



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Rt. Rev. John Abdalah, Bishop-elect
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

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, who and have
prepared themselves by fasting and who have been present from
the beginning of the Liturgy are invited to receive Communion.*

CALENDAR

Today - 40-Day Memorial for Madeline Joseph
Stewardship presentation
Ladies Meeting, after Coffee Hour
Church School: Rehearsal, 12:30 & Hay Ride, 1:30 pm

Mon. & Thurs. - Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm

Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm

Next Sunday - Matins, 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
Church School music rehearsal, 9:30 am
Induction of the Parish Council

Consecration of Rt. Rev. John Abdalah as Bishop of
Worcester & New England at the Balamand, Lebanon

90th Anniversary Luncheon, Byblos Restaurant, 1:00 pm

The Advent fast began last week and continues through Christmas Eve.

4 December
2011



25th Sunday
after
Pentecost



Great Martyr
Barbara and
Venerable John
of Damascus

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Saint Nicholas Day Celebration

Each year we look forward to the
Feast of one of our favorite saints.

Our celebration this year begins with

a Hay Ride



That's right,
on **TODAY** of
December, we're headed to
Ward's Barry Farm in
Sharon at 1:30

We'll take a ride, make muffins, eat popcorn & have all sorts of fun.

The cost is \$9 each. You are welcome to bring friends.

We'll be there until 3:00 (avoiding football traffic.)

Parents **must RSVP** in advance to Rich Plouffe for important details
about the day: Chat at church or email: richplouffe@gmail.com



STEWARDSHIP

Following Liturgy today, Parish Council Chairwoman **Joan Cassidy will speak on our 2102 Stewardship Campaign.** Packets for our members and those who like to join the church are in the parish hall. If you have questions, see Joan, Father Joseph or a Council member. As of last Friday, 27 members had turned in their pledge cards for a total of \$14,209. That is an average of \$526.

HAY RIDE

Today at 1:30 our Church School students and their friends are taking a **Hay Ride** at Ward's Berry Farm in Sharon. This is to celebrate Saint Nicholas Day.

CHOIR

❖ December 18th is the **Choir Christmas Concert** at 4:00 pm. Remember last year? ... we know it will be spectacular again this year. Cards are available for you to take to your friends or drop off at a local business. (If you have children who enjoy music, bring them to Liturgy that day because our choir and Church School will be singing right after the service.)

❖ Orders for the **Kibbee sale** are due TODAY. Pick-up will be during coffee hour on the 18th of December. Choir members also have Christmas ornaments and CD's for sale. The proceeds will be added to the kibbee money which is designated to help with the Conference.

NEXT SUNDAY: DECEMBER 11TH

❖ **The Rt. Rev. John Abdalah will be consecrated as bishop** next Sunday at the Patriarchal monastery at the Balamand in Lebanon. We look forward to welcoming our new bishop to Norwood in the new year.

❖ The churches of New England 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.)

❖ Also on that special December 11th, our parish will gather for **The 90th Anniversary Luncheon** at Byblos. Make a pre-paid reservation with Linda Thomas or Joe Eysie TODAY. There will be a light coffee hour next Sunday before we head up the street for our 1:00 meal.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH

❖ Our parish has once again teamed with **Cambridge Family Childrens Service** to provide gifts for underprivileged children and their families. Over 50 gifts have already been taken care of by our families. We have names of just a few more children. Let's make sure we don't leave anyone out. If you already have your gift, please leave it today.

❖ Since October we have collected over 500 pounds for the **Norwood Food Pantry.** Since they have a shortage of food, and with the winter months approaching, we will continue to collect and deliver items through the holidays. Drop off items in the back of the parish hall.

FEAST DAYS

❖ In preparation for Christmas, the Advent Paraklesis will be served on Tuesday the 13th & 20th at 7:00 pm. The Royal Hours will be December 23rd at 9:00 am. **Matins and Liturgy for the Nativity will be on the 24th at 5:00 pm** (no services on the morning of the 25th.)

❖ For the Feast of Theophany on January 5th, we will welcome our new bishop to the diocese. Liturgy, the Blessing of Water and a reception will take place at the cathedral in Worcester at 6:00 pm (new time.)

SHOPPING ?



Attention cyber shoppers: Make your first stop www.StGeorgeNorwood.org Click the *Marketplace logo* and shop as usual. Our church gets a percentage of everything you buy. Safe, secure and private.

HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by Bob Joseph & his family in memory of Madeline Joseph. A 40-Day Memorial will be offered following Liturgy. Gifts are also offered by Marcia Shapiro and June Wolff.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy today, hosted by Bob Joseph and his family.

VOTIVES - Seven day candles burn before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos, given by Marcia Shapiro and June Wolff in memory of Durgam & Esther Deeb and Frederick Deeb and Barbara Gilbert.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Thelma Hamaty *for the health of the Shalbey family*

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS - Please use the enclosed envelope for your feast day gift to the church. A list of donors will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias and Kh. Joanne (Bitar), 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), Kathryn (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.

Nov. 27 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Tray
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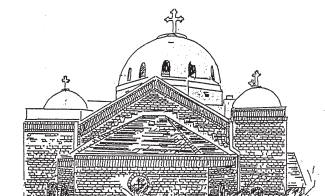
Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Joseph Eysie (Vice Chair)
- Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
- Anthony Grasso
- Katia Oleinik (Secretary)
- Richard Plouffe
- Ibtisam Samman
- Linda Thomas

Assistant Treasurers:

- Beverly DiFlaminies
- Leeann Plouffe

- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Doris Copoulos
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Catherine Keches
- Hospitality -
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Pappas
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Order of St Ignatius Liason - Erin K.
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Seminarian - Jason Falcone
- Teen Advisor -
- Teen President - Alex Oleinik
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



25th Sunday after Pentecost
Great-Martyr Barbara
Venerable John of Damascus

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 GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA (TONE 4)

Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.

TROPARION OF JOHN OF DAMASCUS (TONE 8)

Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise John, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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.

PREPARATORY KONTAKION FOR THE NATIVITY (TONE 3)

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians (3:23-4:5, for the martyr)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Alleluia. With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me. *Alleluia..* He set my feet upon a rock, and He ordered my steps aright. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (118:18-27; 13th Luke)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."