



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم Καλώς ορίσαστε! 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 31 August 2014



Placing of the Belt of the Theotokos

Upcoming Services and Events

Next Sunday - Matins -9:00 am / Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
 First day of Church School, 12:30 pm:
 Open to those from pre-school through 8th grade

September 13 - Norwood Day
 Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

September 14 - Exaltation of the Cross
 Matins -9:00 am / Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am

Fasting - *There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday.*

ST. THEKLA & ST. RAPHAEL PILGRIMAGE



SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2014

**ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE
 140 CHURCH CAMP TRAIL
 BOLIVAR, PA 15923**

There are few places in the United States where you can visit the grave and shrine of a saint of the Church. Did you know that the Antiochian Village is one of those places? St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn, the Good Shepherd of the Lost Sheep of America, is buried on the grounds of the Antiochian Village. This year we are expanding the focus of our Annual Pilgrimage to not only include our prayers for the intercession of St. Thekla, but also we will pray the Service of Supplication to St. Raphael that he may intercede on our behalf before the throne of God.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, and educated in Damascus Syria, Halki, Turkey, and Kiev, Russia, Raphael Hawaweeny found himself virtually exiled in Kazan, Russia. He was making himself of use on the faculty of the Anti-Muslim Missionary School, when he was summoned to the New World by the Syrian Orthodox Benevolent Committee in New York City. Immigrating in 1895 and serving under the aegis of the Russian Orthodox Mission -- then the only established Orthodox hierarchy -- he was technically pastor of St. Nicholas Church (later Cathedral) in Brooklyn, NY, but was, in fact, the roving pastor of several dozen tiny, isolated communities spread thinly across the continent. As a priest he crossed the continent repeatedly in the course of nine years, and did so several more times after being consecrated Bishop of Brooklyn -- the first such Orthodox consecration in North America -- in 1905. He established a journal, al-Kalimat, to spread "the Word" to places he could not himself be, and worked diligently at translating Greek liturgical books into Arabic. These he distributed at his own expense to communities throughout the Middle East and to émigrés in the Americas, Africa, and Australasia, greatly helping preserve Orthodox Christianity in those regions. He departed this earthly life in 1915 and was canonized by the Orthodox Church in America in 2000.

WELCOME

It is a great joy to have Father Joseph Purpura serve the Liturgy at Saint George. The Kimmetts are in Colorado this weekend for a family birthday. By your prayers they will return on Tuesday.

CALENDARS

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

From the Archdiocese: It is with great pleasure that we announce the Enthronement of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph will take place during December 5th - 7th at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York. The actual enthronement will take place in conjunction with Vespers on December 6th. We will be blessed by the presence of His Beatitude Patriarch John X who will preside during this weekend.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The parish council met on the 13th of this month. First, it was regular business, including discussions of our Nichols Street land and bids from roofers. Then the Building Committee came along for an informational session with our architect, Michael Samra.

Regarding Nichols Street, there have been thousands of "hits" on the internet, but no bids yet. This indicates interest but also hesitation from buyers, likely due to the shape of the land and, according to our broker, the asking price. Plus, there are the unknowns, like the extent of the wetlands (none of this is a surprise to us.) The realtor has had a number of meetings recently with interested parties and we remain hopeful of a sale.

As for the roof, the Council accepted a bid of \$107,750 from Corollo Roofing of Winthrop, MA. This is for both the house and church, but does not include the narthex or altar roofs, as they are the areas for potential expansion. The roofing consultant has reinspected these two areas and believes they should be okay for another winter. Work is expected to begin very shortly.

Finally, there was good discussion with the architect about what is possible for our church on Atwood Avenue. Accessibility is still at the top of everyone's list, followed by upgrading the mechanical systems and expansion. As our church sits on "pre-existing / non-conforming" space, the next step is to check in with Town boards. Following that, the architect could put together more formal drawings.

We are fortunate to have a committed Council and Building Committee.

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Get updates from church, including pictures of the roof repair and much more. @StGeorgeNorwood

HOLY BREAD -The gifts are offered today by Erik Potter.

COFFEE HOUR -Please join us for refreshments after the Liturgy, hosted today by Erik Potter.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Helen Abril and family*in memory of Father Nifon*
*and Charles Kouyoumjian*
 Anonymous*in thanksgiving*
 Donna Barron.....*to the Esper Fund in thanksgiving for Florence on her birthday*

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

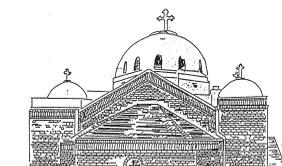
Pray also for Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Sarah (Pucci), Frances (Giandomenico), Elaine (Bitar), Joyce (Boulis), Kenneth (Hadge), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), 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), Kathyne (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
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- 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
- 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

August 24 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$1623.00	\$977.00	\$310.00	\$336.00	N.A.



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Placing of the Belt of the Theotokos

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 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION FOR THE PLACING OF THE BELT OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 8)

Thou hast bestowed upon thy city, O ever-virgin Theotokos and shelter of mankind, the robe and the belt of thy pure body, as a secure mantle, which by thy seedless birth-giving have remained without corruption; for by thee are nature and time regenerated. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant thy city safety, and our souls 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 FOR THE PLACING OF THE BELT OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

O pure Virgin, the Church joyously celebrates the placing of thy divine belt and cries out to thee in supplication: Save us all from powerful enemies, crush the arrogance of unbelievers, and direct our lives to the doing of the divine will of the Lord.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading is from Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (9:1-7; for the Theotokos)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(19:16-26; 12th Sunday)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."