



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, September 13, 2009



Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Confession 9:00—9:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

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SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS AND FOREFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Save,O Lord, they people and bless thine inheritance. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord, my God.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:11-18

Ye brethren: See what a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Altar Boys are: Andrew Chatrie, Matthew Chatrie, Eii Samaan, Albert Samaan.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Roy Haik, Robert Lauritano, George Khoury Nellie Homod, Rose Husni.

Memory Eternal.

Nine-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Kawkab Israel offered by Rimon & Badia Israel and family.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donation by Rimon & Badia Israel and family in memory of Kawkab Israel.

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

Olivia Kabbash in memory of Anton Kattine.
Virginia Contrino in memory of Anton Kattine.
Mary Khoury in memory of Najib, Bedra, Sami, Helena & George Khoury.
Frank & Beverly Czerwinski in memory of Anton Kattine.
Nicholas & Joyce Andalft for the good health of Rose Marie Zamloot.
Abraham Mamary for the good health of Terry Mamary.
Olivia Kabbash for the good health of Grace Andalft.
Frank & Beverly Czerwinski for the good health of Grace Andalft.
Edward & Lillian Mamary for the good health of Grace Andalft.

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
- **TODAY**, September 13th, Meeting with Teens and Parents, after Liturgy. Installation of new officers.
- Saturday, September 19th, Bridgeport, CT.
- Saturday, September 26th, Apple Picking.

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.
- **TODAY, Communion - Ladies Meeting after Liturgy.**
- The Ladies will be having their biannual election of officers in December. We are in need of nominations for all positions. President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Please see Fadia Juzdan or Julia Kalyoussef if you would like to be nominated for any of these positions.

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 JSa-lotti@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.

- **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.

Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, September 16, 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.
- **TODAY**, 1st day of Sunday School and registration.

September Birthday's

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| 03 | Sylvia Abuissa | 16 | Samuel Waldinger |
| 05 | George Stavrou | 17 | Elias Chalet |
| 08 | Roison Sousou | 21 | Eva Nahass |
| 09 | Mereil Louis | 23 | Joanthan Nadraws |
| 12 | Randy Arsheed | 25 | Alex Ghanim & Christine Korbeh |
| 12 | Laura Lwaysi | 25 | Janine Juzdan (26) Jessica Nafaash |
| 13 | Jalil Tadros | 27 | Amanda Daoud (29) Mirian Louis |