



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, November 30, 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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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Ye brethren: God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death, and we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we are despised.

Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place;

And labor, working with our own hands: Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

Being defamed, we entreat: We are made as the filth of the world, and are the off scouring of all things unto this day.

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

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. John 1:35-51

At that time John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi, (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him. "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of Jonah? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, Follow me." Now Phillip was from Beth-sa'ida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathana-el, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathana-el said to him. "Can anything good come our of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathana-el coming to him, and said of him. "Behold and Israelite indeed, in whom it no guile!" Nathana-el said to him. "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathana-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things then these." And he said to him. "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Altar Boys are: Paul Sabbagh, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh, Michael Elchtear.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Mary Bulay, Adla Zamloot, Phyllis Zamloot, Michael Cassatly, Mary Abood, Salvatore Martorana, Nadie Haddad, Abdulmassih Lawand, Tamam Hatab, Adnan Bitar, Wanda Gazawie.

Memory Eternal.

FORTY-DAY TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Saker Mansour offered by Hussam and Ayda Mansour and family.

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Today's coffee hour is being donated by the Mansour family in memory of Saker Mansour.

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

Toni Ann Crispino in memory of Florence & Shafeek Kawash, Laurice Crispino.
Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot in memory of Phyliss & Adla Zamloot
Claire Levash in memory of Alexander & Mary Bulay.
Abraham Mamary for the good health of Terry Mamary.
Claire Levash for the good health of Marissa Levash.
George & Grace Andalft for the good health of Rose Marie Zamloot.
Faraj & Marlene Ayoub for the good health of Joseph Dorkhom and Hafez Juzdan.

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
- 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

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 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.

We will be sponsoring a “**Holiday Shop**” starting, **Sunday, November 30th thru December 21st.** We will be selling jewelry, scarves, cookbooks, etc. All items will be available in the hall after Liturgy.

We are hosting a luncheon for Maria Khoury (who will also be with us at Friday evening Vespers), on **Saturday, December 6th, at 2 pm.** We are asking our ladies to please prepare a Lenten dish for this event, please see Marlene Ayoub for menu preparation. Thank You!!!

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. Volunteers are needed. Please see Marlene Ayoub for more info.

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
- **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. 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, Friday, December 19th.

Parish Council

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