



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, February 22, 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 MEAT FARE

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me: But he hath not delivered me over to death.

Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:8 to end 9:1-2)

Ye brethren: Meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

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

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 25:31 -46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Nadeema Haddad, George Mattar, William Grant, Sr., Milo Balonze, Stella Gaydosh, Adele Kattas, Rose Toobagy, Arif Sabbagh, Elias Assaly, Joseph Motta.

Memory Eternal.

ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE

In memory of Fouad Eskaf offered by George Eskaf, Sam Eskaf and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

Souhel & Yola Shehady in memory of Rosette Samaha.
Ziad & Sylvana Shehady in memory of Rosette Samaha.
George & Abir Yazgi in memory of Takla Aboukassam.
Ziad & Sylvana Shehady in memory of Takla Aboukassam.
Joseph Roumie in memory of Takla Aboukassam.
Edward & Narmin Kurzum for the good health of Hanan Munayyer.

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
- **Teen Calendar**
- **TODAY**, Meeting and Bowling.
- Saturday, March 7th, Food Bank.
- Village at home, Saturday, March 14th.

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
- **Our 1st Annual Annunciation Tea will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 11:30 a.m!** Please join us in helping others as you treat yourself to an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for young ladies under 12. All proceeds benefit the St. George Charity Fund and will help families in need in our parish and local community. Tickets will be sold in the hall beginning on Sunday, February 22nd. For additional information, please contact Julie Abboud at 973-812-0444 or Mary Elizabeth Asencio at 201-327-0667.

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.

Friday, February 27th, Fellowship Café and Book Discussion for the novel "The Shack." Books will be sold at the church before event (also available at Amazon.com or at your local bookstore), synopsis will be provided that night for those who did not read book. Focus of evening will be to generate discussion and conversation about topics of book. Everyone teenage and above welcome to participate in the reading and discussion.

Next meeting, Sunday, March 1st, 2009.

Ladies Society

The Ladies Society is open to all woman who are members of the parish. For more information on how to help, please contact Fadia Juzdan.

Meeting, Sunday, March 8th, after Liturgy in conference room.

Ladies Work Day, Spinach Pies, Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm.

We are not taking orders for Spinach Pies, please see Jackie Salotti or any Ladies Society member with your order. Cost \$10.00 per dozen.

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.

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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.
- **VESPERS:** Wednesday, Evenings 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
- **Pilgrimage to Greece:** May 13-25, 2009. Only 25 seats available, direct from Newark to Athens. Total cost \$3,150.00. For more information, please call or email Fr. Elias or Joanne at 973-890-9139 or jnbitar@aol.com.
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- **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, March 18th, 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.

The PC held a special session on 2/4 to discuss the future of the House on Woods Rd. After thorough discussions and careful consideration of the pros and cons of a number of options (sell, keep and rent, keep and use for church activities), the PC decided that the best option at this time is to keep the House and efficiently use it for church activities (Teen SOYO activities, church organizations and PC committees meetings, etc...). In the next few weeks, the church organizations will put together a consolidated plan of these activities which will be revisited by the PC on a yearly basis as part of the long range plan to more efficiently utilize all of the church property.

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!

February Birthday's

03	Elina Chalet	22	Elie Lwaysi
05	Zachary Haid	25	Nicol Starke
11	Narimann Salim	26	Tianna Saade
14	Kelsey O'Gorman	27	Elias Chalet
16	Sara Hajal, Phillip Sabbagh		
16	Sam Hajal, Jr.		
16	Sophie Ayoub		