



# 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 Julia Philips and 40-Years for Millie Esper
Next Sunday -	Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00 40-Day Memorial for Ida Rossetsky Church School, 12:30 pm
January 5 -	Theophany Liturgy & Water Blessing, 6:00 pm <i>(If you would like your home blessed following the Feast of Theophany, contact Father Joseph for an appointment.)</i>
Fasting -	There is no fasting from Christmas through January 4th.

27 December  
2009



**Sunday after  
the Nativity  
Protomartyr  
Stephen  
Joseph the  
Betrothed,  
David the King  
and James  
the Brother**

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### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

*(2:13-23; for the Sunday after the Nativity)*

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had

ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

### CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Abril Family  
Sheila Bennett  
Joyce Boulis  
*in memory of Barbara, Shafie,  
Kay and Leo*  
Don, Christine, Michael &  
Jennifer Byron  
*in memory of Robert Pucci*  
Cassidy Family  
Nick & Doris Copoulos  
Alex & Mary Deeb  
Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies  
*for the health of their family*  
Ilinca Doros  
Dolores Elias  
Florence Esper  
Joe & Loretta Eysie

Paul Eysie  
*in memory of Josephine Eysie*  
Roger Eysie  
Andrew Howard & Family  
Emily Howard  
John Howard  
George & Catherine Keches  
Lillie Kelley  
Father Joseph, Erin,  
Nick & Zach Kimmett  
Joe & Karen Kinosian  
*for the safe travel of Kara*  
Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk  
*for the Church School & Teens*  
Jennie Mike  
Kay Mike  
Michael & Samera Mike  
Catherine Moseley  
Alexsaya Nashawaty  
Ernest & Sally Peter

Rich, Leeann,  
Owen & Sophia Plouffe  
*in memory of Sarah Grasso*  
Sarah Pucci  
Josephine Purpura  
Marion Redonnet  
Helen Rossetsky  
Marwan & Ibtisam Samman  
Angela Sepulveda  
Dianne, Garrett,  
John jr & Leah Shalbey  
Marcia Deeb Shapiro  
*in memory of Esther &  
Durgam Deeb*  
Lovee Thomas  
*in memory of George "Tiger"  
Thomas*  
Sandy, Linda & Bobby Thomas  
*in memory of Edward Thomas*  
Sharon & Jenna Weiskerger

**YOUTH DAY: CALL OF DUTY - PLAN FROM GOD**

The first ever Diocesan Youth Day is Saturday, January 23rd in Worcester. There will be workshops, speakers (Archdeacon Seraphim and Deacon Nick), food, fun, basketball and more. It is for guys and gals from fourth grade through high school. The day begins at 9:30 and runs through 3:30. Please see Father Joseph or Emily Howard to be included (and if you need a ride.)

**STEWARDSHIP 2010**

Our 2010 Stewardship drive began last month and officially concluded last week. Pledge forms were distributed at coffee hour and by US Mail. (Extra forms are available in the narthex.) The Parish Council is grateful to everyone who returned their cards.

As of this past Friday, 63 members have already made commitments to the church for a total of \$40,359. (the average pledge thus far is \$640 each.) 58 of those 63 stewards have included their share for the archdiocese and three of the 63 are first-time donors.

**NICHOLAS TREE**

Our parish outreach for the Christmas season has been done in conjunction with the Cambridge Family and Children's Service. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the roller skating party or for the gift bags. If you would like to help assemble the gift bags, see Emily Howard. If you would like to skate with the foster children this Tuesday, see Father Joseph for details.

**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. They are available in the narthex and in the parish hall.

**CHRISTMAS CARD**

Much appreciation to the Ladies of Saint George who coordinated our holiday card this year. They were mailed to all our parishioners, as well as friends of Saint George. If you know someone who might like one, please let Doris know today. The photo can double as a post card - after the first of the year, we will have extras for sale.

**GREETINGS FROM PATRIARCH IGNATIUS IV**

*Christmas is an opportunity to revive our faith in the One who was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Jesus was born of a virgin to save the world from sin and to lead it towards salvation. God, in the Christmas message, sent His only Son to show us that human nature is neither evil nor transient. For, as God took on human nature, that nature has become noble, and we humans, the carriers of His image, became thereby noble, and touched by the holiness that comes from above.*

*Christmas means God came to us and for us. Accordingly, we should be ready to do God's will. On this day we beseech the Almighty to open our eyes to see our brethren, and appreciate that the God who created us is the God who created them; they have the right to exist as we do. Otherwise, our faith will be at fault. At Christmas we look at our world and ask God to have mercy on us and grant us His Grace. There are people who are dying here and there; there are millions who are displaced. May the Good Lord give them solace and peace.*

*I pray to the Child born in a cave in Bethlehem to forgive our sins and look upon you and upon us with His infinite love and boundless mercy.*

*A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

IGNATIUS IV

**HOLY BREAD** - Gifts are offered by the Family of Julia Phillips in her memory and the Esper Family in memory of Millie Esper. A memorial will be served for Julia (40 days) and Millie (40 years.)

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall hosted today by the families of Julia Phillips and Millie Esper.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -**

Christine Grady, Susan Davis & Families . . . *in memory of Julia Phillips*  
 Kay Moseley . . . . . *in memory of Nick Destito*  
 Florence Esper and Alice Kelley . . . . . *to the Esper Memorial Fund*  
 . . . . . *in memory of Millie Esper*  
 Marion Redonnet, Marcia Shapiro and June Johnson Wolff . . . . .  
 . . . *to the Deeb Memorial Fund in memory of Durgam and Esther Deeb*  
 Eugenia Georges . . . . . *in memory of Michael Georges*  
 Emaline Eakle . . . . . *for the health of Michael Eysie*  
 Mitch & Mary Thomas, Jean Jennings Noonan and Marie Coffin  
 . . . . . *in memory of Sarah Grasso*

**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, Kathryne, 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, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

Income Dec. 13	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	CFCS Collection
\$2921.00	\$608 .00	\$640.00	\$293.00	\$525.00

**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 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
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Seminarians - Stephen Mathewes & Rabea Toumi
- 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



**Sunday After the Nativity of Christ**  
**Joseph the Betrothed / David the King / James the Brother**  
**Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen**

**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 OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 4)**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshiped the stars didst learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Son of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest, thou didst come O Lord, glory to Thee

**TROPARION FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY (TONE 2)**

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou has seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

**TROPARION OF PROTO-MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN (TONE 4)**

The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

**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.

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**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 3)**

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable one; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child has been born for our sake; God before the ages.

*Prokeimenon and Verse:*

His sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and his words unto the ends of the world.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

**The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*(6:8-7:5, 47-60, for Saint Stephen)*

In those days, Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, arose and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated men, who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. The high priest said, "Is this so?" And Stephen said: "Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Depart from your land and from your kindred and go into the land which I will show you.' Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living; yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give

it to him in possession and to his posterity after him, though he had no child. But it was Solomon who built a house for Him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is My throne, and earth My footstool. What house will you build for Me,' says the Lord, 'or what is the place of My rest? Did not My hand make all these things?' You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, Whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they grinded their teeth against him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**ALLELUIA VERSES**

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