



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, November 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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

Section from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19

Ye brethren: I certify you, that the gospel, which was preached of me is not after man.

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God and wasted it:

And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace.

To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them, which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

But other of the apostles saw I none, save James and the Lord's brother.

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 Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'" But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead."

Altar Boys are: Simone Kurzum, Ramzi Kurzum, Anthony Handal, Andrew Handal.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Lillie Maloof, Michael Kassab, Ruddah Nafash, Ann Samra, Fr. John Namie, Harry Azrak, Elim Saba, Kamal Samaan, Ann Kalyoussef, Nazeera Kashey.

Memory Eternal.

FORTY-DAY TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Basme Saba offered by Emanuel & Ikhlas Munayyer and family.

Memory Eternal.

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

Raymond & Diane Barsa for the good health of George Juzdan.
George & Peggy Nahass for the good health of Rose Marie Zamloot.
John & Mary Balonze in memory of William Kabbash.
Touma Hanna in memory of Khaliel Jarouge.
Shamoun Hanna in memory of Emily Aboukasam.

For the good health of Joanne Bitar offered by Raymond & Diane Barsa, George & Peggy Nahass, Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, John & Mary Balonze, Razek & Nancy Sabbagh.

For the Good health of Hafez Juzdan offered by Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, George & Peggy Nahass, Raymond & Diane Barsa, Edward & Narmin Kurzum,

In memory of Basme Saba offered by Virginia Contrino, Olivia Kabbash, Mark & Jackie Salotti, Edward & Narmin Kurzum, Souhel & Yola Shehady, John & Nadia Joubran, Salim & Julie Abboud, Jadan & Amal Abbassi, Robert & Electra Davis, Aspasia Kyrillidis, Farah & Hanan Munayyer, George & Peggy Nahass, Karam & Abir Wehbeh, Hani & Rima Khoury, Hani & Rima Khoury.

Teen SOYO

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Alexandra Nafash, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at Hendk99@optonline.net
- **OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH!**
- We are collecting coats, blankets, sweats, sneakers. **Only New Socks, Hats & Gloves. NO SUMMER CLOTHING!!!** Thank you!
- Saturday, November 15th, **Mandatory Retreat for all Teens.**

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.
- **Annual Parish Christmas Card.** We will begin taking donations on Sunday, November 2nd. Please see Jane Tadros or Marlene Ayoub for more information. Suggested minimum donation is \$20.00.

St. John The Divine Fellowship

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.

Ladies Society

We are now taking orders for our Pastries. Order Forms are now available. Place your order with Jackie Salotti or any Ladies Society Member. 973-256-8961 or Jsalotti@aol.com. **Listed below are work days for pastries.** Everyone is welcome to help!

Ladies Work Days

Wednesday, Nov. 5th, Pastry Preparation, 6:30 pm.

Friday, Nov. 7th, Mamool, 6:30 pm.

Friday, Nov. 14th, Balava & Bracelets, 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, Nov. 18th, Graybee, 9:30 am.

Thursday, Nov. 20th, Packing, 9:30 am.

Grape Leaves are still available while supply lasts. 3 bundles of 10 for \$10.00.

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.
- **St. Nicholas Party** after Vespers, Friday, December 5th. **Christmas Party**, Friday, December 19th. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call 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.
- **VESPERS:** Wednesday, Evenings 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.
- **Arabic Classes:** Classes will begin on Monday, September 22nd, at 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact Ikhlas Munayyer or call the Church office at 973-256-8961 or email Jsalotti@aol.com
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- **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.
- **New Year's Eve:** Dinner-Dance, featuring Eddie Ossama. More information to follow.
- **Men's Club:** Meeting's, Friday, November 7th, 7:30 pm. Friday, November 21st, Friday, December 19th.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, November 19, 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.

Newly elected Parish Council Members: Salim Abboud, Eli Saade, Ziad Juzdan.

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.

November Birthday's

04	Ousama Hanna	16	Sandra Saba
06	Karol Korbeh	16	Daniel Batarseh
07	Kristina Sousou	16	Alexander Khalaf
08	Amanda Kilyk	18	Emily Haid
09	Michael Sabbagh	20	Victoria Ayoub
09	Rudy Mamary	28	Rami Saliby
09	Nicole Shehady		