



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Most Rev. Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN
Diocese of Worcester & New England

Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, *Pastor*

Welcome. It is a great pleasure to have visitors and friends with us at Saint George. If you would like to know more about our parish, or the Orthodox Faith, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

*Our Father and Metropolitan PHILIP
His Grace Bishop JOHN
Father Joseph & the Kimmett family,
Kh Afefee & the Abraham family,
Father Michael & the Abdelahad family,
Father Jim & the Katinas family
Father Joseph & the Purpura family*

would like to thank everyone for their kind greetings and prayers.

We wish all of you a glorious feast and pray for God's every blessing in your lives during the coming year.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Христось раждається! Славите Его!
المسيح ولد! فمجدوه!

Χριστός Γεννᾶται! Δοξάσατε!

**Hristos s-a Nascut si
Anul Nou Fericit**

FELIZ NAVIDAD

25 December

2011



**Nativity
of our
Lord God
and Saviour
Jesus Christ**

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FEAST DAYS

✠ Next Sunday, New Year's Day, is also the Feast of Saint Basil the Great. There will be prayers at Liturgy for the new year and join us for coffee hour when we will bless and cut the Vasilopita (Basil Bread.)

Matins is at 9:00 and Liturgy at 10:00 as usual (no Vespers this Saturday.)

✠ For the Feast of Theophany on January 5th, we will welcome Bishop JOHN to the diocese. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, the Blessing of Water and a reception will take place at the cathedral in Worcester at 6:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The parishes of the Diocese will be presenting gifts to our new bishop in January. Saint George will give him bishop's vestments. The cost is \$600. Everyone is welcome to contribute toward our gift (use a "Special Offering" envelope and mark it for the bishop.)

2012

The 2012 wall calendars have arrived and are in the narthex this morning. There is one for each family, courtesy of Guardian Appraisal: Don & Camille Florio and their family.

THIS PAST MONTH

Thanks to the love and dedication of so many faithful people, December 2011 has been a special month at Saint George: We did for ourselves, we did for others, and as we do in all things, for the Glory of God!

✠ The first Sunday of the month was the Church School's celebration of Saint Nicholas, which included a hay ride and muffin baking -- not to mention a visit from everybody's favorite saint.

✠ On the 11th, a sell out crowd gathered at Byblos Restaurant to celebrate the church's 90th anniversary. Fellowship, slides from the past and good food were the

order of the day. Thanks to Linda Thomas and Joe Eysie for organizing the event; thanks to Hayes Kelley and Deborah for arranging the slide show and to David Franciosi and Richard Shay for their help.

✠ Last Sunday was amazing as well: Our precious young people sang after the Liturgy. The joy in their voices and on their faces was beyond compare.

✠ In the afternoon, a standing room crowd gathered for the Choir Christmas concert. It was spectacular, as you might imagine. If you missed it, it will be shown on Norwood Public Access TV. DVDs will also be available soon. Thanks to David and the choir for their dedication and amazing talents. Thanks to Marlene Lupaczyk for decorating the church and hall and to the members of the Order of Saint Ignatius (and others as well) who contributed to the reception. Everything was awesome.

✠ During December we teamed with *Cambridge Family Childrens Service* to provide gifts for underprivileged children and their families. Together we provided over 100 gifts. Thanks to everyone who reached out.

✠ Our church also carried over our fall collection for the Norwood Food Pantry, bringing in over 500 pounds for the less fortunate of our community.

✠ Today we celebrate the Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ and hear the words of Saint Leo the Great:

The angels therefore exult at the birth of the Lord: they sing "Glory to God in the high heaven" they announce "Peace on earth for men on whom his favour rests". For they behold the heavenly Jerusalem being constructed from out of all the peoples of earth. How greatly ought mere men rejoice at this mysterious undertaking of divine love, when the angels on high thrill so much at it!

HOLY BREAD

The gifts today are offered by Sandy, Linda and Bobby Thomas.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Lovee Thomas & Family *in memory of Dana Pierce*
 Florence Esper & Alice Kelley *to the Esper Fund*
 *in memory of Millie Esper*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias and Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Reagan (Bennett), Sheila (Bennett), Debbie (Braun), Pedro (Angie's brother), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet,) Sarah (Kelley), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Jack (Lucine's father), Karen, Charles, Mahasen Yacoub (Ibti's mother), David (Rediker), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Charles (Howard), Mary, Catherine, Josephine, Sterling.

Pray for the handmaid of God Rezanne (Toumi) who is with child.

Dec. 18 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Christmas Donations
\$2042.00	\$945 .00	\$50.00	\$310.00	\$2655.00

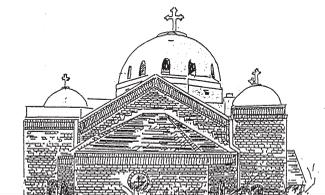
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The Nativity of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Flesh

EISODIKON

Out of the womb, before the morning star, have I begotten thee; The Lord hath sworn and will not repent: thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizidech. O Son of God, who wast born of a Virgin, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 4)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshiped the stars didst learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Son of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest, thou didst come O Lord, glory to Thee

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 3)

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable one; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child has been born for our sake; God before the ages.

AT THE TIME OF THE THRICE HOLY

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

MEGALYNARION

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath lain Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people. Alleluia.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Let all the earth worship you, and sing to you. Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians (4:4-7, the Nativity)

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir through Christ.

ALLELUIA VERSES

Alleluia. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands. *Alleluia.* Day unto day poureth forth speech, and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (2:1-12, The Nativity)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.