



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, September 7, 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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THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS AND THE PREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

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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 Galatians 6:11-18

Ye brethren: See what a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. 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 Holy Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Altar Boys are: Mark Nafash, Paul Sabbagh, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Sophie Oliver, Robert Lynch, Peter Gaydosh, Wasile Moussab, Elias Dioyhe, Richard Lyons, Thomas Aruth, Angela Kashey.

Memory Eternal.

TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Shukrie Raheb offered by Adib & Norma Tadros and family.

Memory Eternal.

ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Joseph Abuissa offered by his parents, Johnny & Hilda Abuissa and family.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donated by **the Abuissa family in memory of Joseph Abuissa.**

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

Michael & Lisa Nafash and family for the good health of Margaret Nahass.
Christine Lynch in memory of Robert Lynch.
Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot in memory of Charles Zamloot.

In memory of Victoria Chalet offered by Mirna Chalet, Thomas & Rana Oliver, Abdallah & Wissam Antoun, Lucy Chalet, Antoine & Hala Chalet, Amira & Jihan Tannous.

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 September 14th, Teen meeting with parents after Liturgy in church.
- Saturday, September 20, Apple Picking.
- September 26th & 27th, Lock-in/Getting to know each other.
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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.
- Sunday, September 21st, meeting after Liturgy.

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.

Sunday, September 7th, Confession,

Sunday, September 14th, Communion. Meeting after Liturgy in Conference Room.

Saturday, November 8th, Tricky Tray. More information to follow.

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 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.
- **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 15th at 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Ikhlas Munayyer or call the Church office at 973-256-8961 or email Jsalotti@aol.com

- **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.
- **Bible Bowl Winner's: Adult Team:** Rima Bandeli, Donna Starke & Eli Saade.
Teen Team: Reem Arsheed, Petra Ayoub & CJ Starke.
- **Oratorical Winner's:** Sara Saba (**Senior Division**), Sandy Saba (**Junior Division**)
Katrina Bandeli (**Participant**)
- **New Year's Eve:** Dinner-Dance, featuring Eddie Ossama. More information to follow.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, September 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.

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.
- **CHANGE IN TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.** Classes will begin **TODAY**, immediately after Communion.

September Birthday's

03	Sylvia Abuissa	16	Samuel Waldinger
05	George Stavrou	17	Elias Chalet
08	Roison Sousou	21	Eva Nahass
09	Mereil Louis	23	Jonathan Nadraws
12	Randy Arsheed	25	Alex Ghanim & Christina Korbeh
12	Laura Lwalysi	25	Janine Juzdan (26) Jessica Nafash
13	Jalil Tadaros	27	Amanda Daoud (29) Mirian Louis