



Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

237 Long Hill Road, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424

Sunday, May 23, 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 PENTECOST

Tone Eothinon

The Epistle: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. And their words unto the ends of the world.

Section from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles 2:1-11

And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place;

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them:

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue.

And they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak, Galileans?

And how have we heard, every man our own tongue wherein we were born?

Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia.

Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: We have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

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

- 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 7:37-52 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The Officer's answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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

BREAD OF HOLY OBLIATION

In memory of Sophie Barakat, Theodore Haggar, Phyllis Haggar, Fedwa Fadil, Asa Busada, Ida Azrak, Louis Baram, Arthur Nafash, Afife Shama, Kamil Shama, Alfred Haggar, Alfred Fadil, Albert Shawy, Edward Kassab, Virginia Sowma.

In memory of Jack Maloof offered by his children and their families.

In memory of Edward Kassab offered by Jackie Eisen and family.

Memory Eternal.

For the good health of Lubna Abbassi on her graduation offered by her parents, Jadan & Amal Abbassi and family.

For the good health of John & Alexa Balonze on their marriage offered by John & Mary Balonze and family.

May God grant them many years.

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

Edward & Narmin Kurzum for the good health of Tyler Shehady.
 Michael & Sawsan Fakes and family for the good health of Elsie Nassor.
 Michael & Lisa Nafash for the good health of Elsie Nassor.
 Joyce Serventi for the good health of Kara Zatorski.
 Christine & Ryan Lynch in memory of Robert Lynch.
 Robert & Gail Maloof in memory of Jack Maloof.
 Robert & Pearl Nahass in memory of Robert Lynch.
 Danny & Susanne Haddad in memory of Robert Lynch.

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/>

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

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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

- Thursday, May 20th, 6:00 pm, Preparation for String Cheese (Cut Cheese)
- Friday, May 21st, 4:00 pm, Make String Cheese.
- Friday, May 28th, 6:00 pm, Grape Leaves.
- Friday, June 4th, 6:00 pm, Spinach Pies & Sfeeha.
- Monday, June 7th, 6:00 pm, Preparation Day for Pastries
- Friday, June 11th, 6:00 pm, Mahmool, Baklava, Iswart el Sit
- Monday, June 14th, 6:00 pm, Kibbee & Kabob.
- Wednesday, June 16th, 6:00 pm, Ghaybee.

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.
- **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.
- **FESTIVAL: June 18, 19 & 20, 2010.** Major Work Days, Saturday, June 5, 9:00 am, Saturday, June 12, 9:00 am.
- **FLEA MARKET:** We will begin collecting items on Sunday, May 30th. Please put all items in **Class Room #8 (Do not put any items in Coat Room)**. No clothing, no large appliances and no computers will be accepted. All items must be cleaned and in working condition. Thank you!

Parish Council

- The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday, June 16th, 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.

May Birthday's

04	Mariella Hanna	16	Tara Nafash
04	Andrew Hallack	18	Jonas Bassil & Anna Hosri
05	Renee Haddad	19	Gabriel Abboud
08	Karla Yacoub	20	Dalia Fanik
09	George Stavrou	21	Matthew Sabbagh
12	Samantha Chalet	23	Kristen Tarazi & Matthew Haddad
15	Elek McDonald	28 & 29	Mikhael Katrib, Nadia Tadros, Shantel Ayoub