



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

*237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424*

*Sunday, December 20, 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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**The Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ (known as the Sunday of Genealogy)  
Preparation of the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**  
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**The Epistle**

**Prokeimen: 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 the Hebrews 11:9-10; 32 to end.**

Ye brethren: By faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

*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

- 1<sup>st</sup> or
- 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1:1-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram and Aram the father of Ammin'adab, and Ammin'adab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uri'ah, and Solomon the father of Rehobo'am, and Rehobo'am the father of Abi'jah, and Abi'jah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzzi'ah, and Uzzi'ah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezeki'ah, and Hezeki'ah the father of Manas'seh, and Manas'seh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josi'ah, and Josi'ah the father of Jechoni'ah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoni'ah was the father of Sheal'ti-el, and Sheal'ti-el the father of Zerub'babel, and Zerub'babel the father of Abi'ud, and Abi'ud the father of Eli'akim, and Eli'akim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eli'ud, and Eli'ud the father of Elea'zar, and Elea'zar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered his, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman'uel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

**Altar Boys are:** Ousama Hanna, Randy Arsheed, Shadi Saliby, Rami Saliby, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh.

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Kabalan Fadil. Genevieve Andalaft, Ruth Salotti, Charles Zagheb, Ibrahim Akel, George Shahadi, Makram Joubran, Eva Iyash, Nora Zalpha, Mary Slayby, Tamar Slayby, Rose Kassab, Rizkallah Dib Maatouk.

**In memory of Ibrahim Akel** offered by Edward & Narmin Kurzum.  
**Memory Eternal.**

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

George and family in memory of Grace Andalft.  
Nick & Joyce Andalft in memory of Grace Andalft.  
Bishara & Muna Elmasri and family in memory of Saleem Elmasri.  
Bishara & Muna Elmasri and family for the good health of Natalia Elmasri.  
Basim & Bernadette Elmasri in memory of Saleem Elmasri and Mary Al-Alam.  
Joseph Roumie in memory of Habib & Esperance Roumie.  
Richard & Debbie Abbate in memory of Icer Atiyeh.  
George Hatab in memory of Tamam Hatab.

**In memory of Rose Nicola** offered by George & Peggy Nahass, Edward & Lillian Mamary, Elie & Rindala Saade, Souhel & Yola Shehady, Robert & Connie Abodeely, Virginia Contrino,

**In memory of Patricia Dakdouk** offered by Elie & Rindala Saade, Souhel & Yola Shehady, Robert & Connie Abodeely,

**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](mailto: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](mailto:immalbert@aol.com)
- We would like to adopt several families for Christmas, and fulfill a "Wish-List" for the children of these families. If you would like to purchase a specific gift for one of these children, please see a member of the Charity Committee (Julie Abboud, Yola Shehady, Narmin Kurzum, Brian Nafash, Michele Handal, Robert Maloof) and they will assign a gift to you from the Wish-List. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.
- **Annual Parish Christmas Card.** Thank you for your donation the Parish Christmas Card.

### 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.

**Christmas Hobby Party**, Monday, December 28th. Donation \$20.00. Please see Fadia Juzdan or Jackie Salotti if you would like to attend.

### 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](mailto: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.
- **New Year's Eve Hafli,** includes entertainment, Mazza, Dinner, Dessert, Open Bar and Champagne. Donation: Adults \$75.00, Children \$50.00 (Ages 5-12). For tickets, call Fadia Juzdan 973-220-3687.
- **Christmas Liturgy:** Thursday, December 24th, Matins 6:00 pm, Liturgy 7:00 pm. No Liturgy Christmas Morning.

- **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](mailto: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.

**Creative Festival:** Each year our Sunday School students (teens are included in this group) have the opportunity to study a theme assigned by the Antiochian Archdiocese and show their understanding through writing, poetry, photography and art. The 2010 Festivals theme is "The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness, the world and all who dwell therein" (Psalm 23 [24]:1) The theme is about stewardship – caring for the Earth. It also allows us to pause and think about: Although the entries aren't due until March, we encourage students interested in photography to start thinking about their entries now. Fall in New Jersey is a wonderful time to view the Glory of God on earth.

The majesty of God who values order and beauty—Our use of what God owns, but has given to us—The Orthodox view of creation

Material for the 2010 Festivals is now available online at [www.antiochian.org/festivals](http://www.antiochian.org/festivals) If you have any questions, please contact your child's Sunday School teacher.

**MAINTENANCE:** Every Saturday Morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, we need volunteers to help with maintenance; plumbers, electricians, handymen, etc. Anyone who has a little time to spare to help with repairs, cleanup, etc. Thank you!!

**Parish Council**

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 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.

**December Birthday's**

12-2	Gina Nadraws	12-17	Solena Nehme
12-3	David Oliver	12-26	Nicholas Juzdan
12-5	Benjamin Waldinger	12-27	Alice Tatrous
12-9	David Joubran	12-27	Chris Beyjoun
12-12	Yara Al-Rabaa	12-29	Andrew Hanna
12-12	Geroge Beyjoun	12-31	Siobhan Sousou
12-15	Elias Tadros		