



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Most Rev. Metropolitan Phillip, 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.*

CALENDAR

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| <u>Today</u> - | One year memorial for Sarah Grasso |
| <u>Wednesday</u> - | Arabic Class, 6:00pm Advent Paraklesis, 7:00 pm |
| <u>Saturday</u> - | Great Vespers, 5:00pm |
| <u>Next Sunday</u> - | Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am 40-Day memorial for Bruno DiCicco Choir Concert, 4:00 pm |
| <u>Fasting</u> - | <i>The Advent Fast continues each day through Christmas Eve.</i> |
| <u>Christmas Eve</u> - | Matins & Divine Liturgy begin at 5:00 pm |

12 December
2010



The
Forefathers of
Christ



Spyridon
the Wonder-
Worker

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*Antiochian Women
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2011 Pre-Lenten Retreat

with featured speaker, **Presvytera Maria Mossaides**,
*Executive Director of Cambridge Family & Children's Service
and one of Massachusetts Law Weekly's "Top Women of Law"*



The Reluctant Presvytera "My Life's Journey in the Church"

What's *your* life's journey?
How do *you* accept the path given you by God?

Come hear the story of an Orthodox Christian woman whose journey includes
serving as *Secretary* of IOCC, first *President* of Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehab Center,
Executive Assistant to Massachusetts' Chief Justices ... and *wife* of a priest.

Saturday, February 12, 2011

**Saint George Church
6 Atwood Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062**

**9am Divine Liturgy / 10am Registration & Coffee
10:30 Session 1 / 12:00 Lunch / 1:00 Session 2 plus Q&A**

Send in your registration form today, or call Erin Kimmett 781.775.0789

CHOIR APPRECIATION

This Sunday, throughout the archdiocese we take a moment to honor and thank our choir directors, choir members, and chanters for their continued love and dedication to making the services of our Church as beautiful and moving as possible through their gift of singing and chanting. We realize that without them, much of what we do would not be possible, or at best, would be much more difficult and not as edifying to any of us. May God continue to bless all of our choir directors, choir members and chanters as they beautify our services with their voices of praise, and grant them many years!

The best way that we at Saint George can show our appreciation to our choir is by coming to the concert next week and bringing our friends.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
 Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm
 A Christmas concert and reception.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

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

Angie Sepulveda and Daniela Doros coordinated our efforts and can answer your questions.

GIFTS ARE DUE TODAY

OFFERINGS

Envelopes are enclosed with this bulletin for your extra offering on Christmas. The proceeds are used in part for decorations during this festive season. A list of the donors will be printed in the bulletin on Christmas eve.

STEWARDSHIP

Our annual stewardship program began last month and packets were distributed. The deadline for returning your 2011 card is this week. 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 payment.

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;
 Remember, \$10 dues for 2011 should be given to Camille Florio;
 Finally thanks to Doris Copoulos and the Ladies for their sponsorship of the Christmas card this year.

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 it’s 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 (Advent Paraklesis follows at 7:00.)

HOLY BREAD - The gifts this morning are offered by Anthony Grasso and his family. A one-year memorial for Sarah will follow the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy hosted by Tony Grasso and his family.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Andrew Howard and Helen Abril *in memoy of Latif Hanna*
 Kay Moseley, Andrew Howard, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Don & Camille Florio, Lovee Thomas & Family, Emaline Eakle, the Plouffe Family, Nick & Jackie Saber *in memoy of John Hamos*
 Richard & June Johnson Wolff & Marion Redonnet
 *to the Esther Deeb Fund*
 Helen Abril *in memoy of Bruno DiCicco; for Frances Giandomenico*
 *on her birthday and Nicholas Abril on his Name Day*

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), Kathrynne (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.

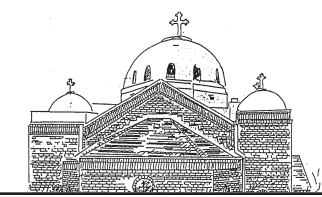
| Income Dec. 5 | Pledges | Donations & Memorials | Sunday Tray | Christmas Outreach |
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| \$8839.00 | \$8027 .00 | \$395.00 | \$262.00 | \$365.00 |

Council & Parish Leaders

Christine Byron (Secretary)
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 & Rezanne Toumi
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 Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
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 Usher - Andrew Howard
 Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



29th Sunday after Pentecost • Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ

Spyridon the Wonder-Worker and Bishop of Trimythous

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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women Disciples cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION FOR THE FOREFATHERS (TONE 2)

Thou has justified by faith the ancient forefathers and through them thou hast gone before and betrothed unto thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

TROPARION OF SAINT SPYRIDON THE WONDER-WORKER (TONE 1)

Thou didst appear as a contender for the first council and a wonder-worker, O our Father, God-mantled Spyridon. Therefore, thou didst converse with the dead woman in the tomb and didst convert a serpent into gold. And at thy chanting of the holy prayers the angels did accompany thee in the service. O most pure one, glory be to him who glorified thee; glory be to him who crowned thee; glory be to him who worketh healing for all through thee.

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 be joyful in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading is from the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-19, for the saint)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Alleluia. Thy priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice. *Alleluia.* For the Lord hath chosen Sion. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

(14:16-24 / 11th Sunday of Luke)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."