



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, March 1, 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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SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing ye: sing praises to our king, sing ye. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11 to end; 14:1-4

Ye brethren: Now our salvation is nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying:

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

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: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I am a visitor <input type="checkbox"/> I recently moved into the area <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming a member <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know more about this Church <input type="checkbox"/> I request a phone call <input type="checkbox"/> I would like an appointment with the Priest <input type="checkbox"/> Please include me on the Parish Mailing List <input type="checkbox"/> Please pray for: _____ _____ _____	_____ I would like to volunteer for _____ _____ I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially: <input type="checkbox"/> Teen SOYO <input type="checkbox"/> PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/> Charity Committee <input type="checkbox"/> St. John the Divine Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Society <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, or they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Altar Boys are: Andrew Chatrie, Matthew Chatrie, Eli Samaan, Albert Samaan

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Elian Hasney, Thomas Nershi, George Homsey, Sr. Wedad Barram, Josephine Homwey, Christine Raben, Eunice Dioyhe, Rose Fadil, Louise Cassatly.

In memory of Albert Juzdan offered by Hafez & Wadia Juzdan and family.

Memory Eternal.

Eight-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Tarik Kouzami offered by Joseph Balou and Mony Kouzami Balou.

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

George & Lina Alrabaa and family in memory of Takla Aboukassam.
Gabriel & Diane Sabbagh and family for the good health of Joanne Bitar.
Joseph & Afife Aboushanab for the good health of Cody, Jennifer & Henry David Cichowski.

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**
- Saturday, March 7th, Food Bank.
- Village at home, Friday and Saturday, March 13th and 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 am! Please join us in helping others as you treat yourself to an afternoon of fellowship and fun. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 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 today in the hall! 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.

Meeting **TODAY**, after Liturgy.

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.

Confession **TODAY** after Liturgy. Communion, Sunday, March 8th.

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

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

We are now taking orders for Spinach Pies, please see Jackie Salotti or any Ladies Society member with your order. Cost \$10.00 per dozen.

Lenten Dinner, Friday, March 27th, after Akathist-Madayeh.

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.
- **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.

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!

March Birthday's

3/1	Natlaie Walasidis	3/18	Anthony Al Shahda
3/2	Ashley Nafash	3/20	Joseph Kilyk
3/2	Steven Ayoub	3/21	Rawad Mamary
3/10	George Abuissa	3/23	Melissa Maskal
3/11	Mouna Wehbeh	3/24	Brianna Disteso
3/12	Albert Samaan	3/31	Rimoun Malki
3/17	Mary Salim		