



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, January 25, 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 ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding. Hear this all you nations.

Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2.

Brethren, it was filling that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men to their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Now the point in what we are saying is this: We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

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 _____ _____ _____
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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 2008 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 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchae'us; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchae'us, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchae'us stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Samuel Baram, William Zayat, Louis Zayat, William Zayat, Jr., Amelia Kattine, Caston Kabbash, Soraya Nahass, Ida Gravatt, Hilwa Twal, Samuel Fadil.

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

In memory of Amelia Kattine offered by George & Peggy Nahass and family.

In memory of Joseph Hanna & Margo Yazgi offered by George & Mireh Alain and family.

Memory Eternal.

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

Virginia Contrino and family in memory of Marie Hakim.

Lila Czaplicki and family in memory of Marie Hakim.

Gladys Shema and family in memory of Marie Hakim.

George & Peggy Nahass in memory of Amelia Kattine.

Teen SOYO

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Alexandra Nafash, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at Hendk99@optonline.net
- **Teen Calendar**
- **TODAY**, meeting and Ice Skating.
- Sunday, February 1st, Special Olympics.
- Saturday, February 21st, Allentown Retreat.
- Sunday, February 22nd, Meeting and Bowling.

Charity Committee

- The charity outreach committee is a group of people within the church who undertake fundraising activities, which specifically benefit local charitable causes. These activities bring alive the teaching of our Lord, when he said "in as much as you have done it to these, the least of my brethren, you have done it to me".
- 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.

Next meeting, Sunday, March 1st, 2009.

Ladies Society

The Ladies Society is open to all woman who are members of the parish. For more information on how to help, please contact Fadia Juzdan.

Next meeting, Sunday, February 8, 2009.

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.
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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.
- **VESPERS:** Wednesday, Evenings at 7:00 pm.
- **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.
- **Arabic Classes:** Classes are now in session on Monday & Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact Ikhlas Munayyer or call the Church office at 973-256-8961 or email Jsalotti@aol.com
- **Pilgrimage to Greece:** May 13-25, 2009. Only 25 seats available, direct from Newark to Athens. Total cost \$3,150.00. For more information, please call or email Fr. Elias or Joanne at 973-890-9139 or jnbitar@aol.com.
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- **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.
- **INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR;** Sunday, February 1st, after Liturgy. Please see Yola Shehady, Rula Ibrahim or call the church office to let us know what you will be preparing for this event.
- This is to inform you that tine interview of Father Eilas Bitar with Msgr. Youssef Mouaness will bon on Nousat, Monday, January 26th, at 15:00 EST and it rerun 21:00 EST. Jocelyne Lteif, Noursat.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, February 18, 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.

- There should be **nobody** in the church hall during Sunday school session. The doors to the hall will be locked. Please do not enter during that time. Thank you!

January Birthday's

01	Michael Ekhtear		
17	Patrick Khoury		
18	Sarah Covello		
18	Issa Lubbos		
20	Elizabeth Klele		
20	Danielle Milin		