fill out the 2008 Pledge Form, sign it and return it to the church office. Thank you**

- **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 Saykail, 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.
- **St. George's Book Store:** Entire Bible is available on DVD, New and Old Testament. Donation \$20.
- **We are planning a trip to Atlantic City on Sunday March 9th.** The bus will be leaving the church at 12:30 pm and returning at 9:00 pm Cost is \$28.00 per person, you will get back \$27.00. Please contact Souhel Shehady or the Church office for reservations.
- **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.

### Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to attend! Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 20, 2008** at 7:00 pm.

One of the main objectives of the Parish Council, this year, is to help increase attendance of parishioners that do not worship regularly with us.

Our Lord has said it in many ways. In Matthew 18: 12-14, he said "If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray". In Luke 15: 8-10 he said "what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it." In both cases, our Lord added, "It is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish"

It is the duty of every one of us to encourage friends and family members to attend church regularly.

### 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.

### **February Birthday's**

03	Elina Chalet	16	Sophia Ayoub
05	Zackary Haid	22	Elie Lwaysi
11	Narimann Salim	25	Nicole Starke
14	Kelsey O'Gorman	26	Tianna Saade
16	Sara Hajal	27	Elias Chalet
16	Phillip Sabbagh		
16	Sam Hajal, Jr.		