



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

Rev. Deacon Stephen Mathewes
Subdeacon Gheorge Doros
Subdeacon Joseph Kouyoumjian

*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

<u>Monday</u> -	Diocesan Teen SOYO at the PawSox game, 7:05 pm
<u>Tuesday</u> -	Indiction Service and Blessing of Waters for the new Liturgical Year, 7:30 pm
<u>Saturday</u> -	Great Vespers 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
<u>Fasting</u> -	<i>Today, Wednesday and Friday.</i>

29 August
2010



14th Sunday
after
Pentecost



Beheading of
Forerunner
John

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Life-Changing Experience as Part of Mission Team

by Fr. Luke Veronis

Eleven seminarians from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and St. Vladimir Seminary joined Fr. Luke Veronis, OCMC Missionary Nathan Hoppe, and Fr. Paisius Altschul on a short-term trip to Albania. This mission practicum was combined with a three credit academic course entitled "The Missiology of Archbishop Anastasios of Albania," where seminarians studied the missiological writings of the one of the greatest contemporary Orthodox missionaries, and then visited and participated in the actual mission occurring in Albania.

This inaugural mission class and practicum reflected a cooperative effort between the newly established Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity and the OCMC. The Missions Institute is a new entity which has a specific mandate to create and offer inspiring and educational programs for theological students studying at the Orthodox seminaries in the United States. "Our hope is that through the programs and courses this Missions Institute will offer," noted its director, Fr. Luke Veronis, "No student will graduate from our Orthodox seminaries without having some knowledge of a missions-minded ministry. Simultaneously, we hope to challenge some students to seriously consider dedicating part or all of their lives to cross-cultural missionary ministry."

The course ran from May 19 - June 6, 2010, and included one week of class work at Holy Cross, followed by two weeks of a mission practicum in Albania. The experience created an incredible enthusiasm and enlightenment for all the participants. "This was the greatest experience in my life," emphasized Holy Cross seminarian Kosta Kollias. "It has opened up my eyes in ways I've never dreamed of before. My mission experience has

helped me to understand the Church in a much healthier, more universal manner."

Not only did the course readings challenge the students to understand the imperative nature and need of cross-cultural missions, but the practical experience of witnessing one of the most vibrant mission fields in the contemporary Orthodox Church, meeting Archbishop Anastasios and his indigenous co-workers and leaders of the Church of Albania, while also participating in the mission itself through outreach projects at the University of Tirana, at the Resurrection of Christ Theological Academy, at a Student Conference, and at the Children's Home of Hope inspired the seminarians to understand missions in an unforgettably refreshing and even life-changing way.

A highlight of the trip was a pilgrimage with Metropolitan John of Korca. The group spent the first night in the Monastery of St. John the Forerunner in Voskopoja, and walked 12 miles to the Monastery of St. Peter and Paul in Vithkuq. Throughout the pilgrimage, Metropolitan John shared stories about life under communism, faith and persecution, life in America as an immigrant, his time as a seminarian at Holy Cross, and then his return and service back in Albania. Throughout all the stories the Metropolitan challenged the students to dedicate their lives in radical ways to serving Christ. The personal interaction and wisdom offered by His Eminence impacted all of the seminarians.

During the two week trip in Albania, as well as in the follow-up, six of the eleven seminarians expressed serious interest in possibly pursuing cross-cultural missionary service following their graduation from seminary, while the others affirmed that the entire experience solidified their understanding of missions and strengthened their commitment to creating Church communities that will support the missionary work of the Church.

See www.ocmc.org

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1st as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with autumn was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year.

Many of the hymns for the first day of the Church year state that the coming year is God's to give and God's to bless -- A YEAR OF THE LORD! These hymns take their theme from Psalm 65, a psalm of praise to the Creator Who is awesome as the Holy Lord but who richly sustains the earth with His abundant goodness.

"Bless, O Lord, the crown (that is, the beginning) of the year with Your goodness!"

The goodness of the Lord is His love, mercy and grace, The Church's prayer is that the coming year will be a year of grace, a year blessed by God. Each year can be a year of grace, a year blessed by God. The prayers and hymns of the Orthodox Church not only recite the wonderful works of God in creation and history for our salvation but also frequently offer guidance about how to make each year a year of grace, a year of the Lord.

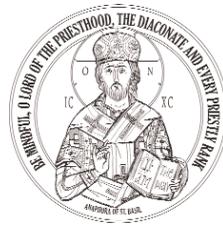
The service for the new year along with the blessing of water, which traditionally takes place the first of every month, will be on Tuesday ("new year's eve") at 7:30 pm.

BIRTHDAYS, NAME DAYS ETC.

Stop by the parish hall this morning and help us compile a list of birthdays, anniversaries and Name Days. There are large calendar pages for you to neatly write those special days on which we can offer extra prayers.

2011 CONFERENCE & CONVENTION THEME

The theme for the *PLC* next year (Hyannis, June 17-19) and the *Convention* (Chicago, July 24-31) as well as the creative festivals is *"Be mindful, O Lord, of the priesthood, the diaconate and every priestly rank"*.



The topic for the *Bible Bowl* will be the Gospel of Saint Matthew. For information, see antiochian.org/festivals.

If you are thinking about a trip to Chicago for the Convention, see www.ArchdiocesConvention2011.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Summer isn't over, but plans are set for the fall:

Pick up a calendar in the narthex today.

- Tuesday - for the Liturgical New Year: Indiction Service & Blessing of Waters, 7:30 pm.
- September 7 - Evening Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos, 6:00 pm.
- September 9 - Ladies Meeting, 6:30 pm
- September 9 - Akathist for Children (a beautiful way for parents to offer prayers as their children begin a new school year.) Service at 7:30 pm
- September 12 - Meeting after coffee hour to discuss the proposed changes to our constitution.
- September 13 - Evening Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross, 6:00pm.
- September 18 - Sonia's Run (5K) for Theophany School, West Roxbury, 9:00 am: Runners and Volunteers, go to <http://soniasrun.org/>
- September 19, First day of Church School, 12:30 pm.
- September 27 - Annual Parish Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- Plus, weekday Vespers and Matins as announced.
- October 2 - Education Day at Saint Vladimir's Seminary: *Many Cultures, One Faith*
- October 14 -Book Club, 7:30 pm: A discussion of *The Walk*, by Richard Paul Evans (an NYT bestseller.)

HOLY BREAD AND COFFEE HOUR - As we prepare to move into the fall, it is so important that we have donors each week for the holy gifts. The coffee hour too, is an integral part of life in our Christian community. Please do your part, sign up for holy bread or coffee hour.

FLOWERS - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given by Marwan & Ibtisam Samman in memory of Marwan's cousin George Seigneurie, who fell asleep in Christ this past week in France. Memory eternal.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Kay Mike, Cleo Eysie & Family, Martha Cali, John Howard, George & Joan Kornack, Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, George & Madeline Shaheen, Lovee Thomas & Family, Ernest & Sally Peter, Bruno & Reggie DiCicco, Margaret Domet, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Catherine & Edward Moseley, Dolores Elias, Sandy - Linda & Bobby Thomas, Anthony Grasso, James Rossetsky, Emaline Eakle, Sophie Boulis, Hellas Assad, Nick & Jackie Saber, Carolyn Ferris, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Marion Redonnet, Joseph & Loretta Eysie, Jeanette Morrison, Bea Card, Ronald Hadge and anonymous donors *to the Long Range . . .and Habib and Anne Mike Memorial Funds in memory Michael Mike*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas and Pamela (Manikas), Archpriest Michael (Lewis), Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Lucia Camille (Baba) John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Roger (Eysie), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Jamil (Samara), David (Elliott, serving in Iraq), Michael (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Edward (Arees), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Frances (Giandomenico), Frederick (Howard), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Carrie, Sam, Nicholas, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Linda, Sarah, Josephine, David, Sterling.

Income August 22	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Special Collection
\$800.00	\$505 .00	\$55.00	\$270.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron
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- Subdeacon Gheorghe Doros
- Andrew Howard (Chairman)
- Richard Plouffe
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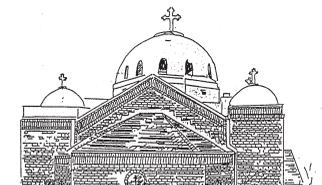
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14th Sunday after Pentecost

Beheading of the Forerunner and Baptist John

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 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF THE BEHEADING OF THE BAPTIST (TONE 2)

The memory of the righteous is in praise. And thee, Forerunner, the testimony of the Lord sufficeth; for in truth thou hast been revealed as nobler than all the Prophets, for having been considered worthy to baptize in the running water him who was preached. Therefore, thou didst strive for the truth happily. Thou didst proclaim to those in hades God appearing in the body, the Lifter up of the sin of the world, who granteth us the Great Mercy.

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

By thy holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hear my prayer, O God. Hearken, O God, unto my voice when I make supplication unto Thee.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (13:25-33, for the Beheading)

In those days, as John was finishing his course, he said, "Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. No, but after me One is coming, the sandals of Whose feet I am not worthy to untie." Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us have been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize Him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. Though they could charge Him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have Him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.

Alleluia. The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied. *Alleluia.* He that is planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God he shall blossom forth. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (6:14-30, for the Beheading)

At that time, Jesus' Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like

one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.