



## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, February 7, 2010*



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 OF MEAT FARE AND SUNDAY AFTER THE PRESENTATION**

**Tone 2**

**Eothinon 2**

**The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me: But he hath not delivered me over to death.**

**Section from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:8 to end 9:1-2)**

Ye brethren: Meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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. Matthew 25:31 -46**

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Altar Boys are:** Thomas Oliver, Paul Sabbagh, Andrew Chatrie.

### **BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Rose Chalet, Yorgi Lawand, Shukrie Rabahia, Michael Ballan, Soloman Kozam, Agnes Nafash, Tofic Tahan, Moses Issac, Hatim Abbood, Toufic Ahto, Elaine Karram, Mary Hilway, Thomas Abbood, Jr. Vincent Boscarelle, Rose Gousen.

**In memory of Vincent Boscarelle** offered by Robert & Gail Maloof and family.

**In memory of Mousa & Tamra Lwise** offered by Maher & Howeda Lwise.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

Marie Fadil and family in memory of Sadie Fadil.  
Elie & Rindala Saade in memory of Lilian Detorres.

**In memory of Michael Nassor** offered by Ziad & Claudia Barghash, Marie Fadil & family, Lorees Barghash, Lamia Moussallem & family, Jihan Tannous, James McBride, Hani & Rima Khoury.

### **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)
- **TODAY**, Special Olympics at T-Bowl
- **Sunday, February 21st**, 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. 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

**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

**Saturday, February 13th, Valentine Cocktail Party.**

**Sunday, February 14th, 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](mailto: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.
- **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. Thank you.**

- **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.

**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!!

**TODAY, International Coffee Hour.**

### 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.

### 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.
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