



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, August 23, 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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION

Tone 2

Eothinon 1

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me.

Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 9:2-12

Ye brethren: The seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

Mine answer to them that do examine me is this:

Have we not power to eat and to drink?

Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?

For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

If you like to worship with us, please fill in the information below and give to the priest or any parish member!

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>e-mail: _____</p> <p>_____ I am a visitor</p> <p>_____ I recently moved into the area</p> <p>_____ I am interested in becoming a member</p> <p>_____ I would like to know more about this Church</p> <p>_____ I request a phone call</p> <p>_____ I would like an appointment with the Priest</p> <p>_____ Please include me on the Parish Mailing List</p> <p>_____ Please pray for: _____</p>	<p>_____ I would like to volunteer for _____</p> <p>_____ I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially:</p> <p>_____ Teen SOYO _____ PTA</p> <p>_____ Sunday School _____ Charity Committee</p> <p>_____ St. John the Divine Fellowship _____ Choir</p> <p>_____ Ladies Society _____</p> <p>_____ Other _____</p>
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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. Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

Altar Boys are: Shadi Saliby, George Mitwasi, Nicholas Mitwasi, Matthew Sabbagh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Alfred Salotti, Victoria Chalet, Emil Khyatt, Serhan Azar, Howla Sweeny, Jennie Barakat.

Memory Eternal.

Nine Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Dalal Esper offered by Rimon & Badia Israel and family.

Forty-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Victoria Nagib Haddad offered by Jeries & Dori Haddad and family.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donated by Johnny & Hilda Abuissa **and family in memory of Victoria Nagib Haddad.**

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

Dennis & Joan Davan in memory of George Ameer.

Dolores Barber in memory of Alfred Nahass.

Michael & Sawsau Fakes and family in memory of Oddette Habash.

Hafez & Wadia Juzdan in memory of Dalal Esper.

Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot for the good health of Salem Joubran.

George & Elsie Nassor for the good health of Denise Maurer.

Teen SOYO

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Matthew Chatrie, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at Hendk99@optonline.net

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.

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 6th, **Confession.**

Sunday, September 13th, **Communion - Ladies Meeting after Liturgy.**

The Ladies will be having their biannual election of officers in December. We are in need of nominations for all positions. President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Please see Fadia Juzdan or Julia Kalyoussef if you would like to be nominated for any of these positions.

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 JSa-lotti@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.

Beginning Sunday, July 12th thru Sunday, August 30th, Liturgy will start at 9:30 am.

- **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.

Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, August 19, 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.

August Birthday's

8-01	Jonathan Barrios	8-19	John Lubbos
8-02	Daniel Chahadeh	8-21	Danielle Chalet, Gabriella Saade
8-03	Stephanie Batarseh	8-21	Isabel Asencio, Marie Sarraf
8-04	Maggie Korbeh	8-24	Grace Sabbagh
8-09	Anthony Ayoub	8-25	Anthony Beyjoun
8-10	Sydney Butler	8-30	Claudia Batarseh
8-18	Reena Bassil	8-31	Mark Tarazi