



## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

*237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424*

*Sunday, September 20, 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 AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

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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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

- 1<sup>st</sup> or
- 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Mark 8:34-38, 9:1**

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

**Altar Boys are:** Simone Kurzum, Ramzi Kurzum, Anthony Handal, Andrew Handal.

**BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Michael Klele, Rose Klele, William Azar, Mary Hawaweeny, Anthony Andalft, Mary Nassor, Josephine Zakak, Spiro Armoony, Charles Tabeek, Sophie Cleland, Joseph Hanna.

**In memory of Basme Saba** offered by Emanuel & Ikhlas Munayyer and family.

**Memory Eternal.**

Today's coffee hour is being donated by Hisham Maabuk and family **in memory of Joey Abuissa.**

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

Hafez & Wadia Juzdan in memory of Kawkab Israel.

Anise Beyjoun in memory of Kawkab Israel.

Johnny & Hilda Abuissa in memory of Joey Abuissa.

Doris Nafash and family in memory of Mary & Alexander Hawaweeny.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Faugno in memory of Louise Faugno.

Rimon & Badia Israel and family in memory of Kawkab Israel.

Bishara & Muna Elmasri for the good health of Natalia and Muna Elmasri.

George & Peggy Nahass for the good health of Grace Andalft & Rose Marie Zamloot.

Joseph & Fran Conti 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](mailto:Hendk99@optonline.net)
- 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](mailto: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.
- Fellowship meeting after Liturgy **TODAY**.

### 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.
- The Ladies will be having their biannual election of officers in December. We are in need of nominations for the following positions. President & Vice President, . Please see Fadia Juzdan or Julia Kalyoussef if you would like to be nominated for any of these positions.
- We are now taking orders for **String Cheese (\$4.50 ea.)**. Please call Jackie at the church office to place your order or see any Ladies Society Member.
- **Family Night**, Friday, September 25th, 7:00 pm. Bring a covered dish.
- **The Ladies will be preparing String Cheese on Monday, September 28th, at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome to help.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.antiochian.org/festivals) If you have any questions, please contact your child's Sunday School teacher.

### Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, October 21st, 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.

### September Birthday's

03	Sylvia Abuissa	16	Samuel Waldinger, Nawal Fanik
05	George Stavrou	17	Elias Chalet
08	Roison Sousou	21	Eva Nahass
09	Mereil Louis	23	Joanthan Nadraws, (29) George Haddad
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