



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, April 5, 2009



Matins 9:00 am
Confession 9:00—9:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am

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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 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

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will raise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zeb' edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and who ever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give life as a ransom for many."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Elizabeth Azrak, Olga Kassab, Charles Esahak, Zareefa Aramony, George Hilway, Anthony Ayoub, Saleem Zamloot.

In memory of Olga Kassab offered by Herb & Claudette Kassab, George & Barbara Kassab and their families.

In memory of Abdo Sabbagh offered by Linda Sabbagh and family.

Memory Eternal.

Forty-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Odette Habash offered by her daughters and their families.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donated **in memory of Odette Habash** by her daughters and their families.

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

Bassam & Rouba Chalet in memory of Najat Youssef.

Dalal Abood in memory of Odette Habash.

George & Veneta Traboulsi in memory of Odette Habash

Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot in memory of Salim Zamloot.

Wanda Samaan in memory of Abdallah Samaan, Elia Samaan & Kamal Samaan.

George & Veneta Traboulsi for the good health of Kathia Traboulsi Sarah.

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
- **Sunday, April 5th**, visit Boy's Orphanage (Bring Easter goodies)
- **Saturday, April 11th**, Lazarus Saturday (Clean Church)
- **Sunday, April 12th**, Palm Sunday (Bake Cookies)
- **Friday, April 17th**, All night Vigil, Meeting (Bring eggs to color)
- **April 25th & 26th**, Delegates Meeting
- **Saturday, April 2nd**, Special Olympics at Passaic County Tech High School, Wayne, NJ

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

Confession, **TODAY**, Communion, Sunday, April 5th.

Meeting & Ladies Communion Breakfast, Sunday, April 5th, after Liturgy.

Ladies Festival Work Days

Monday, April 6th, 6:00 pm, preparation for cheese.

Tuesday, April 7th, 9:30 am, String Cheese.

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.
- Marlene Ayoub will be collecting donations throughout the months of March & April for the Lazarus Saturday Liturgy to be held on Saturday, April 11th. Please see her or call 973-519-7261 for more information.

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.
- **GREAT LENT SERVICES:** **Monday, Great Compline, Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy, Friday, Akathist-Madayeh. All services begin 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 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!
- **LASARUS SATURDAY,** If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one on Lazarus Saturday, April 11th, please see or call Marlene Ayoub 973-519-7261 with your donation. 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, April 22nd, 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