



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, Seminarian
Rev. Deacon Luke Toumi
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.*

5 December
2010



Saint Saba
the Sanctified

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CALENDAR

<u>Today</u> -	<i>Saint Nicholas Day Celebration: Meet this beloved saint after Liturgy at Norwood Bowl (12:30 pm)</i>
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Arabic Class, 6:00pm Vespers, 7:00 pm
<u>Saturday</u> -	<i>Village at Home</i> , 10:00 am, Saint George, Worcester Great Vespers, 5:00pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am One year memorial for Sarah Grasso
<u>Fasting</u> -	<i>The Advent Fast continues each day through Chirstmas Eve.</i>
<u>Christmas Eve</u> -	Matins & Divine Liturgy begin at 5:00 pm

YES Providence Dec. 17-19

YES is a program of FOCUS North America, a "welcomed initiative" from SCOBA
YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is coming to your community!

WHO? Junior High and High School Students

**WHAT? A wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most
needy neighbors in Providence, RI.**

WHEN? Friday, December 17 - Sunday December 19, 2010
The service learning weekend
will come to a close at 2pm on Sunday, December 19th.

WHERE? St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
at 5pm on Friday, December 17th: 249 High St., Pawtucket, RI 02865.

COST? A registration gift of \$150 a person will cover all trip expenses.
make it possible for the YES Program to prepare and execute the trip,
and enable our service team to meet the needs of those we serve.

HOW DO I REGISTER? www.yesnorthamerica.org

ANY QUESTIONS?
Please contact Katrina Bitar,
YES Program Director
Katrina@focusna.org

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Join us on Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm for a Christmas concert. Invite your friends and neighbors. Reception follows.

STEWARDSHIP

Our annual stewardship program began last month and packets were distributed. The deadline for returning your 2011 card is December 15th. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of Council. If you have a special financial situation in your home, you may chat confidentially with Father Joseph. Thanks to the many folks who have already returned their cards and “double thanks” to those who included checks.

A TRIBUTE

The book published by our church in memory of Father Nifon is here. There is a complimentary copy for each person who contributed to it. Extra copies will be available on Sunday at coffee hour for \$20 each. Proceeds go to the Abraham Memorial Fund.

Khouriyee Afefee and Mona have written to all: *We would like to express our gratitude to those who remembered Father Nifon in such a sincere and heartfelt way. We are deeply moved by the words that beautifully portray his reverence of God and love for his ministry. This tribute of cherished memories reflects the mutual love and respect of family, brother clergy, and friends and will be a treasured family keepsake for generations to come. Thank you very much to Father Kimmett and the Council for their support and a special note of appreciation for the creative talents of Khouriyee Erin.*

LADIES OF SAINT GEORGE

Mark these dates: January 9 - afternoon outing to X & O Restaurant; February 12 - hosting the diocesan retreat; March 25 - cooking a Fish Dinner. Also, remember, \$10 dues for 2011 should be given to Camille Florio.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Again this year our parish will connect with the Cambridge Family Children’s Service for our Christmas outreach. Each year our church has shown wonderful generosity, helping insure that disadvantaged children can celebrate.

In the parish hall is a poster listing all the young people and families we will be helping at Christmas. This list has been broken down into easy shopping lists for everyone. Please take a few moments during coffee hour today to pick up a list. Angie Sepulveda and Daniela Doros are coordinating our efforts and can answer your questions.

GIFTS MUST BE AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

NOTE FROM FOOD PANTRY

Dear Friends: On behalf of the Norwood Ecumenical Food Pantry, thank you very much for your recent donation of food. The Pantry currently serves over 300 families, with new clients arriving at the door each week. We are truly grateful for all your help and wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

NEW DIRECTORY

The 2011 parish directory is available today in the parish hall. There is one free copy for each home. The parish prayer list, including birthdays, anniversaries and Name days, is also available.

90TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2011 our church will celebrate its 90th year. Your Parish Council is already chatting about this wonderful milestone and they want your input. If you have ideas for a celebration, speak to any member of the Council.

ARABIC CLASS

Deacon Luke is offering an Arabic class. The next session is this Wednesday at 6:00 (Vespers follows at 7:00.)

HOLY BREAD - The gifts this morning are offered by Marcia Deeb Shapiro, June Wolff and Marion Redonnet.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy hosted by Marcia Deeb

VOTIVE - Seven day candles burn before the Icon of Christ and the Icon of the Theotokos, given by Marcia Shapiro in memory of Esther, Barbara, Durgam and Frederick Deeb. A votive is given by Jennie Mike in memory of Sadie Mike.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Christine Byron, Sheila Bennett and Lillie Kelley ... *in memory of Latif Hanna*
James & Arlene Kimmett *general donation*

The **Building Restoration** account has been opened. Envelopes for gifts to this account are in the narthex and parish hall.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas and Pamela (Manikas), Archpriest Michael (Lewis), Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Robert, Kate (Melchert), Fred (Tomm), 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, Sam, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Sarah, Josephine, Sterling.

Pray also for the newly departed servant of God John (Hamos.)

Income Nov. 28	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Special Tray
\$3930.00	\$3400 .00	\$275.00	\$205.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron (Secretary)
- Joseph Eysie (Vice Chairman)
- Barbara Campbell (Chair)
- Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
- Anthony Grasso
- Richard Plouffe
- Marwan Samman
- John Shalbey jr.
- Linda Thomas

Assistant Treasurers:

- Beverly DiFlaminies
- Leeann Plouffe

Building Committee - Andrew Howard

Chanters - Erik Potter

& Rezanne Toumi

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 - Angie Sepulveda

IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard

Ladies President - Katie Birtwell

Order of St Ignatius Liason - Erin K.

Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros

Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril

School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe

Teen Advisor - Emily Howard

Teen President - Timothy Markatos

Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmett

Usher - Andrew Howard

Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Our Righteous and God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified

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 and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF SAINT SABBAS (TONE 8)

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labors; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O Sabbas our righteous Father. 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:

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

The Reading is from the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians (5:22-26 & 6:1-2, for the saint)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Alleluia. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.

Alleluia. His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages; his horn shall be exalted with glory.

Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (13:10-17, 10th Luke)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.