



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, March 28, 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

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. John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples {he who was to betray Jesus}, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Laz'arus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Laz'arus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when he called Laz'arus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard he had done this sign.

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

Ushers Are: Afife Aboushanab, Hilda Abuissa, Sana Ayoub, Hala Chalet, Lucy Chalet, Rana Chalet, Ruba Chalet, Roula Ibrahim, Hend Kabak, Lila Kurzum.

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Nasib Kashey, Widad Hishmeh, Khalil Hebeka, Elia Deeb, Sadick Gorab, James Abbood, Aziza Lyons, Abdo Sabbagh.

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

Barbara Crum & family in memory of Albert Moussab.

Albert & Sandy Moussab and family in memory of Albert Moussab.

Joyce Serventi and family in memory of George Serventi, Jr.

Gabriel & Diane Sabbagh in memory of Abdo Sabbagh.

Linda Sabbagh and family In memory of Abdo Sabbagh.

George & Elsie Nassor for the good health of Pearl Nahass and Christine Lynch.

Edward & Lillian Mamary for the good health of Pearl Nahass.

Robert & Kathy Simon for the good health of Pearl Nahass.

George Yazgi for the good health of his family.

In memory of Youssef Hamwi offered by Jamil Khalaf, Fouad Batraki, Abboud Rabat, Sami Hamway, Jack Malki, Samir Malki & family, Nabil Widad, Khasmaush, Joseph & Samia Malki, Jean Shaker., Antoine Sara,.

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. 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
- **Taste of New York** – Saturday, May 8, 2010. Come taste the flavors of New York City with six different sections of NYC represented, while dancing the night away. Wine and beer will be served. Tickets 18 years & above \$50.00, 12 to 18 years \$30.00. No children under the age of twelve.

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

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.

Sunday, April 11th, Meeting after Liturgy.

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**, after Liturgy.

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.
- **HOLY WEEK:** See schedule posted.
- **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.

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