



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, June 15, 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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SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Tone Eothinon

The Epistle: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. And their words unto the ends of the world.

Section from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles 2:1-11

And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place;

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them:

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue.

And they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak, Galileans?

And how have we heard, every man our own tongue wherein we were born?

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia.

Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: We have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

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 _____

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

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. John 7:37-52 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The Officer's answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Beginning Sunday, June 22nd thru Sunday, August 31st,
Liturgy will start at 9:30 am.**

Altar Boys are: Mark Nafash, Paul Sabbagh, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Abraham Hemsey, George Kalyoussef, Mary Tahan, Henrietta Albert, Charles Maloof, Julia Sabbagh, Barbara Hajjar, Ralph Tabeek, Mosa Kalooky, William Kozam, Alfred Abood, Showky Kaliel, Mary Abbood.

In memory of Joseph Mamary offered by Edward & Lillian Mamary and Abraham & Terry Mamary. **Memory Eternal.**

For the good health of Emanuel Munayyer offered by the Ladies Society.
May God grant him many years.

FORTY-DAY TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Henry Shabbab offered by his wife, Mary, his children and their families.

ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Alfred Abood offered by his wife, Dalal, his children and their families.

ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Nadima Fersa offered by her children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

Daxa & Bhupendra Surti in memory of Henry Shabbab.
Robert & Katherine Kassab in memory of Henry Shabbab.
George & Peggy Nahass in memory of Sadie Abbate.
Rick & Karen Braccini in memory of George Serventi, Jr.
Abraham & Terry Mammary in memory of Joseph Mamary.
George & Veneta Traboulsi in memory of Fred Abood.
Nicholas & Somaya Gorab for the good health of Emanuel Munayyer & Violet Doctor.

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

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

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.

Ladies Society

The Ladies Society is considered the foundation organization involved in many spiritual and fundraising 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.

Festival Work Days

- **Tuesday, June 17th, Ghraybeh—9:30 am**

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 JSa-lotti@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 or Salim Abboud.
- This year's **Festival 2008** is scheduled for June 20, 21 and 22. Please volunteer your services by contacting Amin Amireh or Jennifer Zabaneh. There will be an advertisement book distributed in the community before and during the festival. If you would like more information to place an Ad or make a donation towards this year's festival, please contact Amin Amireh, Jennifer Zabaneh or Elias Chaleh.
- **Flea Market :** You can start bringing your used items for this year's Flea Market on Sunday June 1st. Please leave items in Room # 8 (**Please do not put any items in Coat Room. No clothes, no large appliances, and no computers will be accepted.** All items must be cleaned and in working condition. **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. 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.
- **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 next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, June 18th, 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.

Fr. Elias and the Parish Council have initiated many new activities to enrich our parish life. However, these new programs can only be valuable when many parishioners actively participate. Among the new services: **(1)** Father started evening vespers once a week on Tuesday at 7:00 pm. **(2)** The Ladies Society has offered a "Family Night" for fellowship and true Christian friendship at least on Friday evening every month. **(3)** The Parish Council started a membership drive to encourage many parishioners to regularly attend Sunday service instead of participating only on Holidays and special occasions. (We all witnessed the overflow of attendees on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week). If every family influences one other family to attend frequently, we may see the Church full of parishioners every Sunday. **(4)** Father would like to have a "Bible Study Group" meet on a weekly basis and spend 60-90 minutes studying all the Books of the Bible. He would need commitment from those interested to carry on such a significant project.

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.

June Birthday's

04	Aliya McDonald	17	Kevin Nafash
05	Jordan & Ramzi Kurzum	20	George Mitwasi
06	Nicholas Mitwasi	22	Michael Handal
07	Anna Klele	24	Courtney Haid
08	Christy Yacoub	27	Gianna Balonze
09	Anthony Handal	30	Nicole korbek
11	George Antoun		