



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, May 17, 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 THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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THE EPISTLE: How great are thy works, O Lord! Thou hast made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Section from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles 11:19-30.

In those days: When the disciples had been dispersed by the persecution that arose on occasion of Stephen, went about as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none, but to the Jews only.

But some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were entered into Antioch, spoke also to the Greeks, preaching the Lord Jesus.

And the hand of the Lord was with them: And a great number believing, were converted to the Lord.

And the tidings came to the ears of the church that was at Jerusalem, touching these things: and they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch.

Who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, rejoiced: and he exhorted them all with purpose of heart to continue in the Lord.

For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith. And a great multitude was added to the Lord.

And Barnabas went to Tarsus to seek Saul: whom, when he had found, he brought to Antioch.

And they conversed there in the church a whole year; and they taught a great multitude, so that at Antioch the disciples were first named Christians.

And in these days there came prophets from Jerusalem to Antioch: And one of them named Agabus, rising up, signified by the Spirit, that there should be a great famine over the whole world, which came to pass under Claudius.

And the disciples, every man according to his ability, purposed to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judea:

Which also they did, sending it to the ancients, by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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 4:5-42

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Albert Kattine, Nebeha Arrout, Anna Toobagy, Nicholas Moussab, Eau Zamloot, Jack Maloof, Adel Rachid, George Moussab, Virginia Ford, Lily Azar Elena Syriana, Sophie Barakat, Theodore Haggar, Phyllis Haggar, Fedwa Fadil.

In memory of Jack Maloof offered by his children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

Abe & Terry Mamary in memory of Anthony Mamary.
 Robert & Gail Maloof and family in memory of Jack Maloof.
 Richard & Debbie Abbate and family in memory of Jack Maloof.
 George & Abir Yazgi & family in memory of Sadek Arnouk , Michel & Georgette Yazgi.
 Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot in memory of Esau Zamloot.
 Deysie & Danielle Chalet in memory of George Chalet.
 George & Peggy Nahass in memory of Hannah Nahass.
 George & Peggy Nahass in memory of Albert Kattine.
 Olivia Kabbash for the good health of Mona Zaloou.

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.

Friday evening, May 22nd at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

The Fellowship will be hosting another book discussion that was originally planned for last month, but due to Pascha was put off until now. The book being read is C.S. Lewis's "**The Screwtape Letters**", available in most bookstores and libraries. It is a short read that tells the story of an elder demon who is instructing his younger nephew in the ways of leading humans away from God's Word. For those of you who are unable to read the whole book (or any at all), we will be reading specific chapters that night and discuss them.

Ladies Society

Ladies Festival Work Days

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** 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.
- **FLEA MARKET:** You can start bringing your used items for this year's Flea market on Monday, May 18th. Please leave items in Room # 8 (**Please do not put any items in Coat Room. No clothes, no large appliances, and no computers will be accepted.** All items must be cleaned and in working condition. **Thank you!**

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 TODAY, 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