



## Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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

*Sunday, March 21, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. Mark (10:32-45)**

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and scourge him, and spit upon him, and kill him; and after three days he will raise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zeb' edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and who ever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give life as a ransom for many."

**Altar Boys are:** Andrew Hannah, Matthew Chatrie, Ramzi Kurzum, Simone Kurzum, Andrew Handal.

### BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

**In memory of** Mary Kassab, Shahood Tamney, Michael Esahak, John Zeitoun, Abla Zeitoun, Selma Belbol, John Tahmoosh, Jane Fadil, Ida Homsey, Albert Moussab, Jennie Mamary.

**In memory of Mary Kassab** offered by Jackie Eisen and family.

**In memory of Samuel & Ann Samra** offered by Elaine Aquino and family.

**In memory of Ernest & Violet Aquino** offered by Elaine Aquino and family.

**Memory Eternal.**

### Forty-Day Trisagion Service

**In memory of Youssef Hamwi** offered by his children and their families.

**Memory Eternal.**

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

Jadan & Amal Abbassi in memory of Fawaz & Renee Ammari.

Thomas & Hoda Oliver for the good health of Marie Boutros and family.

Gabriel & Daine Sabbagh for the good health of Pearl Nahass.

The Sabbagh Children for the good health of Tom & Hoda Oliver, Grace Hosri and

Thomas Oliver, Jr.

### 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). Please visit the Teen website at: <http://www.stgeorgesoyo.weebly.com/>
- **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](mailto:immalbert@aol.com)
- **Taste of New York** – Please keep Saturday, May 8, 2010 available. More information to follow.

### 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 Eilas Chalet at [elia64@aol.com](mailto:elia64@aol.com)

### 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.

**Ladies Work Day, Wednesday, April 7th, 9:30 am—String Cheese.**

**Ladies Night Out, Friday, April 23rd, 7:00 pm, at La Ziza Restaurant in Clifton.** Tickets \$40.00. See Fadia Juzdan.

Sunday, April 25th, **St. George's Day Celebration.**

### 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.
- **GREAT LENT SERVICES: Monday, Great Compline, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy, 7:00 pm, Friday, Akathist-Madayeh, 6:30 pm.**
- **LAZARUS SATURDAY: March 27th, Liturgy 10:00 am.** If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please see Marlene Ayoub.
- **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, April 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.
- 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.

### **March Birthday's**

3-1	Natalie Walasidis	3-18	Andre Dlbi
3-2	Ashley Nafash/Steven Ayoub	3-20	Joseph Kilyk
3-10	George Abuissa	3-21	Rawad Mamary
3-11	Mouna Wehbeh	3-23	Melissa Maskal
3-12	Albert Samaan	3-24	Brianna Disteso
3-17	Mary Salim	3-31	Rimoun Malki
3-18	Antonios Al-Shehda	29	Alexander Saykali