



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, May 10, 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 Epistle

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

Section from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles 9:32-42

In those days: As Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

And he found there a certain man named Eneas, who had kept his bed for eight years, who was ill of the palsy.

And Peter said to him: Eneas, the Lord Jesus Christ healeth thee: arise, and make thy bed. And immediately he arose.

And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron, saw him: who were converted to the Lord.

And in Joppe there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

And it came to pass in those days that she was sick, and died. Whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppe, the disciples hearing that Peter was there, sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not be slack to come unto them.

And Peter rising up, went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber. And all the widows stood about him weeping, and shewing him the coats and garments which Dorcas made them.

And they all being put forth, Peter kneeling down prayed, and turning to the body, he said: Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and seeing Peter she sat up.

And giving he his hand, he lifted her up. And when he had called the saints and the widows, he presented her alive. And it was made known throughout all Joppe; and many believed 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. John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethza'tha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a longtime, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse be fall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Altar Boys are: Peter Yazgi, Nicholas Juzdan, Philip Sabbagh, Thomas Oliver.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Michael Andalaft, Charles Ballan, Michael Nafash, Elias Doumar, Linda Mamary, Hannah Nahass, John Nasra, Lillian Kabbash, Michael Kabbash, Albert Kabbash, George Chalet, Philip Azar, Rose Hamway, Charles Mele, Sadie Ayoub.

Memory Eternal.

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

Rimon & Badia Israel and family in memory of Anton Chalet.

Rimon & Badia Israel for the good Health of Lucy, Elias & Johnny Chalet.

Rick & Karen Braccini for the good health of Susan Braccini & Mark DiRoma.

For the good health of George & Grace Andalft on their 50th Wedding Anniversary offered by George & Peggy Nahass, Christine Lynch, Robert & Pearl Nahass, Nick & Joyce Andalft, Joseph & Fran Conti, Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, Edward & Lillian Mamary.

A donation was made to the St. George Building Fund by Barbara Crum and Marlene Wangenheim and their families in celebration of **George and Grace Andalft's 50th Wedding Anniversary**. May God continue to grant them many years of health and happiness."

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
- Sunday, May 17th, Picnic with the Boys Orphanage.
- Sunday, May 24th, planting flowers in memory of our loved ones.
- Saturday, May 30th, dancing at St. Stephen's Festival.
- Sunday, June 7th, Meeting and elections of new officers.

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

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.

BEEFSTEAK, Saturday, May 16, 2008, 7:00 pm, Church Hall. All You Can Eat, salad, Pasta, Beefsteak, Dessert. Also included Beer, Wine, Soda and DJ Entertainment.

Donation: Adults \$40.00, Children \$20.00 (12 and under). Tickets will be available in the church hall after Liturgy.

Ladies Society

Ladies Festival Work Days

Friday, May 15, 6:00 pm, Grape Leaves.

Monday, May 18, 6:00 pm, Kibee & Kabob.

Friday, May 22, 6:00 pm, Grape Leaves.

Friday, May 29th, 6:00 pm, Preparation for Pastries.

Monday, June 1st, 6:00 pm, Mamool.

Friday, June 5th, 6:00 pm, Baklava & Birds Nests.

Tuesday, June 9th, 9:30 am, Graybee.

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 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.
- **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.
- **CAMP:** CAMP PARENTS: If you would like your child to ride the bus to camp the 4th session, please e-mail Joanne Bitar with your child/children's name at jnbitar@aol.com. If we are going to use a bus, remember WE NEED AT LEAST 2 CHAPERONES TO RIDE ON THE BUS. If you would consider being a chaperone, also indicate that in your e-mail. Thank you!
- **FESTSIVAL JUNE 12, 13 & 14:** There will be a Festival meeting for all Chairpersons on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7:30 pm to discuss preparation for the festival. Please bring a list of all supplies you will need for your booth. Thank you!
- Yes, the festival is almost here and we need your help to make it a success! As always the Festival Committee is working hard to think of more creative ways in which **WE** the parish family can help! We are blessed with a beautiful community that is able to contribute in many ways such as time, talents, and financial contributions.
- All who are interested in donating thru any method, please contact Amin Amireh 973-953-4819, Elias Chalet 973-454-6315 or Jennifer Aabaneh 713-204-7171.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, May 20th, 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.

A special meeting of the Parish Members will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2009, immediately after Liturgy in the Church Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to seek the approval of the General Parish Membership for the project to pave and complete the new parking lot on a subdivision of the property on Woods Rd. Presentations about the project, its estimated costs, and benefits will be given during the meeting.

Note: As per the St. George Constitution, a quorum of 33% of eligible voting members is needed to hold this meeting and conduct business. If no quorum is reached, the decision on this project goes back to the Parish Council for a final discussion and vote.

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!

May Birthday's

04	Mariella Hanna	16	Dalia Fanik & Tara Nafash
04	Andrew Hallack	18	Jonas Bassil & Anna Hosri
05	Renee Haddad	21	Matthew Sabbagh
08	Karla Yacoub	23	Kristen Tarazi
09	George Stavrou	23	Matthew Haddad
12	Samantha Chalet	29	Nadia Tadros
15	Elek McDonald	29	Shantel Ayoub