



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, March 2, 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 MEAT FARE
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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me: But he hath not delivered me over to death.

Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:8 to end; 9:1-2)

Ye brethren: Meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

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 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

In memory of Thomas Nershi, George Homsey, Sr., Weddad Baram, Josephine Homwey, Christine Raben, Eunice Dioyhe, Rose Fadil Louise Cassatly.

In memory of Renee Asef Ammari and Fawas Ammari offered by Jadan & Amal Abbassi.

In memory of George & Siham Saykali offered by Salim & Maryann Saykali.

In memory of Elias Hanna offered by George Hanna.

In memory of Nakhleh & Andoony Hindeleh offered by William & Maha Dorkhom.

In memory of George & Michael Yazgi and George & Marie Bassil offered by Ghassen & Marlene Bassil.

Memory Eternal.

For the good health of Christine Lynch on the occasion of her birthday offered by Alan Matook.
May God grant her many years.

Six-Month Trisagion Service

In memory of Joseph Abuissa offered by Johnny & Hilda Abuissa and family.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donated by Johnny & Hilda Abuissa and family in memory of Joseph Abuissa.

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

Alan Matook for the good health of Christine Lynch.

Jadan & Amal Abbassi in memory of Renee & Fawas Ammari.

William & Maha Dorkhom and family in memory of Nakhleh & Andoony Hindeleh, Eliaine & Stefan, Odette Banda and Sami Dallal.

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
- **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

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.
- **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.
- Confession **Today** after Liturgy. Communion Sunday, March 9th & Meeting after Liturgy.
- We will be preparing **Spinach Pies** on Tuesday, 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.
- Sunday, May 4th, **St. George's Day Luncheon.**

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.
- **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.
- **St. George's Day Hafli,** Sunday, May 4th.
- This year's **Festival 2008** is scheduled for June 20, 21 and 22. Please volunteer your services by contacting Amin Amireh or Jennifer Zabaneh.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Lenten Breakfast Sunday, March 16th after Liturgy** , sponsored by the parents and teachers of the Arabic classes. It will be a traditional Middle Eastern breakfast. The tickets are sold the next two Sundays. For tickets see Barbara Fanik or Johnny Abuissa. The cost of tickets: Adults \$10.00 and \$ 5.00 for Children (5-12 years). Children under five free. The proceeds of this event will go to the New Property Fund-raising efforts.
- **We are asking each family to please fill out the 2008 Pledge Form, sign it and return it to the church office. Thank you!**

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, March 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

"The Parish Council had its monthly meeting Wednesday February 20, 2008.

There is a request to re-start a Book Club. We may start on Monday, March 3, after the service and every Monday during Lent. Please call Fr. Elias or any member of the Parish Council. Father is in the process of selecting a good book for this Lenten season.

You may have received two sets of envelopes for the February/March period. The first of these two sets has a minimum \$ printed on the envelopes and the second has a table of suggested donations according to income per week. Please use only one of these two sets. The first set is no longer valid and you can dispose of and use only the second set for your weekly/monthly offering"

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.

March Birthday's

01	Natalie Walasidis	20	Joseph Kilyk
02	Ashley Marie Nafash	21	Rawad Mamary
02	Steven Ayoub	23	Melissa Maskal
10	George Abuissa	24	Brianna Disteso
12	Albert Samaan	31	Rimoun Malki
17	Mary Salim	11	Mouna Wehbeh
18	Antonios Alshahda		