

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor
Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



10 AUGUST
2008

8TH SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST

SUNDAY
AFTER THE
TRANSFIGURATION

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS.

IT IS A BLESSING TO HAVE YOU WITH US AT SAINT GEORGE.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH,
OR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE SEE THE PRIEST.

ONLY THOSE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO ARE REPENTANT OF THEIR
SINS AND HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES THROUGH FASTING ARE INVITED
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO VENERATE
THE CROSS AND SHARE HOLY BREAD FOLLOWING THE LITURGY.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

Monday - Paraklesis, 8:00 pm
Thursday - Vigil for the Dormition, 4:00 pm at Saint Mary, Cambridge
Friday - Dormition Liturgy, here at 9:00 am
Saturday - Fred Bucklin - Victoria Stripling Wedding
Next Sunday - Matins 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

*The Dormition Fast began August 1st and continues through the 14th.
There is katalysis for oil and wine on Saturdays and Sunday.*

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered today by the Kelley and Franciosi families in memory of Freda Franciosi and Edward Kelley. A memorial will be served at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stop downstairs after Liturgy today for coffee and refreshments; hosted by the Esper, Franciosi and Kelley families.

FLOWERS - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Icon Theotokos are given by the Kelley, Esper and Franciosi Families in memory of Edward Kelley and Freda Franciosi.

VOTIVE CANDLES - A seven-day votive burns before the Icon of Saint George for Olivia Florio on her birthday, given by Emily and Amanda. A votive burns before the Icon of Christ for the health of Father Nifon Abraham.

FIRST FRUITS - The grapes on the Feast of the Transfiguration were offered by Ileana Nace, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, the Plouffe Family and Kimmett Family.

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FROM METROPOLITAN PHILIP REGARDING THE PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM IN AMERICA

On August 5th, 2008, The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America issued a press release which established a vicariate with the name "Vicariate for Palestinian/Jordanian Communities in the USA". The membership of this vicariate will consist of those communities in the USA which were originally part of the Patriarchate of Antioch, but most recently (since 1993) were uncanonically claimed by the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. From an historical perspective, it has been clear since the disintegration of Orthodox unity which existed in North America until 1917, that the Arabic-speaking Orthodox people in North America have been exclusively under the pastoral care of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. Similarly, the Greek-speaking Orthodox people (e.g. Cypriot, Greek, Egyptian, Turkish, etc.) have always been under the pastoral care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. What reaction would occur if the Antiochian Archdiocese were to establish a vicariate for Greek communities which separate themselves from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese?

These former "Jerusalem Patriarchate" communities separated themselves from the Antiochian Archdiocese without canonical releases, and in some cases are served by priests who are under canonical suspension. It is important to point out that since this separation occurred in 1993 we have taken extraordinary measures to reconcile these communities with The Antiochian Archdiocese and have appealed to both the Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Patriarchate of Antioch as well as others for their assistance. Unfortunately, none of our numerous appeals for intervention were answered.

As such, our directive of May 2, 2003 remains in force. To emphasize the main point of that directive, the clergy of The Antiochian Archdiocese are still forbidden from communing and/or concelebrating with any clergy who are a part of this newly-formed "Vicariate for Palestinian/Jordanian Communities in the USA" of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, whether in our parishes, their parishes, or as a part of Pan-Orthodox gatherings.

We lament this action by the Ecumenical Patriarchate which further complicates the already uncanonical jurisdictional situation here and continues to undermine the efforts of all Orthodox hierarchs of SCOBA to achieve administrative unity and canonical normalcy in North America. Praying that this urgent situation will be resolved in a spirit of peace, harmony and love.

2009 ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

Saint Michael Antiochian Orthodox Church of Van Nuys, California will be hosting the **49th Antiochian Archdiocese Convention at the Desert Springs Marriott Resort and Spa from July 19 – 26, 2009**. Reserve your rooms online by going to the convention website at www.archdioceseconvention2009.org.

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ORTHODOX EDUCATION DAY AT ST. VLADIMIR'S

Saint Vladimir's Seminary has chosen "**Holy Icons, Sacred Arts**" as this year's theme for Orthodox Education Day (OED), an annual campus celebration of liturgy, fellowship, ethnic food, and instruction in the faith. It will be Saturday, October 4th. The keynote speaker will be Dr Vasileios Marinis, the assistant professor of Byzantine Arts at Queens College.

SACRED MUSIC WORKSHOP IN NEW ENGLAND

Christopher Holwey, head of Sacred Music for the Archdiocese, will be here lead a weekend conference / workshop; the tentative date is October 17-19.

A Gigantic



YARD SALE

Saturday, September 6th

Beginning at 9:00 am

Bring items to the church starting August 17th

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Elder Sophrony's Prayer to be said on rising from sleep

O Eternal King without beginning, You who are before all worlds, my Maker, Who have summoned all things from non-being into this life: Bless this day that You, in Your inscrutable goodness, give to me. By the power of Your blessing enable me at all times in this coming day to speak and act for You, to Your glory, in Your fear, according to Your will, with a pure spirit, with humility, patience, love, gentleness, peace, courage, wisdom and prayer, aware everywhere of Your presence.

Yes, Lord, in Your immense mercy, lead me by Your Holy Spirit into every good work and word, and grant me to walk all my life long in Your sight without stumbling, according to Your righteousness that You have revealed to us, that I may not add to my transgressions.

O Lord, great in mercy, spare me who am perishing in wickedness; do not hide Your face from me. And when my perverted will would lead me down other paths, do not forsake me, my Savior, but force me back to Your holy path.

O good One, to Whom all hearts are open, You know my poverty and my foolishness, my blindness and my uselessness, but the sufferings of my soul are also before You. Wherefore I beseech You: Hear me in my affliction and fill me with Your strength from above. Raise me up who am paralyzed with sin, and deliver me who am enslaved to the passions. Heal me from every hidden wound. Purify me from all taint of flesh and spirit. Preserve me from every

inward and outward impulse that is unpleasing in Your sight and hurtful to my brother.

I beseech You: establish me in the path of Your commandments and to my last breath do not let me stray from the light of Your ordinances, so that Your commandments may become the sole law of my being in this life and in all eternity.

O God, my God, I plead with You for many and great things: do not disregard me. Do not cast me away from Your presence because of my presumption and boldness, but by the power of Your love lead me in the path of Your will. Grant me to love You as You have commanded, with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind, and with all my strength: with my whole being.

For You alone are the holy protection and all-powerful defender of my life, and to You I ascribe glory and offer my prayer.

Grant me to know Your truth before I depart this life. Maintain my life in this world until I may offer You true repentance. Do not take me away in the midst of my days, and when You are pleased to bring my life to an end, forewarn me of my death, so that I may prepare my soul to come before You.

Be with me then, O Lord, on my great and sacred day, and grant me the joy of Your salvation. Cleanse me from manifest and secret sins, from all iniquity hidden in me; and give me a right answer before Your dread judgment-seat. Amen.

TOTAL DEPOSIT	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAY	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR BASKET
<i>AUGUST 3</i>					
\$1117.00	\$625.00	\$85.00	\$210.00	N.A.	\$0.00



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Alice Kelley, the Esper and Franciosi Families
to the Esper Fund, in memory of Edward Kelley, Freda Franciosi and Frances Esper
 Alice Kelleyin thanksgiving for, and the good health of Fathers Nifon Abraham,
 Joseph Kimmett, Michael Abdelahad, Joseph Purpura, John Teebagy and John Katsoulas.

Richard & Violet Robbat, Michael & Marilyn Robbat, Louella Cardoos, Helen Abril, Alice DiRiennzo, Kenneth Hadge, Donald & Christine Byron and Hellas Assadin memory of Edward Kelley and Freda Franciosi

Sharon Weiskerger, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Sandy Thomas & Family, Bob & Nancy Deeb, Richard & Barbara Campbell, Hellas Assad, Kathyne Howard and Frances McDermott . .for the health of Father Nifon Abraham

Sharon Weiskerger, Sandy Thomas & Family and Hellas Assadfor the health of Samera Mike
 Dorothy Deeb Pollockfor the Church School in memory of Esther Howard Deeb
 Dorothy Pollock Cedarsin memory of her godmother, Julia Lewis, and her sister, Helen Lewis
 James & Arlene Kimmettgeneral donation
 Cleo Eysie & Family, Emaline Eakle, Bob & Nancy Deeb, Sandy Thomas & Family . .in memory of David Harb

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Nifon, Archpriest Edward, Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Stephanie, Mary, Florence, Alice, Hayes, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Camille, Michael, Mikayla, Christopher, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, George, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Lana, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, George, Lovee, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, William, Mary.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman
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 Marlene Lupaczyk, Marwan Samman (Treasurer), Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

CHURCH LEADERS

Ladies of Saint George - Katie Birtwell, President	Church School - Rich Plouffe, Superintendent
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SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2008 • EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 7 • EOTHINON 8 • SUNDAY AFTER THE TRANSFIGURATION

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 7)

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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 of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see thee crucified, they would remember that Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that thou art truly the effulgent Splendour of the Father.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

The Lord will give strength to his people. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

(1:10-17, 8th Sunday after Pentecost)

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chlo'e's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apol'los," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Ga'ius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Steph'anas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(14:14-22 Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

As Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Jesus then made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee
