



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.*

CALENDAR

- Thursday - Weekday Matins, 9:00 am
- Saturday - Great Vespers (with Metropolitan PHILIP), 6:00 pm
Saint George Church, West Roxbury
*Information about weekend events and reservation forms
are posted in the parish hall.*
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am

26 April 2009



**Sunday of
Thomas**

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We extend thanks to God and offer our gratitude for everyone who worked so hard during Lent and Holy Week, including those who cleaned, painted and decorated; those who prepared meals; our singers and readers; those who visited the sick and lonely; the altar boys and the ushers; those who teach our young people, and to all who have offered their most-worthy prayers for our holy parish.

PRAYERS OF OBLATION & PASCHA DONATIONS

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| Karen Kinosian | and anonymous donors |

MARK THE DATE

His Eminence *Metropolitan PHILIP will visit our parish* the weekend of Septemehr 19-20. This exciting news was received in just the last few days and so as yet there are no details ... but circle the date on your calendar.

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 is on-line. Bring your memories to church or submit them by email to FrNifonBook@gmail.com

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\

SAINT VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY WORKSHOPS

Two master iconographers, one painting in the Russo-Byzantine style and the other painting in the Byzantine (Greek-Cretan School) tradition, will offer exclusive workshops on the campus of St. Vladimir's Seminary campus in Yonkers, New York, from June 11-17, 2009. Fr. Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, of the Ss. Alipij & Andrei Rublev Icon Studio in Winnipeg Canada, and *Khouriya Erin Mary Kimmitt* of Norwood, Massachusetts, will open their summer workshops to 12 students each, and will accept students with experience ranging from none to decades-long practice, and expertise ranging from novice to master.

For details, talk to Kh Erin or visit www.svots.edu/News/Upcoming/2009-0611-icon-workshop/

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The Diocese *PLC is June 25-28, 2009* at the Wyndham in Andover. The host parish is Saint George Church in Lawrence. Registrations materials are in the parish hall; more conference information is on-line at www.StGeorgeLawrence.org/Conf2009

The Archdiocese Convention is July 19-26 in Palm Desert, CA. www.archdioceseconvention2009.org

WWW.STGEORGENORWOOD.ORG

Since relaunching our parish web-site three years ago, with a new design and new designers (thanks Katia) we average over *300 visitors a month.* Right now you can view some great pictures taken during Lent, Holy Week and at Pascha (thanks Marwan.)

And, while on our site, you can *click the marketplace logo*, which is an entry way to your favorite internet shopping places. If you begin your spending spree on our homepage, the church will receive a percentage of your on-line purchase. It is safe, easy and your privacy is protected.

COFFEE HOUR - Join us in the parish hall after Liturgy for refreshments, hosted by Catherine Keches & Co., for George and all those, who last week, celebrated their Name Day.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE -Please remember the poor and hungry throughout the world. If you took a *FFHP* box, bring it back to church next week. If you make a single donation, make yourself a note to write that check this week!

VOTIVES - Seven day candles burn at the tomb of the Life-Giver, from Maria Piccirilli for the health of Carmen & Maria Piccirilli; and from Bob & Nancy Deeb for the health of Richard Campell (scheduled for kidney transplant on Tuesday, and for his donor, Lenny.)

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Barbara Stoia and the families of Roger Eysie and George Eysie
 *in memory of George Thomas*
 The families of Roger Eysie and George Eysie
 *in memory of Lallo Elias and walter Mehm*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriye Elizabeth, Khouriye 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.

Holy Week Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Food For Hungry
\$1026.00	N.A.	\$90.00	\$860.00	\$496.00

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THEOPHANY SCHOOL

Invites you to the 12th Annual

Benefit Evening & Auction
"Cocktail Party"

Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 6:30 pm
 X & O Restaurant, Stoughton, MA
 For details visit www.TheophanySchool.org

Sunday of Thomas: New Sunday

EISODIKON

In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel. O Son of God who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PASCHAL TROPARION

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

المسيح قام من بين الأموات
و وطئ الموت بالموت
و وهب الحياة
للذين في القبور

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών,
θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας,
και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι,
ζωήν χαρισάμενος!

Христос воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех живот
даровав!

Hristos a înviat din morți, Cu moartea pre moarte
călcând, și celor din morminte Viață dăruindu-le!

TROPARION OF SAINT THOMAS (TONE 7)

While the tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors were closed, thou didst come in to thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy mercy.

PASCHAL KONTAKION (TONE 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal! Thou didst destroy the power of Death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, Rejoice! to the myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen!

MEGARLYNARION (TONE 1)

O most radiant lamp, the Theotokos, the immeasurable honor, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we magnify thee.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength, and of his understanding there is no measure. Praise ye the Lord, for a psalm is a good thing; let praise be sweet unto our God.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (5:12-20; Thomas Sunday)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (20:19-31; Thomas)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I

send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

PASCHAL GREETING

English: Christ is risen! Truly, He is Risen!
Greek: Kris-tos a-nes-tee! A-lee-thos a-nes-tee!
Arabic: Al ma-seeh qām! Ha-qān qam!
Slavonic: Kris-tos vos-kres-se!
Vo-ee-stee-nu vos-kres-se!
Romanian: Hristus A Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!
Spanish: Christo ha Resuscitado!
En verdad ha Resuscitado!