



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, January 06, 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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FEAST OF THE DIVINE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD AND GOD JESUS CHRIST

The Epistle

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

My son Titus: The grace of God our Saviour hath appeared to all men;

Instructing us that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly, and justly, and godly in this world.

Looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and might cleanse to himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works.

These things speak, and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

But when the goodness and kindness of God our Saviour appeared:

Not by the works of justice, which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the laver of regeneration, and renovation of the Holy Spirit;

Whom he hath poured forth upon us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour:

That, being justified by his grace, we may be heirs, according to hope of life everlasting.

If you like to worship with us, please fill in the information below and give to the priest or any parish member!

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>e-mail: _____</p> <p>_____ I am a visitor</p> <p>_____ I recently moved into the area</p> <p>_____ I am interested in becoming a member</p> <p>_____ I would like to know more about this Church</p> <p>_____ I request a phone call</p> <p>_____ I would like an appointment with the Priest</p> <p>_____ Please include me on the Parish Mailing List</p> <p>_____ Please pray for: _____</p>	<p>_____ I would like to volunteer for _____</p> <p>_____ I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially:</p> <p>_____ Teen SOYO _____ PTA</p> <p>_____ Sunday School _____ Charity Committee</p> <p>_____ St. John the Divine Fellowship _____ Choir</p> <p>_____ Ladies Society</p> <p>_____ Other _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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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

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 3:13-17

And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan, unto John, to be baptized by him.

But John stayed him, saying: I ought to be baptized by thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering, said to him: Suffer it to be so now. For so it becometh us to fulfill all justice. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus being baptized, forthwith came out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him.

And behold a voice from heaven, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Wakim Hamwi, Mary Azar, Joseph Kassab, Khouieh Sara Simon, Habib Kassab, Nageeby Hakim, Susan Hajjar, Edna Ameer, Michael Fadil, Michael Ganim, May Ganim, George McCaba, Joseph McCaba, Nicholas Andalf, Charles McCaba, John Chalet.

In memory of Catherine Nassor offered by George & Elsie Nassor and family.

In memory of Edna Ameer offered by her children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

Forty-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Louis Hakim offered by Virginia Contrino, Gladys Shema, Lila Czatlicki and Marie Hakim.

Memory Eternal.

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

George & Elsie Nassor & family in memory of Catherine Nassor.
 Randy, Barbara & Michael Weintraub in memory of Edna Ameer.
 Claire & Marissa Levash in memory of Edna Ameer.
 Dennis & Joan Davan and family in memory of Edna Ameer.
 Robert & Kathy Simon in memory of Khouieh Sara Simon.
 George & Elsie Nassor in memory of Ruth Salotti.
 Souhel & Yola Shehady in memory of Ruth Salotti
 Karam, Abir & Mousa Wehbeh in memory of Fr. Maximus Nassoor.
 George & Veneta Traboulsi for the good health of Abir Yazgy.
 Edward & Narmin Kurzum for the good health of Somaya Gorab.

In memory of Rose Kassab offered by Michael & Lisa Nafash, George Beyjoun & family, Albert & Elaine Balonze, Abby & Anise Beyjoun, Nich & Joyce Andalf, George & Debbie Taylor, Nelson & Carol Martin, Larry & Janice Maskal, Brian & Chritine Nafash, Doris Nafash, Mr. & Mrs. George Haweeny, Mr. & Mrs. Abe Haweny, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Esso, Henry & Mary Shabbab, Claire Ajam, Ray & Sue Nafash, Laura Milin, Richie Pometti Gary & Chris Nafash, Joan Nafash, Mr. & Mrs. Koroghlian, Olga Kallas, Mr. & Mrs. George Kallas, Agnes Zarraky, Mr. & Mrs. Vartan Vartanian, Scott, Kathy & Kaitlyn Connolly, Sue DeMarco, Jackie, Marty, Susie & Andy Eisen.

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
- We are now collecting coats, sweat shirts, sweat pants, jeans and sneakers for the homeless. Items must be in **good condition**. Please **No** socks or summer clothing.
- **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 Confession on TODAY after Liturgy and Communion next Sunday, January 13th.**
- **Ladies Meeting, Sunday, January 13th, 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!

- **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.

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

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