



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, November 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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COMMEMORATION OF STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: How great are thy works, O Lord, thou hast made all things in wisdom. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16:20)

Ye brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the work of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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. Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Altar Boys are: Andrew Hannah, Matthew Chatrie, Ramzi Kurzum, Simone Kurzum, Andrew Handal.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Adele Stravrou, Lillie Maloof, Michael Kassab, Ruddah Nafash, Ann Samra, Fr. John Namie, Harry Azrak, Elin Saba, Kamal Samaan.

Memory Eternal.

Nine-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Mary Houdaly Al-lam offered by her daughter Bernadette and her husband Basim Elmasri and their family.

Forty-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Rose Marie Zamloot offered by her children and their families.

One-Year Trisagion Service

In memory of Adele Khadra-Stavrou offered by her children and their families.

Memory Eternal.

For the good health of Rima Shehady and Manuel Nemrud offered by Souhel & Yola Shehady.

For the good health of Elia, Viviane & Baby Tyler Shehady offered by Souhel & Yola Shehady. **May God grant them many years.**

Today's Coffee Hour is being donated by Basim & Bernadette Elmasri in memory of Mary Houdaly Al-lam.

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

Michael & Maha Kabbash in memory of Rose Marie Zamloot.
George & Renay Zamloot in memory of Rose Marie Zamloot.
Marlene Wangenheim and family in memory of Rose Marie Zamloot.
Barbara Crum & family in memory of Rose Marie Zamloot.
Abraham & Terry Mamary in memory Richard Mamary.
William & Gail Ludlum and family in memory of Lillian Nahass.
George & Diane Koodray and family in memory of Lillian Nahass.
Sam & Ann Marie Zamoot for the good health of George Nahass.
Antoine & Hala Chalet for the good health of Khaled & Mazin Hajji.
John & Nadia Joubran for the good health of Pam Ajlouny.
John & Nadia Joubran for the good health of Abraham Ghanem.

Teen SOYO

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Matthew Chatrie, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at Hendk99@optonline.net
- Sunday, November 8th, Falfal Sale and meeting after Liturgy.
- November, 13, 14 & 15th, Delegates Meeting (Antiochian Village).
- Saturday, November 21st, Retreat.
- We are now collecting, Coats, Hats, Gloves, Sweats, Socks (new) and Sneakers for the homeless. All items must be clean and in good condition. Please place the items in a container marked "Homeless" in the conference room. Thank you.

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.

Ladies Society

- The Ladies Society is considered the foundation organization involved in many spiritual and fundraising activities for the benefit of the church. The society is open to all women who are members of the parish. For more information on how to help, please contact Fadia Juzdan.
- **We are now taking orders for Pastries.** Order Forms are now available. Place your order with Jackie Salotti or any Ladies Society Member. 973-256-8961 or Jsalotti@aol.com.
- Sunday, November 1st Confession, Meeting after Liturgy in Conference Room.
- Sunday, November 8th, Communion.

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.
- **New Year's Eve Hafli,** includes entertainment, Mazza, Dinner, Dessert, Open Bar and Champagne. Donation: Adults \$75.00, Children \$50.00 (Ages 5-12). For tickets, call Fadia Juzdan 973-220-3687.

- **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.

Creative Festival: Each year our Sunday School students (teens are included in this group) have the opportunity to study a theme assigned by the Antiochian Archdiocese and show their understanding through writing, poetry, photography and art. The 2010 Festivals theme is "The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness, the world and all who dwell therein" (Psalm 23 [24]:1) The theme is about stewardship – caring for the Earth. It also allows us to pause and think about: Although the entries aren't due until March, we encourage students interested in photography to start thinking about their entries now. Fall in New Jersey is a wonderful time to view the Glory of God on earth.

The majesty of God who values order and beauty—Our use of what God owns, but has given to us—The Orthodox view of creation

Material for the 2010 Festivals is now available online at www.antiochian.org/festivals If you have any questions, please contact your child's Sunday School teacher.

MAINTENANCE: Every Saturday Morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, we need volunteers to help with maintenance; plumbers, electricians, handymen, etc. Anyone who has a little time to spare to help with repairs, cleanup, etc. Thank you!!

Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, November 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.

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.

November Birthday's

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| 04 | Ousama Hanna | 16 | Sandra Saba, danela Batarseh |
| 06 | Karol Korbeh | 16 | Alexander Khalaf |
| 07 | Kristina Sousou | 18 | Emily Haid |
| 08 | Amanda Kilyk | 20 | Victoria Ayoub |
| 09 | Michael Sabbagh, | 28 | Rami Saliby |
| 09 | Rudy Mamary | | |
| 09 | Nicole Shehady | | |