



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

*It is our pleasure to welcome visitors and friends to our church.
If you would like to know more about our parish,
or the Orthodox Church, please feel free to ask.*

*Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins
and have prepared themselves by fasting
are invited to receive Communion.*

*Everyone is welcome to venerate the cross and share Holy Bread.
Following Liturgy, please join us in the parish hall
for coffee and refreshments.*

5 April 2009

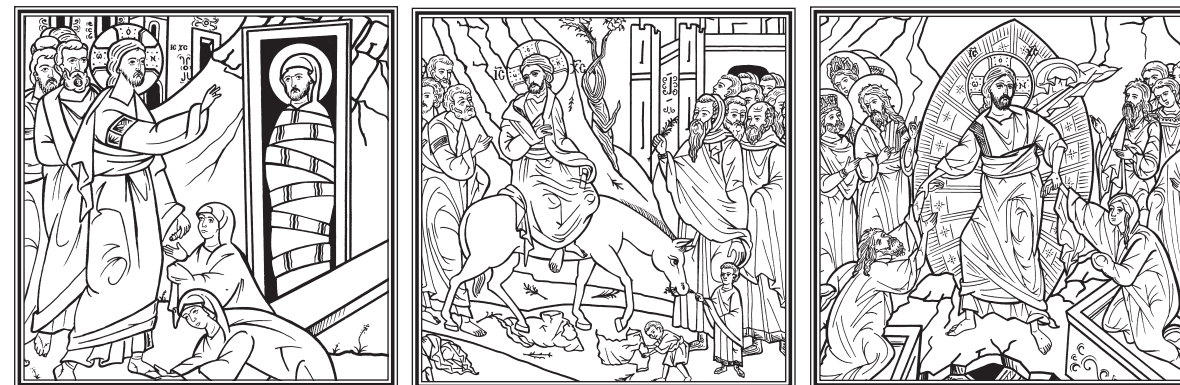


5th Sunday
in Lent:
Saint Mary
of Egypt

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CALENDAR

<u>Today</u> -	Teen SOYO Meeting, after Liturgy Church School, 1:00-3:00 pm
<u>Monday</u> -	Great Compline, 7:00 pm, Saint George Cathedral, Worcester Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Supper follows
<u>Saturday</u> -	Lazarus Saturday Liturgy, 8:30 am, followed by breakfast etc. Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Palm Sunday Matins 9:00 & Liturgy with Palm Procession, 10:00 am A second tray will be passed for the Patriarch of Antioch See Holy Week Schedule in this bulletin
<u>Fasting</u> -	Strict fasting for Lent each day. Katalysis for olive oil and wine on Saturday and Sunday [and for fish on Palm Sunday]



The Raising of Lazarus the Just
Saturday 11 April - Divine Liturgy 8:30 am

The Glorious and Brilliant Entrance of Our Lord
Jesus Christ into Jerusalem: Palm Sunday
Sunday 12 April - Matins 9:00 am
Liturgy and Procession of Palms - 10:00 am

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - 12-14 April
Bridegroom Service, 7:00 pm

Holy Wednesday - 15 April
Holy Unction, 6:00 pm

Holy Thursday - 16 April
Vespertal Liturgy, 8:30 am
Passion Gospels, 7:00 pm

Great and Holy Friday - 17 April
Royal Hours, 8:30 am
Vespers, 1:00 pm
Church School retreat follows
Lamentations & All Night Vigil, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday - 18 April
Vespertal Liturgy, 8:30 am
Decorating of the church follows
Matins & Paschal Liturgy, 10:30 pm
Followed by parish breakfast

Holy Pascha - 19 April
Agape Vespers, 12 noon

*Confessions will be heard by appointment through
the 10th; before and after Vespers on the 11th;
and preceding the Bridegroom service, Sunday,
Monday and Tuesday evening only.*

HOLY WEEK PRESENTATION

Our seminarian *Rabee Toumi* will give a presentation on Holy Week at the conclusion of the Liturgy today.

FATHER NIFON MEMORIAL BOOK

Last summer when our dear friend and long-time priest passed away, it was decided to honor him with a book of memories. *Each of you no doubt, has many fond recollections of Father Nifon.* We are asking you to share those special times with the rest of us. A letter explaining the project has gone in the mail and is also on-line.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

You are invited to spend the night in church following the Lamentation service on *Great and Holy Friday.* This opportunity for reflection, Scripture reading and holy silence is sponsored each year by the Teen SOYO. If you will commit to a particular hour of the night, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Please remember the poor and hungry throughout the world. If you took a *FFHP* box, don't forget to fill it each day. If you make a single donation after Lent, make yourself a note to write that check this week!

DAYS OFF

Western Good Friday (for Catholics and Protestants) is one week earlier than ours, on April 10th. Most school systems have no classes scheduled that day. Orthodox Good Friday is not a holiday in the schools this year, it falls right before a Spring vacations for many towns. **PLEASE: Mark the 17th of April** on your calendar; let your children know that this is a solemn and holy day. Contact your schools, teachers and coaches and inform them that Good Friday is a holy day for Orthodox Christians and that school activities and games are not appropriate for your children. Ask that they be excused so they may attend the services in the church.

SYRIAN-LEBANESE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Syrian-Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston will celebrate its *75th Anniversary* and Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 1:30 PM at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood. Tickets are \$40. Reservation deadline is June 1, 2009. For further information, please contact Hellas Assad at hellas-damas@hotmail.com To participate in the 75th Anniversary ad book, contact Mary Winstanley O'Connor at moconnor@koilaw.com

MEMORIALS FOR GEORGE THOMAS

From Nicholas Abdallah, Olga Abdallah, Bill, Helen & Nicholas Abril, Angelo & Marguerite Antonelli, Hellas Assad, Paula Berkowitz, Jeannie and Marie Boulis, Joyce Boulis, James & Martha Buckley, Don & Christine Byron, Martha Cali, Kathleen Cappuccino, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Alec & Mary Deeb, Bruno & Reggie DiCicco, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Margaret Domet, Paul & Helen Donohue, Emaline Eakle, Dolores Elias, Florence Esper, Cleo Eysie & Family, Roger & Carlene Ferris, Phyllis Georgeu, Paul & Christine Grady, Anthony & Sarah Grasso, John Howard, Kathryn Howard, Charles & Linda Ippolito, Lana Joseph, Helen Kelley, Alice Kelley, Lillie Kelley, the Lambert Family, Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk, Nancy MacDonald, Fran McDermott, Jennie Mike, Kay Mike, Michael & Samera Mike, Catherine Moseley, Ileana Nace, Rachel Pazareskis, Ernest & Sally Peter, Julia Phillips & Family, Josephine Purpura, Marion Redonnet, Paul & Carolyn Riccardi, Ida & Helen Rossetsky, Betty Ryan, Nick & Jackie Saber, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman, Sylvia Sawaya, Mr & Mrs George Shaheen, Dianne, Garrett, John Jr & Leah Shalbey, Jeff & Marcia Shapiro, Najlae Solomon, Phyllis Spicer, Rod & Lynne Springer, George & Barbara Thomas, Loretta Thomas, Annie Toliias, Ellie Tomm, Peter & Beverly Veglas and anonymous donors
 *in memory of George Tiger Thomas*

HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by the Doros Family and by the Plouffe Family in thanksgiving for Sophia on her 6th birthday.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy today, hosted by the Doros and Plouffe families.

FLOWERS - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given by the Plouffe family for Sophia on her birthday.

VOTIVE CANDLES - Seven-day candles burn before the icons, given by Don & Camille Florio in memory of Mary Kaleel; from the Markatos family for those in the Fargo area and their safety from the flood waters; from Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies for the health of David Franciosi on his birthday.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

The Sepulveda and Rodriguez Family . . . *in memory of Adela Rodriguez*
 Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk *for the health of Loretta Thomas*
 Sally Peter & Kay Mike *for Olga Abdallah on her birthday*
 The George Thomas Family *in memory of Ed Hassan*
 Dolores Elias *for the health of David Franciosi*
 *and Beverly DiFlaminies on their birthdays*
 Anonymous *in memory of Helen Nedder*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Khouriyee Joanne, Deacon Elias, Chris, Elizaebth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Ricky, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

March 29 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Al-Kafaat Collection
\$2030.00	\$1380.00	\$95.00	\$178.00	\$187.00

Council & Parish Leaders

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Fifth Sunday in Lent: Commemoration of Saint Mary of Egypt**Martyrs Claudios, Didymos and Diodoros****EISODIKON**

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 1)

The stone being sealed by the Jews, and thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed thee, O Giver of life, crying, Glory to the Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy gracious providence, O thou only Lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT (TONE 8)

Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF OUR COMMUNITY (TONE 4)

As deliverer of captives, and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious Great-Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION (TONE 4)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honour thee.

MEGALYNARION IN THE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT (TONE 8)

In thee rejoiceth all creation, O thou who art full of grace, the hierarchy of the angels, and all mankind, O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech, glory of virginity, of whom god, who is our god before the ages, was incarnate and became a little child.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL*Prokeimenon and Verse:*

Vow and pay unto the Lord your God. In Judah is God known.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

(9:11-14 - 5th Sunday in Lent)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

(10:32-45, 5th Sunday in Lent)

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he 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 spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." 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 he 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 whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

THE LORD'S PRAYER will be read in several languages each Sunday in Lent, beginning with English, then Arabic, Greek, Russian, Romanian, Spanish ... Texts are on cards in the pews.