



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم Καλώς ορίσατε! Добро пожаловать
**Welcome ! It is a pleasure to have visitors and friends
 with us at Saint George. If you would like to know
 more about our parish or the Orthodox Church, please ask.**

*Communion: Those Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins,
 who have prepared themselves by fasting, and who have been present
 from the start of the Liturgy are invited to approach the chalice.
 Everyone may partake of the holy bread.*

His Beatitude
Patriarch JOHN X
Patriarch of Antioch

Most Rev. Metropolitan
SILOUAN (of Buenos Aires)
Patriarchal Vicar

Most Rev. Archbishop
JOSEPH (Los Angeles)
Locum Tenens

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN
**Diocese of Worcester &
 New England**

Very Rev. Father
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Sunday 27 April 2014



Sunday of Thomas

Upcoming Services and Events

- Monday - Parish Council Meeting
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 & 10:00 am
 40-Day Memorial for Metropolitan PHILIP
 Church School end-of-year presentation
 Awarding of Boulis Scholarship to high school graduates

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

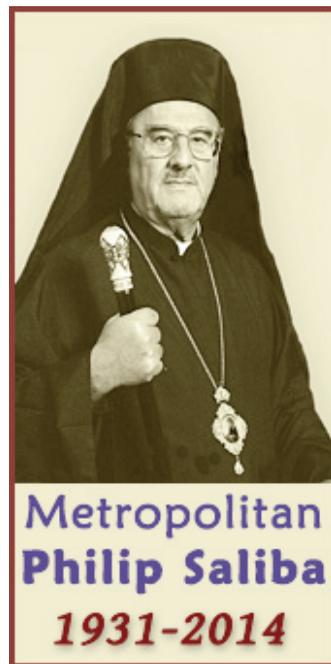
- ✘ **May 4:** At the request of His Eminence Metropolitan SILOUAN, Patriarchal Vicar of the archdiocese, the 40 Day Memorial for Metropolitian PHILIP will be offered in all churches. On that same day we will be honoring our church school and high school graduates after the Liturgy. The festivities include a big BBQ.
- ✘ **May 18: Jazz Brunch** - Make plans now to be at the OCC after Liturgy for brunch -- a fund raiser for our church.
- ✘ **June 19-22** - Parish Life Conference, Plymouth, MA

AABA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - We would like you to be our guest - Saturday May 17th Noon to 4pm at the AABA Village on Cheriton Road in West Roxbury. There is a BBQ lunch - No charge! Plus, Arabic/American Music. Let them know if you are attending, phone 617.323.2722.

NOMINATING CONVENTION - The special assembly to nominate candidate(s) for the office of Metropolitan will take place on June 5th in Chicago, IL. The names of those nominated are then forwarded to the Holy Synod of Antioch. Make sure to check the archdiocese web site, www.antiochian.org for updates and developments.

THEOPHANY ANNUAL BENEFIT - Theophany School is pleased to announce our 14th Annual Benefit Evening on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at St. George Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Road, West Roxbury. Cocktails begin at 6 o'clock, followed by dinner, live music by Mitchell Kaltsunas, live and silent auctions, and raffles. Our "Growing Together" evening promises to be an exciting night for all! If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donor, or are interested in reserving your ticket (\$60 each), contact Emily Pappas.

BUILDING & LAND UPDATES - Since the special parish meeting in February, your Parish Council has been hard at work on two fronts: After the unanimous vote to sell Nichols Street, there have been numerous discussions and meetings with a variety of folks and experts both inside the parish and out regarding the sale of the land and the stabilization of our existing church structure. While the property is not yet listed on the market, an enormous amount of effort has been spent to make sure everything is done properly and with the best financial interests of the church at heart. The Council has contracted with a roofing consultant to oversee repairs of the extensive damage to our roof and walls (as noted by an expert in roofing and a structural engineer.). Our architect has been consulted to ensure that we are on the right path. He has assured us that a new roof as well as sealing of the church envelope are necessary first steps before considering any expansion. As work being done is maintenance, the Council has voted to use our bank CDs to complete the task. The Council will continue to meet with the experts and will keep everyone up to date on the progress. If you have questions, just ask a Council member. Most of all, keep our church in your prayers.



HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered today by Ladies of Saint George.

COFFEE HOUR - In place of our usual refreshments, we hope you will be joining us for chicken dinner. Proceeds from the meal benefit the Syrian refugees (which is the project of the Antiochian Women.)

LENTEN ALMS - Remember to bring back your **Food For Hungry People** box so that we can forward all the donations.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo and Archbishop Yohanna (Syriac bishop) and all who are in danger and captivity.

Pray also for Presbyter Nicholas (Manikas), Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Archpriest Robert & Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Priest Michael (Bird), Joyce (Boulis), Kenneth (Hadge), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Lina (Karam), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Katia Oleinik
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Ibtisam Samman

- Arabic Bulletin - Kh. Ramia Issa
- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
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- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Appgar
- Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- FSJD Dio. Secy - Leeann Plouffe
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Beverly DiFlaminies
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
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- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Teen President - Nick Kimmett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik

April 20 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Collection for Patriarch
\$2302.00	\$1180.00	\$140.00	\$562.00	\$305.00



EISODIKON

In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel. O Son of God who didst rise from the dead, 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 inviat din morti
cu moartea pe moarte calcand
si celor din morminte viata daruindu-le.

Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos
con su muerte ha vencido la muerte
y los sepultados ha dado la vida.

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!

MEGALYNARION (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."

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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.