



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, March 22, 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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT AND THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS, BISHOP OF THESSALONICA**

**ZONE 6 EOTHINON 6**

**The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.**

**The Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 1:10 to end, 2:1-3.**

Thou in the beginning, O Lord, didst found the earth: and the works of thy hands are the heavens.

They shall perish, but thou shalt continue; and they all shall grow old as a garment.

And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

But to which of the angels said he at any time: Sit on my right hand, until I make thy enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation.

Therefore, ought we more diligently to observe the things which we have heard, lest perhaps we should let them slip.

For if the word spoken by angels become steadfast, and every Transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? Which having begun to be declared by the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

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

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

- 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. Mark 2:1-12**

At that time, when Jesus returned to Caper'na-um after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them.

And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic cared by four men.

And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay.

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts. Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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

### **BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Shahood Tamney, Michael Esahak, John Zeitoun, Alba Zeitoun, Selma Belbol, John Tahmoosh, Jane Fadil Ida Homsey, Albert Moussab, Jennie Mamary, Nash Kashey.

**In memory of Mary Kassab** offered by Jackie Eisen and family.

**In memory of Albert Moussab** offered by Barbara Crum and family.

**In memory of Michael Esahak** offered by Robert & Pearl Nahass and Christine Lynch.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

Thomas & Hoda Oliver in memory of Najat Youssef.

Thomas & Rana Oliver in memory of Najat Youssef.

Lucy Chalet in memory of Najat Youssef.

Aliyas Abouganam for the good health of his family.

Johnny & Hilda Abuissa and family in memory of Joey & Afif Abuissa.

Joyce Serventi in memory of George Serventi, Jr.

**For the good health of Joanne Bitar** offered by Johnny & Hilda Abuissa, Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, Aliyas & Janette Abouganam, Amal & Violet Boctor.

### **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. 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.

### St. John The Divine Fellowship

For more information on how to join our fellowship, please contact Elias Chalet.

### 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.

**Please pick-up your spinach pie orders.**

**Lenten Dinner, Friday, March 27th. Donation Adult \$10.00, Children \$5.00 (up to 12 years).**

Confession, Sunday, March 29th, Communion, April 5th.

**Ladies Work Day, Tuesday, April 7th, String Cheese 9:30 am.**

### 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.
- Marlene Ayoub will be collecting donations throughout the months of March & April for the Lazarus Saturday Liturgy to be held on Saturday, April 11th. Please see her or call 973-519-7261 for more information.

### **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.
- **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](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.
- **LASARUS SATURDAY,** If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one on Lazarus Saturday, April 11th, please see or call Marlene Ayoub 973-519-7261 with your donation. Thank you!

### Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, April 15, 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**

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| 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        | 3/29 | Alexander Saykali |