



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.*

CALENDAR

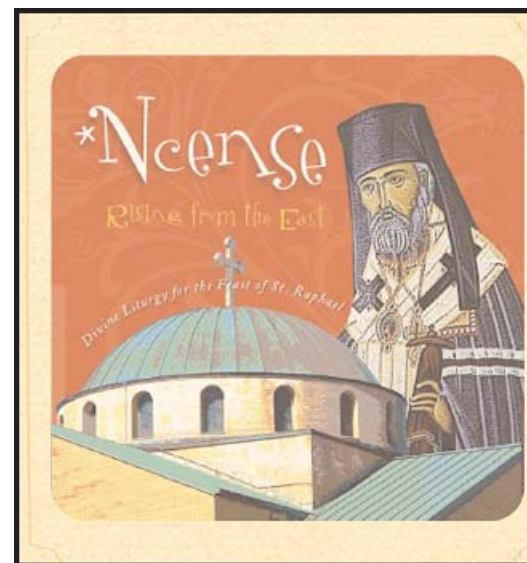
Today -	40-Day Memorial for Nima Hadge Church School Pageant Rehearsal
Wednesday -	Advent Paraklesis, 6:00 pm
Saturday -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
Next Sunday -	Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00 Church School Christmas Pageant 1-year Memorial for Marc Wilbur Ladies Meeting after Coffee Hour
December 24 -	Royal Hours, 9:00 am Matins & Christmas Liturgy, 5:00 pm
Fasting -	The Advent Fast (also known as the "Christmas Lent" or "Philip Fast") continues through December 24th.

**13 December
2009**



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Virgin-Martyr
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***Ncense**, a vocal group composed of young men from the Antiochian Archdiocese, has recently released a new CD.

"Rising from the East," the new recording contains hymns from the Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Raphael of Brooklyn. Proceeds from sales of the CD will go to benefit Orthodox camping programs.

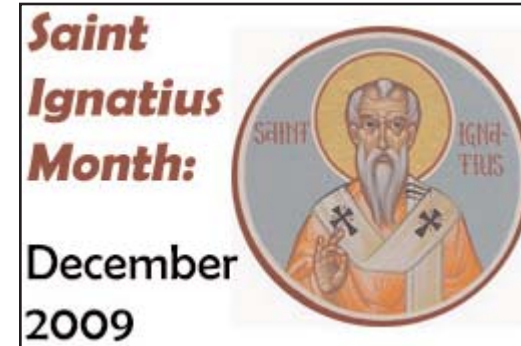
The project was sponsored by the Fellowship of Saint. John the Divine, and follows ***Ncense's** previous recording **"Every Good and Perfect Gift."**

To order, please e-mail NcenseCD@aol.com

December is St. Ignatius Month

God bless us all with health and happiness this season and always. This month throughout our Archdiocese parishes will be adorned in red as members of The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch don their membership crosses suspended by a red ribbon, a symbol of the blood which the Martyr Ignatius shed for Christ. The Cross and ribbon remind us that sacrificial giving is our obligation as an Antiochian Orthodox Christian.

In celebration of St. Ignatius Sunday, which falls this year on December 20, members of The Order in each parish will wear their crosses and pins, act as greeters, read the Epistle, take up the collection, help with the Communion line, give a homily, host the coffee hour for their parish that day. It is hoped that members will speak with those in their parish unfamiliar with The Order and explain the good works that are accomplished through membership.



NICHOLAS TREE

Our parish outreach for the Christmas season will be done in conjunction with the Cambridge Family and Children's Service.

Two Ways to Help

- CFCS is seeking donations to sponsor a **Roller-skating 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 today!

Word has arrived that the party is December 29th, and CFCS would be delighted if anyone from Saint George wanted to attend and skate with the young people. Please let Father Joseph know if you are interested.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Our 2010 Stewardship drive began at the end of November. 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 a signed pledge card by next Sunday, the 20th. As of this past Friday, 26 members have already made commitments to the church for a total of over \$15,000. (an average of just under \$600 each.)

YOUTH SCHEDULE

- Church School Christmas Pageant is December 20th!
- **Youth Day** is Saturday, January 23rd in Worcester. There will be workshops, speakers (Archdeacon Seraphim and Deacon Nick), food, fun and more. It is for guys and gals from fourth grade through high school. Save the date, more details are on the way.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

December 16 & 22: Advent Paraklesis, 6:00 pm
December 24: Royal Hours, 9:00 am
 Matins & Liturgy for Christmas, 5:00 pm
January 5: Theophany Liturgy & Water Blessing, 6:00 pm

SHOPPING ON LINE THIS YEAR

There are less than two weeks to buy on-line for the holidays. Remember our **marketplace** when you shop online. It is your doorway to 1,000 online stores. Shop with any of these merchants and they will donate a portion of every sale to us in your name or anonymously. All you have to do is click on the little shopping bag at www.StGeorgeNorwood.org and start shopping! You can also put a shopping bag directly on your desktop. There is no additional cost to you.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offering envelopes have been distributed in the pews. Your kind and generous gifts are much appreciated and go toward our preparations for the Feast. Gifts received by next Sunday will be noted in the Christmas bulletin.

CALENDAR

Thanks to Andrew Howard for our 2010 calendars. These calendars, produced by Saint Tikhon's Seminary include the saints days, fasting periods and daily Scripture readings, plus beautiful icons. There is a copy for each household, they are available in the narthex and in the parish hall.

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.

HOLY BREAD - Gifts are offered by the family of Nima Hadge in her memory. A 40-day Memorial will follow the Liturgy. The gifts are also offered by Marwan & Ibtisam Samman in memory of Mariana Samman.

COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall. Our host today is the family of Nima Hadge.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Jennie Mike and Paul Recupeo*in memory of Nima Hadge*
 The Plouffe Family, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman
*for the health of Janis O'Riley*
 The Plouffe Family*for the health of Sarah Grasso*
 Florence Esper and Alice Kelley
*in memory of Nicholas Toscas and Nima Hadge*
 Al & Joanne Yanny, Najlae Solomon, David & Phyllis Spicer, Robert & Nancy Deeb, Ted & Betty Tomm, Sheila Bennett and Lillie Kelley
*in memory of Nima Hadge*
 Bill & Helen Abril . . .*in memory of Anthony Abril Sr and Ida Rossetsky*
 Marion Redonnet . . .*in memory of Jenny Montgomery and Ida Rossetsky*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Robert, Archpriest Michael, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Michael, 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, Felecia, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline,

Income Dec. 6	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$3400.00	\$2405.00	\$410.00	\$180.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

Christine Byron
 Joseph Eysie
 Barbara Campbell (Secretary)
 Subdeacon Gheorghe Doros
 Andrew Howard (Chairman)
 Richard Plouffe
 Marwan Samman (Treasurer)
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Assistant Treasurers:
 Beverly DiFlaminies
 Leeann Plouffe

Chanters - Erik Potter
 & Rezanne Tourni
 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 Tourni
 Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
 School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
 Teen Advisor - Emily Howard
 Teen President - Timothy Markatos
 Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmitt
 Ushers - Andrew Howard
 & Marwan Samman
 Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



29th Sunday after Pentecost**Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonder-worker of America and Virgin-Martyr Lucia****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 2)

When thou, O immortal Life, didst humble thyself unto death, then didst thou destroy death by the brightness of thy Godhead; and when thou didst raise the bowels of the earth, then all the heavenly powers exclaimed, O Christ, thou art the Giver of life! Glory to thee, O our God!

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 HERMAN OF ALASKA - WONDER-WORKER OF AMERICA (TONE 1)

O Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, north star of Christ's Holy Church. The light of your Holy life and great deeds guides those who follow the orthodox way. Together we lift high the Holy Cross you planted firmly in America. Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, singing his Resurrection.

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:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

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

(5:4-11, 29th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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."