



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, October 12, 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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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE SUNDAY THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Tone 8

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For thou art just in all that thou hast done to us.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to his Disciple Titus 3:8-15.

My child Titus: This is a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and striving about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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 8:5-15

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God: but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Michael Ayoub, Joseph Sanzone, Wasela Andalaft, Nazera Gousen, Charles Arrout, Louise Mele, Joseph Nasra, Weded Kassab, Kathleen Azrak.

In memory of Khalil Jarroug and George & Ibrahim Gharbie offered by Hassam Jarroug and family.

Memory Eternal.

For the good health of George, Hiam, Shadi & Ziad Younan offered by Thomas & Hoda Oliver.

May God grant them many years.

Today's Coffee Hour is being donated by the Jarroug Family in memory of Khalil Jarroug and George & Ibrahim Gharbie.

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

Robert & Kathy Simon for the good health of Janice Harraka.
Thomas & Hoda Oliver for the good health of Dr. George Younan and family.

In memory of Victoria Chalet offered by Tony & Carla Tannous, Jihan Tannous, Barbara Palumbo, Lauren Chalet.

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!**
- Sunday, October 19th, Special Olympic Tag Day.
- We are collecting coats, blankets, sweats, sneakers. **Only New Socks, Hats & Gloves. NO SUMMER CLOTHING!!!** Thank you!
- Saturday, October 18th, at 8:00 pm, **Arabian Night Hafli. Music, Food and Dancing, bring your own liquor.** Donation \$35.00. For tickets, please call Hend Kevorkian 201-715-4514, Lucy Chalet 973-429-0334 or Jennifer Zabaneh 1-713-204-7171.

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
- **Saturday, November 1st, Dinner-Dance,** Taste of New York. Donation \$50.00 per person (no children). All proceeds will benefit the Charity Fund. Tickets are available in the church hall after Liturgy..

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.

Ladies Society

The Ladies Society is considered the foundation organization involved in many spiritual and fundraising 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.

We are now taking orders for **Grape Leaves** (3 bundles of 10 for \$10.00). Please pick up your grapples leave orders 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.
- **Halloween Party**, Friday, October 24th. **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:** Saturday Evenings at 5:00 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, October 24th, Friday, November 21st, Friday, December 19th. Deep Sea Fishing Party, Saturday, September 27th, from afternoon to evening. If interested, please call Issa lwaysi at 917-589-6593.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, October 15, 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 Annual General Parish Meeting and Parish Council Elections will take place **on Sunday, October 26, 2008**, after Liturgy. If you would like to be nominated to serve on the Parish Council, please see Hal Shehady. **The candidates are Eli Saade, George Sarraf, Khaled Klele, Hazim Fanik and 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.
- **OPEN HOUSE TODAY** for all parents. Parents should report to their child's classroom immediately following Liturgy. We need all parents to take an active role in the Orthodox development of their children.

October Birthday's

10/1	Fadel Ayoub	10/14	Jillian Haid
10/4	Amanda Elmasri	10/16	George Fakes
10/6	Taylor Szabo	10/18	Rami Mamary
10/8	Julianna Sousou	10/22	Andrew Handal
10/12	Sami Ayoub	10/22	Diane Lwaysi
10/12	Gabriel Acoury	10/26	Nataline Elmasri
10/14	Sara Donovan	10/27	Catherine Ibrahim