



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, September 27, 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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The Epistle

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Epistle: The Lord will give strength to his peoples. Bring to the Lord, O ye children of God.

Section from the 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:1-10

Ye brethren: We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Giving no offense in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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 Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennes'-aret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; hence forth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Altar Boys are: Peter Yazgi, George Fakes, Elie Lwaysi, Andrew Hanna.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of William Newton, Ameen Kallas, Jameel Hamway, Abdo Azrak, Nicholas Fadil, Marion van Eck, Alfred Ballan, Gabriel Andalaft, Theresa Azar, Silva Homs.

In memory of Azarar Abbassi offered by Jadan and Amal Abbassi & family.

Memory Eternal.

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

George & Elise Nassor in memory of Anton Kattine
John & Nadia Joubran in memory of John Ajlouny & Harrie Valcky.
Jadan & Amal Abbassi in memory of Azarar Abbassi.
George & Elise Nassor for the good health of Grace Andalft.
Nicholas & Joyce Andalft for the good health of Grace Andalft.
John & Nadia Joubran for the good health of Salem Joubran & Peter Shami.
Jadan & Amal Abbassi in memory of Azarar Abbassi.

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
- **October is Youth Month**, Friday & Saturday, October 2nd & 3rd, Lock-in. Getting to know each other.

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
- **Sunday, October 11th, LUNCH & LEARN, immediately after Liturgy. Topic, "Swine Flu, What Does It Mean To You." Guest Speaker, Dr. Everett Schlam.** Appropriate for all ages. Donation: Adults \$10.00. Children \$5.00 (10 years and under).

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- **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 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.
- **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.

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