



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, April 26, 2009



Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Confession 9:00—9:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

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SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS (NEW SUNDAY)

EOTHINON 1

The Epistle: Great God is our Lord and of great power. raise ye the Lord, for he is good.

Section from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles 5:12-20.

In those days: By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch).

And of the rest durst no man join himself unto them; but the people magnified them.

And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord, was now increased:

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that when Peter came, his shadow at the least, might overshadow any of them, and they might be delivered from their infirmities.

And there came also together to Jerusalem a multitude out of the neighboring cities, bringing sick persons, and such as were troubled with unclean spirits; who were all healed.

Then the high priest rising up, and all they that were with him, (which is the heresy of the Sadducees,) were filled with envy.

And they laid hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

But an angel of the Lord by night opening the doors of the prison, and leading them out, said Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

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 2009 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

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the Doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them, when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Altar Boys are: Peter Yazgi, George Fakes, Elie Lwaysi, Andrew Hanna.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of John Ameer, Sarah Shehadi, Eddie Gazawie, John Ganim, Fameya Abotabeek, Michael Kouljana, John Gebour.

Memory Eternal.

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

Edward & Narmin Kurzum in memory of Odette Habash.

Mounzer & Kinda Yacoub in memory of Munir Nassan Hanna.

Herb & Claudette Kassab and family in memory of Olga Kassab.

Karam, Abir & Mouna Wehbeh in memory of Mariana, Shehadeh Khamis & Youssef Wehbeh.

Linda Sabbagh and family in memory of Abdo Sabbagh.

Gabriel & Diane Sabbagh in memory of Abdo Sabbagh.

Janice Hallal for the good health of Alan Matook.

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
- **April 25th & 26th**, Delegates Meeting
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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. 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 Elias Chalet.

BEEFSTEAK, Saturday, May 16, 2008, 7:00 pm, Church Hall. All You Can Eat, Salad, Pasta, Beefsteak, Dessert. Also included Beer, Wine, Soda and DJ Entertainment.

Donation: Adults \$40.00, Children \$20.00 (12 and under). Tickets will be available in the church hall after Liturgy.

Ladies Society

Ladies Festival Work Days

Friday, May 8th, 6:00 pm, Spinach Pies.

Friday, May 15, 6:00 pm, Grape Leaves.

Monday, May 18, 6:00 pm, Kibee & Kabob.

Friday, May 22, 6:00 pm, Grape Leaves.

Friday, May 29th, 6:00 pm, Preparation for Pastries.

Monday, June 1st, 6:00 pm, Mamool.

Friday, June 5th, 6:00 pm, Baklava & Birds Nests.

Tuesday, June 9th, 9:30 am, Graybee.

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 are now in session on Monday & Wednesday evenings 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

- **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.
- **CAMP:** CAMP PARENTS: If you would like your child to ride the bus to camp the 4th session, please e-mail Joanne Bitar with your child/children's name at jnbitar@aol.com, If we are going to use a bus, remember WE NEED AT LEAST 2 CHAPERONES TO RIDE ON THE BUS. If you would consider being a chaperone, also indicate that in your e-mail. Thank you!
- **St. George's Day Hafli,** Saturday, May 2nd, featuring Eddie Ossama. Donation: Adults \$50.00, Children \$30.00 (12 and under).

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, May 20th, 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.

A special meeting of the Parish Members will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2009, immediately after Liturgy in the Church Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to seek the approval of the General Parish Membership for the project to pave and complete the new parking lot on a subdivision of the property on Woods Rd. Presentations about the project, its estimated costs, and benefits will be given during the meeting. Also, invitation letters for this meeting will be sent out to all church members in the next few days. We hope that all church members will make every effort to attend this meeting regarding this important project for the church. If you have any question regarding this project before the meeting, please feel free to speak to any member of the Parish Council.

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. The doors to the hall will be locked. Please do not enter during that time. Thank you!

April Birthday's

03	Marcel Louis	13	Paul Sabbagh
06	Juliana Hanna	14	Richard Hanna
07	Thomas Klele	21	Miranda Bandei
09	Joseph Samaan	21	Steven Malki
11	John Elias	22	John Joubran
12	Ellena Salim	22	Nicholas Matkiwsky
12	Diala Stavrou	30	John Pace & Julia Arsheed