



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, May 11, 2008



Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Confession 9:00—9:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

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SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH BEARING WOMEN AND SS. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND NICODEMOS
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The Epistle

The Epistle: The Lord is my strength and praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me.

Section from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles 6:1-7

In those days, the number of the disciples increasing, there arose a murmuring of the Greeks against the Hebrews, for that their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Then the twelve calling together the multitude of the disciples said: It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

And the saying was liked by all the multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch.

These they set before the apostles; and they praying, imposed hands upon them.

And the word of the Lord increased; and the number of the disciples was multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly: a great multitude also of the priests obeyed the faith .

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. Mark 15:43-47,16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathe'a, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Mag' dalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo' me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back - it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of George Chalet, Michael Nafash, Elias Doumar, Linda Mamary, Hannah Nahass, John Nasra, Lillian Kabbash, Michael Kabbash, Albert Kabbash, Philip Azar, Rose Hamway, Charles Mele, Sadie Ayoub, Albert Kattine.

In memory of Albert Kattine and Hannah Nahass offered by George & Peggy Nahass, Ronald & Diane Nahass, Alva Haik and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

William & Olivia Kabbash for the good health of Vincent Zaloom and Emanuel Munayyer.

Aliyas & Janette Aboughanam for the good health of George Aboughanam.

Nicholas & Joyce Andalft for the good health of Benjamin Waldinger.

George & Peggy Nahass in memory of Hannah Nahass & Albert Kattine.

Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot in memory of Esau & Phyllis Zamloot.

Albert & Sandy Moussab in memory of Albert & Elizabeth Moussab.

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
- Sunday, May 18th, Picnic—Boys Orphanage

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.
- Raffle to benefit Camp Scholarships. Tickets are \$10. Drawing is May 17, 2008. Tickets on sale now! See Michael Kabbash.

Ladies Society Festival Work Days

- **Friday, May 16th, Grape Leaves—6:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 23rd, Grape Leaves—6:00 pm.**
- **Thursday, May 29th, Spinach Pies—6:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, June 3rd, Kibbee & Kabob—6:00 pm**
- **Thursday, June 12th, Baklava & Swart—6:00 pm**
- **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 Chalet. **All Ads must be submitted by May 15, 2008.**

- **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.
- **Men's Club:** Mother's Day Breakfast after Liturgy, **TODAY**, to honor all Mothers on Mother's day. Everyone is invited.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, May 21st, 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, May 18, after Liturgy. Come and listen to your children tell about their classroom Saint. Parents are invited. Food and beverages will be served.

May Birthday's

04	Mariella Hanna	16	Dalia Fanik & Tara Nafash
04	Andrew Hallack	18	Jonas Bassil & Anna Hosri
05	Renee Haddad	21	Matthew Sabbagh
08	Karla Yacoub	23	Kristen Tarazi & Matthew Haddad
09	George Stavrou	29	Nadia Tadros & Shantel Ayoub
12	Samantha Chalet		
15	Elek McDonald		