



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.*

**Most Rev. Archbishop
 JOSEPH**
*Metropolitan of North
 America*

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

**Very Rev. Father
 Joseph Kimmett, Pastor**



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Sunday 10 August 2014



Sunday after the Transfiguration

Upcoming Services and Events

- Paraklesis - Monday, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Parish Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Thursday - Evening Divine Liturgy for the Dormition, 6:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins -9:00 am / Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
- Aug. 24 - Hierarchical Liturgy with Bishop JOHN
40-Day Memorial for Father Bob Bethoney
- Fasting - *The Dormition fast continues through the 14th.
There is fasting on Friday.*



**IOCC Delivers Relief
 To Gaza's Displaced
 Families**
August 7, 2014

Baltimore, MD (IOCC) — Living conditions for thousands of displaced families in the Gaza Strip are rapidly deteriorating as families uprooted from their homes and forced to find shelter now face a shortage of water as well as decreasing access to food. The recent escalation of the conflict has destroyed Gaza's power plant and civilian infrastructure, depriving vulnerable Gazans of the most basic needs and adding to the misery of more than half a million people displaced across the densely populated territory.

Many of the displaced families have sought refuge at schools, mosques, and churches, including St. Porphyrius Greek Orthodox Christian Church in the Az Zaitoun neighborhood of Gaza City. More than 2,400 displaced children and their parents are sheltering at the church, sleeping in the community center as well as outside in the church courtyard. International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) staff is on the ground in Gaza to provide humanitarian relief to families in urgent need of food and basic supplies.

IOCC distributed hot meals to hundreds of displaced families seeking refuge at the church, for many their first hot meal in weeks. "We were not able to provide meals like this," explained Hani, one of the church council members, who expressed gratitude for the crit-

ically-needed assistance. "With this support we are able to help feed these people who have come to us for help."

IOCC is also working to provide emergency relief items such as water, bedding, blankets, hygiene items and infant supplies to 40,500 displaced people seeking refuge at the church and a nearby mosque, as well as to vulnerable families in the northern Gaza communities of Gaza City, Beit Hanoun, Shuj'iyeh, Az Zaitoun, and At Tuffah.

IOCC has had a humanitarian presence in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza since 1997, assisting more than 30,000 families with emergency food and household items as well as working with communities to improve their access to food, employment opportunities, and agricultural production. In the Gaza Strip, IOCC has been establishing reliable water sources and support for home gardens and livestock care to ensure that families have enough to eat and to help the local economy by supporting locally-produced fresh food.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help provide relief in Gaza by making a financial gift to the IOCC Gaza Relief Fund, which will provide immediate relief through the provision of emergency assistance as well as longer-term support. To make a gift, visit www.iocc.org or call 1-877-803-IOCC.

Saint George, Boston is having a Gaza Children's Relief Brunch next Sunday, the 17th. Donations will support the IOCC efforts in Gaza. See the flyer in the hall for details.



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Our church is on Twitter. Follow us @StGeorgeNorwood

CALENDAR

This week we celebrate the *Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*. Please join us this Thursday at 6:00 pm for the Evening Divine Liturgy.

A lecture on the *Holy Eucharist* will be given by Richard Fillon, M.T.S., M.Th at Saint Paul's Catholic Church, 147 North Street, Hingham, this Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

The annual *Unction Service to honor the Holy Mandylion*, for Joy's miraculous healing of cancer in 2005 will be celebrated on August 19th at 6:30 pm at Saint Catherine Orthodox Church in Braintree. (Joy, if you have not yet met her, is new to Saint George. Her husband is Richard, who is noted above, as giving the lecture in Hingham.)

Paw Sox: The diocesan Teen SOYO (and anyone who wants to join them) are headed to Pawtucket for baseball on Thursday the 21st. See Father Joseph if you are interested.

Join us **Sunday, August 24th** for Hierarchical Liturgy with His Grace Bishop JOHN. That day is also the 40-Day Memorial for Father Bob Bethoney. The memorial will be served at Saint George in El Paso, TX that same day. Father's family will travel to Norwood for the six-month memorial, which is scheduled for December 28th.

Norwood Day is Saturday, September 13th. Our church has signed up for a booth. We need a few more volunteers to take hour long shifts at the table. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall; please sign up today.

AABA Annual Golf Tournament is September 15 at the Foxboro Country Club. 1:00 shotgun start. For tickets, reservations or sponsor information, phone Bill Seaver at 617-590-0253.

Orthodox Men's Retreat: On the weekend of Sept. 19 – 21, Saint Stephen's Church will be holding our annual retreat at the Saint Methodios Retreat Center in Contoocook, New Hampshire. This year's topic is *Faith as A Verb: The Action and Existence of both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission*. Bishop JOHN will lead the majority of the discussion. Contact mensgroup@stsoc.org for details.

Sonia's Run 5K for Theophany School: The annual road race is Saturday, September 20th; it includes a kid's race and more. Starting line is Saint George Church of Boston. Log on to www.SoniasRun.org

BROCHURE RACK

New titles have arrived from Ancient Faith Ministries and are in the narthex. These are for both your benefit and those inquiring about the Orthodox Church.

HELP WANTED

Theophany School is seeking a loving, creative, energetic teacher for our three day preschool classroom for the 2014-2015 school year. If you are interested in working in a collaborative environment that emphasizes challenging curriculum and Orthodox values, please contact Emily Pappas at 781-444-3058, or email Director@TheophanySchool.org.

Do you know of someone who would like to be part of Saint George Church?

Someone to be a member of the Orthodox faith and to share in our fellowship?

DON'T HESITATE. JUST ASK THEM.

Prayers of Oblation and Donations

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by Sheila Bennett.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for refreshments after the Liturgy, hosted today by Sheila Bennett (with some pastry items provided by members of the Cookbook Committee.)

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

The Kouyoumjian Family*Grapes for the Feast of the Transfiguration*
 Marion Corcoran.....*for the health of Beverly DiFlaminies*
 The Spicer family.....*for the health of John Solomon*
 Ernest & Sally Peter and the Spicer family.....
*in memory of Fr Roberth Bethoney*
 Emaline Eakle.....*for the health of Helen Kelley*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo and Archbishop Yohanna (Syriac bishop), all who are in danger and captivity and the suffering Christians of Syria, Palestine, Iraq, and the Middle East

Pray also for Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Frances (Giandomenico), Elaine (Bitar), 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), Kathrynne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection

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
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Apgar
- 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
- Lawn Care - Owen & Zach
- Order of St Ignatius Liaison - Erin K.
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Teen President - Nick Kimmett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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 all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse: Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

**The Reading is from the First Epistle of
Apostle Paul to the Corinthians
(3:9-17; 9th Sunday)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according
to Saint Matthew
(14:22-34; 9th Sunday)**

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.