



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, February 14, 2010



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 OF CHEESE FARE

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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing ye: sing praises to our king, sing ye. O clap your hands, all ye nations.

Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11 to end; 14:1-4

Ye brethren: Now our salvation is nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying:

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

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 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. Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, or they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Altar Boys are: Ousama Hanna, Randy Arsheed, Shadi Saliby, Rami Saliby, Michael Sabbagh, Timothy Sabbagh.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Jacob Tashjian, Albert Fardice, Mary White, Archbishop Anthony Bashir, Philip Raben, Mary Hashway, Elias Kaytes, Basil Affsa, Charles Samra, Ralph Nakash, Nicholas Dahren, Josephine Ballan, Assad Eshak Ada Khyatt, Michael Mamary Rose Conti.

In memory of Souhel, Diana and Yvonne Arida, offered by Said & Samar Arida.

In memory of Rose Maloof offered Richard & Debbie Abbate and family.

Memory Eternal.

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

Robert & Kathleen Simon for the good health of Jenny Nabba & Abe Mamary.
George & Peggy Nahass for the good health of Cindy Azar.
Joseph & Fran Conti in memory of Rose Conti.

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. Please visit the Teen website at: <http://www.stgeorgesoyo.weebly.com/>
- **Sunday, February 21st, Meeting and Bowling**
- **Saturday, March 6th, Food Bank at Hillside**
- **Sunday, March 14, Falafel Sale**
- **April 16th—18th, Delegates meeting at St. Stephen the Protomartyr Church, South Plainfield, NJ.**

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

Friday February 19th, Lecture with V Rev. Paul Nadim Tarazi, Professor in Old Testament, St. Vladimir’s Seminary, after Akathist Service.

Monday, February 22nd, Book Club with Fr. George Kevorkian, “Who am I? Who are You?”, after service. (Books will be on sale after Liturgy).

Monday, March 1st, Book Club with Fr. George Kevorkian (Part2).

Saturday, March 6th, Retreat with Dr. Paul Meyendorff, Professor of Liturgical Theology, St. Vladimir’s Seminary. Morning Lecture: “Lent Its Historical Development and Its Meaning for Me Today” - Afternoon Lecture: “The Rose of Men and Women in the Liturgy.”

Monday, March 8th, Book Club with Fr. George Kevorkian. **Friday, March 12th**, Lecture with Peter C. Bouteneff, Associate Professor in Systematic Theology, St. Vladimir’s Seminary, after Akathist Service—“What is Spirituality?”

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.
- We are now taking orders for **Spinach Pies \$10.00 per dozen**. Pick-up date is Sunday, February 28th. Please see Fadia Juzdan or Jackie Salotti to place an order

TODAY, Meeting after Liturgy.

Thursday, February 25th, Work Day, Spinach Pies.

Friday, March 12th, Lenten Dinner.

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 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.
- **GREAT LENT SERVICES:** **Monday, Great Compline, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy, 7:00 pm, Friday, Akathist-Madayeh, 6:30 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.
- **Please give the church office your email address.**

- **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.

MAINTENANCE: Every Saturday Morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, we need volunteers to help with maintenance; plumbers, electricians, handymen, etc. Anyone who has a little time to spare to help with repairs, cleanup, etc. Thank you!!

Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, February 17th, 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.
- As you may already be aware of, our church has completed a major construction project in the last couple of months to fix a structural problem in some of the columns around the altar. The costs for the project ran up close to \$70,000. Since this was a non-budgeted emergency project for the church, we had to dip into the church emergency reserves to pay the costs. As members of the St George church family, we'd like to ask you to help the church with whatever amount you can donate towards this project and to help replenish the church emergency reserves. We thank all of you who already donated towards this project and ask the Lord to richly bless you and your families."

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.

February Birthday's

01	Jenna Hindeleh	16	Sam Hajal, Jr. - 2-10 Michael Dibi
03	Elina Chalet	16	Sophia Ayoub
05	Zackary Haid	22	Elie Lwaysi
10	Sophia Nahass	25	Nicole Starke
11	Narimann Salim	26	Tianna Saade
14	Kelsey O'Gorman	27	Elias Chalet
16	Phillip Sabbagh	28	Elias Kaufman