



## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, November 23, 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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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Tone 6**

**Eothinon 1**

**The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon:** Save, O lord, thy people, and bless thine inheritance. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, My God.

**Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)**

Ye brethren: God (who is rich in mercy) for his great love wherewith he loved us;

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 12:16-21

The lord spoke this parable, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my gain and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

As he said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Altar Boys are:** Peter Yazgi, Nicholas Juzdan, Phillip Sabbagh, Thomas Oliver.

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** John Tahmoosh, Rogina Kozam Attas, Diba Cocja, Alice Habib, Mary Ballan, Jennie Fardice, Mary Hatab, Gregory Raben, Nazeera Tahmoosh, Donald Juzdan Elias Khoury, Wadia Soumit, Katherine Homsey, Florence Kawash.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

John & Nora Whisnant in memory of Basme Saba.  
Jack & Marilyn Maloof in memory of Jack & Rose Maloof.  
George Hatab in memory of Salim & Monira Hatab.

**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](mailto:Hendk99@optonline.net)
- We are collecting coats, blankets, sweats, sneakers. **Only New Socks, Hats & Gloves. NO SUMMER CLOTHING!!!** Thank you!

**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.
- **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

#### **Please pickup your Pastry Orders TODAY!!!!**

**We will be having our annual Christmas Hobby Party, Monday, December 29th at 12:00 Noon, at the Brownstone.** Cost \$18.00. Please RSVP to Jackie Salotti or Fadia Juzdan. All Ladies from our parish are welcome.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Jsalotti@aol.com)
- **On Sunday, December 7, 2008,** Dr. Maria Khoury will be presenting, following Liturgy, a program entitled "Christians in the Holy Land" . Dr. Khoury has published many books and articles concerning life in Palestine. A light breakfast will be served to all.

- **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.
- **New Year's Eve:** Dinner-Dance, featuring Eddie Ossama. More information to follow.
- **Men's Club:** Meeting's, Friday, November 21st, Friday, December 19th.

### Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, December 17, 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.

The parish elected three officers. They are Salim Abboud, Ziad Juzdan and Elie Saade. Father will appoint four additional members: two voting and two non-voting members.

If you are interested to serve on the parish council, please speak to Father or to Adib Roumie.

Who qualifies to serve on the Church Council? Members are usually selected for their business experience, education, or legal background. However, the best parish council members are those who are Church-oriented and Christ-Oriented. A good council member is one that is active in the worship and sacramental life of the church. The best candidates are easy to find – they are in the church and are committed to serve the church.

### 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.
- There should be **nobody** in the church hall during Sunday school session.
- On Friday, December 5, 2008, at 6:30pm, there will be Vespers for Saint Nicholas. Following Vespers, Dr. Maria Khoury will be speaking to the children and the adults. Dr. Khoury has written numerous articles concerning life in the Holy Land and has also written the "Cristina" Series books for children.

### November Birthdays

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		