



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, March 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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**SECOND DUNDAY OF LENT THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY
PALAMAS, BISHOP OF THESSALONICA
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The Epistle

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews 1:10 to end, 2:1-3.

Thou in the beginning, O Lord, didst found the earth: and the works of thy hands are the heavens.

They shall perish, but thou shalt continue; and they all shall grow old as a garment.

And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

But to which of the angels said he at any time: Sit on my right hand, until I make thy enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to minister for them, who shall receive the inheritance of salvation.

Therefore, ought we more diligently to observe the things which we have heard, lest perhaps we should let them slip.

For if the word spoken by angels become steadfast, and every Transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? Which having begun to be declared by the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

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: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I am a visitor <input type="checkbox"/> I recently moved into the area <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming a member <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know more about this Church <input type="checkbox"/> I request a phone call <input type="checkbox"/> I would like an appointment with the Priest <input type="checkbox"/> Please include me on the Parish Mailing List <input type="checkbox"/> Please pray for: _____ _____ _____	_____ I would like to volunteer for _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know more about Church Activities, especially: <input type="checkbox"/> Teen SOYO <input type="checkbox"/> PTA <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School <input type="checkbox"/> Charity Committee <input type="checkbox"/> St. John the Divine Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Choir <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Society <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Mark 2:1-12

At that time, when Jesus returned to Caper'na-um after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them.

And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic cared by four men.

And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay.

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts. Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Louise Cassatly, Nicholas Halal, Norman Kabbas, Barbara Puleo, Fadallah Ayoub, Najie Latoof, Michael Moaba, Suheil Arida, Victoria Abood, Fr. Michael Simon, George Affsa.

In memory of Barbaro Puleo offered Joseph & Fran Conti.

Memory Eternal.

Forty-Day Trisagion Service

In memory of Gerius Saliba offered by Youssef & Mariana Saliba and family.

In memory of Violet Odeh Musallam offered by Fred & Susan Ghanim and family.

Memory Eternal.

Today's coffee hour is being donated in memory of Gerius Saliba by Youssef & Mariana Saliba and family.

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

George Hanna and family in memory of Elias Hanna.
George Traboulsi and family in memory of Gerius Saliba.
Aliyas & Janette Aboughanam in memory of Gerius Saliba.

In memory of Youssef Hamwi offered by Samir Isssar, Roland & Micheline Ghanem, Antoine Sara and family, Mr. & Mrs. Khalil Fallaha, Elias Ibrahim Sara, Rima Fallaha, George Fallaha and family, Maher Malki and family, Marie Malki, George Hanna, Aliyas & Janette Aboughanam, Sabri Youssef and family.

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, 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
- **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

- **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.

TODAY, Please pick-up your Spinach Pies.

Friday, March 12th, Lenten Dinner, Adults \$12.00 - Children (12 and under) \$7.00.

Sunday, March 14th, Communion Breakfast.

Friday, March 19th, Eastern Region Village Retreat, see Fadia Juzdan for more info.

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, March 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.

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		