



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, October 11, 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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For thou art just in all that thou hast done to us.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to his Disciple Titus 3:8-15.

My child Titus: This is a faithful saying and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and striving about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. 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. Luke 8:5-15

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God: but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Altar Boys are: Peter Yazgi, Nicholas Juzdan, Philip Sabbagh, Tommy Oliver.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Marian Abousamra, Michael Ayoub, Joseph Sanzone, Wasela Andalaft, Nazera Gousen, Charles Arrout, Louise Mele, Joseph Mele.

In memory of Rita Tashjian offered by George Tashjian, Jackie Peche' and their families.

Memory Eternal.

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

Tony & Janet Homsey in memory of Scott Bleasdale.

George Elsie Nassor in memory of Scott Bleasdale.

Alan Matook in memory of Anton Kattine.

John & Nadia Joubran in memory of Gerard Saldanha.

Edward & Lillian Mamary in memory of Richard Mamary.

John & Nadia Joubran for the continued good health of Salem Joubran.

In memory of Rose Marie Zamloot offered by George & Peggy Nahass, Hayet Creek, Rosemary Picciano, George Karram, Alan Matook.

Teen SOYO

- To become a member of our Teen SOYO, please contact Matthew Chatrue, Lucy Chalet, Jennifer Zabaneh or Hend Kevorkian at Hendk99@optonline.net
- **October is Youth Month**, Saturday, October 17th, 8:00 pm, Hafli, Arabian Night. Donation: Adults \$35.00. Children \$15.00 (12 and under).
- November, 13, 14 & 15th, Delegates Meeting (Antiochian Village).
- Saturday, November 21st, Retreat.
- 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
- **TODAY, 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.
- Sunday, October 18th, Ladies Society Meeting after Liturgy.
- Friday, October 30th, Family Night, 7:00 pm.

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, October 25th, **General Parish Meeting**, immediately following Liturgy.

Anyone interested in running for the Parish Council, please see Richard Abbate or Brian Nafash.

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.

October Birthday's

10/1	Fadel Ayoub	10/14	Jillian Haddad
10/4	Amanda Elmasri	10/16	George Fakes
10/6	Taylor Szabo	10/18	Rami Mamary
10/8	Julianna Sousou	10/22	Andrew Handal & Diane Lwaysi
10/12	Sami Ayoub	10/26	Nataline Elmasri
10/12	Gabriella Acoury	10/27	Catherine Ibrahim
10/14	Sara Donovan		