



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

*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.*

**6 December
2009**



**Nicholas
the
Wonder-worker
and Bishop of
Myra in Lycia**

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CALENDAR

Today -	Church School / Teen SOYO Outing
Thursday -	Advent Paraklesis, 9:00 am
Saturday -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
Next Sunday -	Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00 40-Day Memorial for Nima Hadge Church School Pageant Rehearsal
Fasting -	The Advent Fast (also known as the "Christmas Lent" or "Philip Fast") continues through December 24th.



Saint George Orthodox Church Nicholas Tree Project

We are teaming with the Cambridge Family and Children's Service:

Cambridge Family and Children's Service is one of the oldest human services agencies in Greater Boston. Founded in 1873 as the Avon Home, an orphanage for local children, CFCS has a long and distinguished history of serving children, adolescents and families initially in the Cambridge area and more recently in Greater Boston and its suburbs.

Two ways you can help this Christmas season

Contribute to a CFCS Party for Foster Families



CFCS is seeking donations to sponsor a roller-skating Christmas party for its foster children and their foster parents. You can make a big difference in helping to make the Christmas season special for children who have been

temporarily removed from their family of origin and who will be spending their holidays with foster families. Estimated cost is \$500. *Make checks to Saint George, with a memo "CFCS"*



Gift bags

60 Goody bags to be passed out at the party for the young people ages 5-17. They can be filled with small items such as paper, crayons, lip balm, ornaments etc. *We need these by December 13th.*

The CFCS mission is to identify and implement ways to strengthen family and individual self-sufficiency and promote conditions that provide all children and youth with stable homes and positive community environments. We often describe our mission as simply to serve children and strengthen families.



Thy work of justice did show thee to thy congregation a canon of faith, the likeness of humility, a teacher of abstinence, O Father, Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by meekness, richness. Interecede, therefore, with Christ to save our souls. - Troparion of Saint Nicholas

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our 2010 Stewardship drive began last week. Pledge forms were distributed at coffee hour and by US Mail. Extra forms are available in the narthex. The Parish Council kindly asks that you return your pledge by December 20th.

As of this past Friday, 8 members have already made commitments to the church for a total of \$6275. (an average of \$784 each.)

NICHOLAS TREE

Our parish outreach for the Christmas season will be done in conjunction with the *Cambridge Family and Children's Service*. CFCS is one of the oldest human services agencies in Greater Boston.

Two Ways to Help

- CFCS is seeking donations to sponsor a **Roller-skating Christmas party** for its foster children and their foster parents. You can make a difference this Christmas season for these children. The estimated cost of the party is \$500. (Make checks to Saint George, memo "CFCS")
- **Gift bags:** CFCS is looking for 60 goody bags filled with small items such as paper and crayons, lip balm, ornaments etc. that can be passed out at the party for children between the ages of 5 and 17.

We need everything by next Sunday

YOUTH SCHEDULE

- New England Ministry Outreach (*NEMO*) has planned a day of outreach in the Worcester area on Saturday, December 12th, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. RSVP to Greg Abdalah by December, 10 at abdalahg@gmail.com.
- Pageant Rehearsal - next Sunday, the 13th.
- Church School Christmas Pageant is December 20th!
- Youth Day is Saturday, January 23rd in Worcester. It is for guys and gals from fourth grade through high school. Save the date, more details are on the way.

EARTH FRIENDLY GIFT BAGS

Our Teens have specially designed recyclable bags for you to purchase this holiday season. These bags are great as gifts, as gift bags or for your own shopping. See a member of Teen SOYO. They are two for eight bucks.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas offering envelopes have been distributed in the pews. Your kind and generous gifts are much appreciated and go toward our decorations for the Feast.

NOTE FROM FATHER BOB

We wish to thank you and the Parish of St. George of Norwood for your prayers and good wishes in behalf of Kh. Elizabeth. She is now home in El Paso on her long road to a normal life. The kidney she received from Janet Pazareskis (daughter of Rachel Pazareskis and niece of Margaret Domet) profused immediately...actually during the surgery. Her greatest challenge is to adjust to taking over 21 pills each day. Several of the pills she takes will be with her for life. It is worth the trade. She is a very determined lady and thankful to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for guiding the hand of the surgeon and the discipline outlined by the team of nephrologists. Please, continue to pray for her. With thankful love, Father Bob

SHOPPING ON LINE THIS YEAR

Saving time by shopping on the internet? Browse to www.StGeorgeNorwood.org. Click on the **Marketplace** icon and shop as usual at your favorite places, Best Buy, Amazon, Land's End etc. There is no catch; by starting at our web-site, a portion of what you spend automatically comes to the church.

CALENDAR

Thanks to Andrew Howard for our 2010 calendars.

HOLY BREAD - Gifts are offered by Nick Kimmett for all the Nicholas' as they celebrate their Name Day.

COFFEE HOUR - There is coffee and refreshments in the parish hall and there is a party for the young folks at the Bowling Alley.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Martha Cali, Shelia Bennett, Lillie Kelley, Hellas Assad and anonymous donors*in memory of Jean Montgomery*
 Kay Mike*for the health of Eleanor Abell*
 Kay Mike, Donna Ivey, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Nick & Jackie Saber, Matha Cali, John Howard, Jean Jennings, Marie Coffin, Dennis Rossetsky & Barbara Taylor, Sheila Bennett, Lillie Kelley, Josephine Purpura, Dolores Elias, Lovee Thomas & Family, Emaline Eakle, Sandy Thomas & Family, Catherine Destito, Hellas Assad, Bruno & Reggie DiCicco, Janice Valente, Margaret Domet, Michael & Samera Mike and anonymous donors*in memory of Ida Rossetsky*
 Nick & Jackie Saber*for the health of Barbara Fisher & Family*
*and in memory of Thomas & Jacqueline Elias*
 Robert & Nancy Deeb*in memory of Nima Hadge*
 James & Arlene Kimmett
 Sharon and Jenna Weiskerger*for the health of Elizabeth Bethoney,*
*Richard Esper and Dolly Corcoran*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Robert, Archpriest Michael, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Janis, Timothy, Kathrynne, Edward, Nicholas, Richard, Claudia, Chris, Elizabeth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Richard, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John. Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances,

Income Nov. 29	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$1402.00	\$305 .00	\$600.00	\$267.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

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

Assistant Treasurers:

- Beverly DiFlaminies
- Leeann Plouffe

Chanters - Erik Potter
& Rezanne Touni

- 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
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Seminarians - Stephen Mathewes & Rabee Touni
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Teen Advisor - Emily Howard
- Teen President - Timothy Markatos
- Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmett
- Ushers - Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Saint Nicholas the Wonder-worker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

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 1)

The stone being sealed by the Jews, and thy pure body being guarded by the soldiers, thou didst rise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. Wherefore, the heavenly powers acclaimed thee, O Giver of life, crying, Glory to the Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy gracious providence, O thou only Lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF NICHOLAS THE WONDER-WORKER OF MYRA (TONE 4)

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause, thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Nicholas, 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:

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint. What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

(4:1-7, 25th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

(13:10-17 / 10th Sunday of Luke)

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 hypocrites! 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 he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.