



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, January 11, 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 AFTER EPIPHANY AND THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. THEODOSIUS, HEAD OF MONASTERIES**

**Tone 5**

**Eothinon 8**

**The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon:** Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just.

**Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:7-13**

Ye brethren: Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Wherefore he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 2008 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 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles --- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

### **BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Sammy Fadil, Joseph Chalet, Christopher Nahas, Khouieh Elizabeth Nahas, Edward Nahas, Nicholas Fersa, Donald Barber, Samira Eskaf, Elias Hamway, Elias Hemsey, Sarah Esahak.

**In memory of Sarah Esahak** offered by Robert & Pearl Nahass, Christine Lynch and George Karram.

**Memory Eternal.**

### **ONE-YEAR TRISAGION SERVICE**

**In memory of Sammy Fadil** offered by Valerie Fadil, Marie Fadil and family.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

Dolores Barber in memory of Donald Barber.

Karam & Abir Wehbeh for the good health of their family and George Katrup.

Hafez & Wadia Juzdan for the good health of Drgham, Susanne, George, Joseph.

Baby John Nicholas Haddad.

Richard & Violet Robbat for the good health of Joanne Bitar.

**In memory of Sammy Fadil** offered by Valerie Fadil, Marie Fadil, Antoine & Samia Zeitoun and family, John & Mary Elizabeth Asencio, Mark & Jackie Salotti, Edward & Narmin Kurzum, Robert & Pamela Scarpa, Joseph & Joumana Kalyoussef and family, Sabah Kalyoussef.

### **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](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. These activities bring alive the teaching of our Lord, when he said "in as much as you have done it to these, the least of my brethren, you have done it to me".
- 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)

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

### St. John The Divine Fellowship

- For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Rima Bandeli.

### 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, January 18th, after Liturgy.**

### 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](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.
- **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 and 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](mailto: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](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.

### Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, January 21st, 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.
- There should be **nobody** in the church hall during Sunday school session.

### January Birthday's

01	Michael Ekhtear		
17	Patrick Khoury		
18	Sarah Covello		
18	Issa Lubbos		
20	Elizabeth Klele		
20	Danielle Milin		