



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, January 13, 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 AFTER EPIPHANY

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:7-13

Ye brethren: Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

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 _____

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

- 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. Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Christopher Nahas, Khouieh Elizabeth Nahas, Edward Nahas, Nicholas Fersa, Donald Berber, Samira Eshaf, Elias Hamway, Elias Hemsey, Sarah Esahak, Louis Nabba, Margaret Lurvey, Elizabeth Norman.

In memory of Sarah Eshak offered by Robert & Pearl Nahass, Christine Lynch and George Karram.

In memory of Louis Nabba offered by Jennie Nabba & family.

Memory Eternal.

FORTY-DAY TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Sayed Basseem offered by his daughter, Hala and her family.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour his being donated by Elie & Hala Dollary in memory of Sayed Basseem.

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

- Alfred Ayoub in memory of Sadie Ayoub.
- Hatem Asfour in memory of Moussa Asfour.
- George & Elsie Nassor in memory of Catherine Nassor, Khourieh Sara Simon.
- Virginia Contrino in memory of Louis Hakim.
- Dolores Barber in memory of Donald Barber.
- Bishara & Muna Elmasri and family for the good health of Baby Christian.
- George & Elsie Nassor for the good health of Diane Hamra.
- The St. George Choir for the good health of Christine Lynch.

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
- **Meeting, Sunday, January 20th, after Liturgy.** After the meeting they will be going Ice Skating.
- **Friday, March 7-10, 2008— Delegates Meeting.**

Charity Committee

- 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.
- Fellowship meeting Sunday, January 6th, after Liturgy.
- **Wine & Cheese Event, Saturday, February 23, 2008.** More info to follow.
- **Delegates Meeting, Friday, March 7-10, 2008.**
- **Reverse Raffle, Saturday, May 17, 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.
- **Ladies will be receiving Communion Today.**
- **Ladies Meeting Today after Liturgy in Conference Room.**

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 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.
- **Pledge Envelopes:** You will be receiving newly designed pledge envelopes in the mail soon. In the mean time, please use a white envelope with your name written on it so you can be credited with your donation. Thank you!
- **Father Chad Hatfield** will be serving Liturgy while Fr. Elias is away.

- **Champion:** The Champion will be published on a bi-monthly basis. If any one wishes to submit an article for our September/October issue, please email to Michelle Handal at michellehandal@aol.com by August 12th. 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.
- If you are a mother with young children 2 1/2 years and younger and would like to be in a social group that will meet; once a week at the church, please call Fr. Elias at 973-256-9475.
- **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
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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, January 16, 2008** at 7:00 pm.

New Parish Council Officers are:

Adib Roumie, President

Elie Saade, Vice President

Salim Abboud, Treasurer

Rima Bandeli, Recording Secretary

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, February 17th, after Liturgy. Come and listen to your children tell about their classroom Saint. Parents are invited. Food and beverages will be served.

January Birthdays

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| 01 | Michael Ekhtear | | |
| 17 | Patrick Khoury | | |
| 18 | Sarah Covello | | |
| 18 | Issa Lubbos | | |
| 20 | Elizabeth Klele | | |
| 20 | Danielle Milin | | |
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