



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, March 9, 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 CHEESE FARE

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is Godly.

The Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-10

And therefore we also having so great a cloud of witnesses over our head, laying aside every weight and sin which surrounds us, let us run by patience to the fight proposed to us:

Looking on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, who having joy set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and now sitteth on the right hand of the throne of God.

For think diligently upon him that endured such opposition from sinners against himself; that you be not wearied, fainting in your minds.

For you have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin:

And you have forgotten the consolation, which speaketh to you, as unto children saying: My son, neglect not the discipline of the Lord: neither be thou wearied whilst thou art rebuked by him.

For whom the Lord loveth, he chastiseth; and he scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Persevere under discipline. God dealeth with you as with his sons; for what son is there, whom the father doth not correct?

But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are made partakers, then are you bastards, and not sons.

Moreover we have had fathers of our flesh, for instructors, and we revered them; shall we not much more obey the Father of spirits, and live?

And they indeed for a few days, according to their own pleasure, instructed us; but he, for our profit, that we might receive his sanctification.

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: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I am a visitor <input type="checkbox"/> I recently moved into the area <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming a member <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know more about this Church <input type="checkbox"/> I request a phone call <input type="checkbox"/> I would like an appointment with the Priest <input type="checkbox"/> Please include me on the Parish Mailing List <input type="checkbox"/> Please pray for: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to volunteer for _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially: <input type="checkbox"/> Teen SOYO <input type="checkbox"/> PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/> Charity Committee <input type="checkbox"/> St. John the Divine Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Society <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ _____ _____
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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 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your

Heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites,

for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

الانجيل من بشارة القديس متى (١٤:٦ - ٢١)
قال الرب • ان غفرتكم للناس زلاتهم يغفر لكم ابوكم السماوي زلاتكم •
وان لم تغفروا للناس زلاتهم فابوكم ايضا لا يغفر لكم زلاتكم واذا صتمت
فلا تكونوا معبين كالمرايين فانهم ينكرون وجوههم ليظهروا للناس
صائمين • الحق اقول لكم انهم قد استوفوا اجرهم • اما انت اذا صمت
فادهن راسك واغسل وجهك لئلا تظهر للناس صائما بل لايك الذي في
الخفاء وابوك الذي ينظر في الخفاء يجازيك علانية • لا تكنزوا لكم
كنوزا على الارض حيث يفسد السوس والاكلة وينقب السارقون ويسرقون •
لكن اكنزوا لكم كنوزا في السماء حيث لا يفسد سوس ولا آكلة ولا ينقب
السارقون ولا يسرقون • لانه حيث يكون كنزك هناك يكون قلبك

Altar Boys are: Shadi Saliby, George Mitwasi, Nicholas Mitwasi, Matthew Sabbagh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

In memory of Nicholas Halal, Norman Kabbas, Barbara Puleo, Fadellah Ayoub, Najie Nicholas Latoof, Michael Moaba, suheil Arida, Victoria Abood, Fr. Michael Simon, George Affsa, Mary Ahto, Henry Shehade, John Homod, Gatos Nakash, Richard Penhaker, Agnes De Rosa.

Memory Eternal.

SIX-MONTH TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Siham Ayoub offered by Munir and her children, Maram, May and Michael and their families.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donated by the Ayoub family in memory of Siham Ayoub.

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

Pierre & Amal Kalyoussef in memory of Janet Romanos.

Lola Nasseh.

Thomas & Hoda Oliver and family for the good health of Michael Oliver.

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.
- Communion **Today.** Meeting after Liturgy in conference room.
- 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.

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.
- **GREAT LENT SERVICES: Monday, Great Compline, Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy, Friday, Akathist-Madayeh. All services begin at 7:00 pm.**
- **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.
- **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 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.
- **Book Club:** Meets Monday, March 10, 17, 24 & 31, April 7 & 14, at 8:00 pm after Great Compline.
- **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 had its monthly meeting Wednesday February 20, 2008.

Among the issues discussed in the meeting was the little number of pledge forms received for 2008. So far, only 20 members filled and turned in their pledge form. It is of critical importance to fill out, sign these pledge forms, and turn them in to the Church office. This process will not oblige you to pay, but it would only remind you of your promise to offer the Lord a token of your appreciation for all His grace and blessings.

We are asking each family please fill out the 2008 Pledge Form, sign it and return it to the church office. Thank you and may God bless you

You may have received two sets of envelopes for the February/March period. The first of these two sets has a minimum \$ amount 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		