



# Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, January 3, 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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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 of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (1:1-8)**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before they face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Altar Boys are:** George Abuissa, Matthew Sabbagh, Philip Sabbagh, Philip Sabbagh, Peter Yazgi, Anthony Handal.

### **BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION**

**In memory of** Julia Ellien, Mildred Moussab, Salem Joubran, John Arrout, Catherine Nassor, Effie Eddy, Wakim Hamwi, Emilie Solomon, Michael Solomon, Norman Solomon, Mary Azar, Joseph Kassab, Khouieh Sara Simon, habib Kassab, Nageeby Hakim, Susan Hajjar, Edna Ameer, Michael Fadil, Michael Ganim, May Ganim.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

Charles & Siham Mallenbrei in memory of Elia & Nahi Shehady.

Claire & Marissa Levash in memory of Edna Ameer.

Robert & Kathy Simon in memory of Kh. Sara Simon.

Edward & Narmin Kurzum for the good health of George & Elsie Nassor and Julie Abboud.

**For the good health of George Nahass** offered by Edward & Lillian Mamary, Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, Joseph & Fran Conti, Virginia Contrino, Robert & Connie Abodeely.

**In memory of Rose Nicola** offered by John & Nadia Joubran, Olivia Kabbash, Michael & Lisa Nafash, Sabah Kalyoussef, Pierre & Amal Kalyoussef, Carlos & Grace Hosri, Thomas & Hoda Oliver, Assad & Hiam Elias, Virginia Contrino, Hafez & Wadia Juzdan, Aliyas & Jannette Aboughanam, Stacy Kyriillidis & family, Michael & Maha Kabbash, Christine Lynch, Edward & Lillian Mamary, Edward & Narmin Kurzum.

**In memory of Patricia Dakdouk** offered by John & Nadia Joubran, Olivia Kabbash, Michael & Maha Kabbash, Carlos & Grace Hosri, Hafez & Wadia Juzdan, Alan Matook, Edward & Narmin Kurzum,

**In memory of Jane Joubran** offered by Sam & Ann Marie Zamloot, Christine Lynch, Olivia Kabbash, Elias & Barbara Hebeka, Edward & Narmin Kurzum,

### **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)

### **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.
- **Annual Parish Christmas Card.** Thank you for your donation the Parish Christmas Card.

### 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.
- Sunday, January 10, Meeting after Liturgy in Conference Room.

### 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](mailto: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](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!!

### Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, January 20th, 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.

### January Birthday's

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