



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, November 29, 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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Vow ye, and pay to the Lord your God. In Judah is God known.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-7

Ye brethren: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called;

With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

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 18:18-27

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Wadia Doumit, Katherine Homsey, Florence Kawash, Phyllis Zamloot, Michael Cassatly, Adla Zamloot, Mary Abood, Salvatore Martorana, Nedie Haddad, Abdulmassih Lawand, Tamam Hatab, Mary Bulay, Adnan Bitar Marie Hakim.

In memory of Florence Kawash offered by Toni Crispino and family.

Memory Eternal.

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

Alan Matook in memory of Grace Andalft.
Richard & Debee Abbate in memory of Grace Andalft.
Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot in memory of Phyliss & Adla Zamloot.
Toni Ann Crispino and family in memory of Florence Kawash.

In memory of Icer Atiyeh offered by Mark & Jackie Salotti and family, Gary & Marilyn Nahass, Edward & Mary Atiyeh and family, Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, Dn. Michael Ibrahim and family, Lucy Chalet, Faraj & Marlene Ayoub, Raymond & Diana Barsa, Robert & Pearl Nahass, Louis & Virginia Nabba, Pierre & Amal Kalyoussef, Souhel & Yola Shehady, Sabah Kalyoussef, Rafic & Rita Samaha, Virginia Contrino, Hayet Creek, Nicholas & Somaya Gorab, Alan Matook, Robert & Kathy Simon, Christine Lynch, John & Nadia Joubran, Johanna Nahass, Loretta Di Pietro, Jennie & James Nabba, Asparia Kyrrillidis, Robert & Electra Davis, Frank & Beverly Czerwinski, Mr. & Mrs. John La Forgia, George & Peggy Nahass, Jadan & Amal Abbassi, The Wallerstedt Family, Edward & Lillian Mamary, Hafez & Wadia Juzdan.

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
- 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.
- **Annual Parish Christmas Card.** If you would like your name to appear on the card, please see Marlene Ayoub or Jane Tadros in the hall after Liturgy with your donation. Suggested minimum donation is \$20.00. Deadline December 6th. Thank you.

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.
- Confession, Today, after Liturgy.
- Communion, Sunday, December 6th. Meeting after Liturgy in the Conference Room.
- **Christmas Hobby Party**, Monday, December 28th. Donation \$20.00. Please see Fadia Juzdan or Jackie Salotti if you would like to attend.

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.
- **Christmas Party, Friday, December 18th.** More info to follow. Please contact Marlene if you would like to help with organizing this party. Thank you.

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, December 16th, 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

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		