



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, June 22, 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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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Marvelous is God in his saints. Blessed ye God in the congregations.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 11:33-end; 12:1-2

Ye brethren: All the saints by faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Of whom the world was not worthy" they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin, which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus that author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. Matthew 10:32-33, 37--38,19:27-30**

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

"He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new World, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or Sisters' or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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

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

### **BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Michael Shahadi, Aellis Nabba, Joseph Assaly, Kamel Smeen, Jamely Hemsey, Samia Mamary, Simon Kabbash, Katie Hakim, Anne Hamway, Julia Cattiny, Joseph Gorab.

**Memory Eternal.**

**For the good health of Elia & Vivian Shehady** offered by their parents, Souhel & Yola Shehady and family.

**May God grant them many years.**

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

Abraham & Terry Mamary in memory of Samia Mamary.  
Edward & Lillian Mamary in memory of Samia Mamary.  
Rose Marie Zamloot for the good health of Jennie Nabba.  
Elia & Vivian Shehady to Charity.  
Souhel & Yola Shehady for the good health of Elia & Vivian Shehady.

### **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)

### **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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

- **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.
- **Men' Club:** We are a philanthropic organization whose mission to benefit the spiritual, physical and emotional well being of the male members and the entire family of St. George. The club meets periodically about once a month on Friday or Sunday. Look for meeting announcements in Bulletin and check you email.
- **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 25th, 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		