



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم Καλώς ορίσαστε! Добро пожаловать
**Welcome! It is a pleasure to have visitors and friends
 with us at Saint George. If you would like to know
 more about our parish or the Orthodox Church, please ask.**

*Communion: Those Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins,
 who have prepared themselves by fasting, and who have been present
 from the start of the Liturgy are invited to approach the chalice.
 Everyone may partake of the holy bread.*

**Most Rev. Archbishop
 JOSEPH**
*Metropolitan of North
 America*

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN
*Diocese of Worcester &
 New England*

**Very Rev. Father
 Joseph Kimmett, Pastor**



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Sunday 28 December 2014



Upcoming Services and Events

- Today - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9 & 10:00 am
 Memorial for Father Robert Bethony
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9 & 10:00 am
 20 Year Memorial for Celia Howard
- Theophany - Monday, January 5, Hierarchical Liturgy, Cathedral in Worcester
- Fasting - *There is no fasting following the Feast of the Nativity.
 There is a fast on January 5, in preparation for Theophany.*

Donors to Saint George for the Feast of the Nativity including outreach for Syrian refugees and the Norwood Food Pantry

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| Kh Afefee Abraham | Regina Jennings |
| Father Michael & Selma | George & Catherine Keches |
| Abdelahad | Alice Kelley |
| Helen and Nick Abril | Kimmett Family |
| Cindy Apgar | Karen Kinoshian |
| Jane Arees | Kouyoumjian Family |
| Sheila Bennett | Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk |
| Daniel & Elaine Bitar | Catherine Moseley |
| Byron Family | Elarmani Nada and George Salim |
| <i>in memory of Robert Pucci</i> | Jalal Najam |
| Campbell Family | Oleinik Family |
| Cassidy Family | Dino & Emily Pappas |
| Rayhme Cleary | Sally Peter |
| Marie Coffin | Plouffe Family |
| Nancy Deeb | Sarah Pucci |
| Rochelle Kady Dolan | Josephine Purpura |
| Doros Family | Nick & Jackie Saber |
| Dolores Elias | Angela Sepulveda |
| Florence Esper | Dianne Shalbey & Family |
| Joseph Eysie & Family | George & Madeline Shaheen |
| Don & Camille Florio | Jeff & Marcia Shapiro |
| Travis, Nathan & Olivia Florio | Lovee Thomas |
| David Franciosi | Sandy, Linda & Bobby Thomas |
| Tony Grasso | Sharon & Jenna Weiskerger |
| Andrew Howard | |
| John Howard | and anonymous donors |
| Judith Howard | |

YOUR NEW CALENDAR

The 2015 calendars have arrived and are in the narthex and parish hall. They are sponsored by Kraw Kornack Funeral Home. There is one for each family.

AND FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- January 2 - Young Adult Christmas Party at Bishop John's House
- January 5 - Diocesan Theophany Liturgy
- January 17 - Diocesan Parish Council Workshop
- February 14 - Family Day (Pre-Lenten Retreat & Youth Day)
- February 21 - Pre-Lenten Gathering: (Topic: Forgiveness) at Bishop John's House
- February 23 - Great Lent begins
- April 5 - Western Easter
- April 12 - Pascha
- June 18-21: Parish Life Conference, Providence
- June 27 - "Feed the Starving Children", Worcester

BOX FOR DONATIONS

You will find a "mailbox" in the parish hall, attached to the shelf with the coffee hour notebook and newsletters. For those who write donation checks or take care of other contributions whilst downstairs -- please leave the envelopes in this box, rather than handing them off to someone. The Treasurer or a Council member will make sure everything is collected after coffee hour. This system should make things easy for everyone. Of course, like always, you can leave an envelope in the narthex when you arrive at church, or send in a donation by US Mail.

SNOW, WIND, COLD . . .

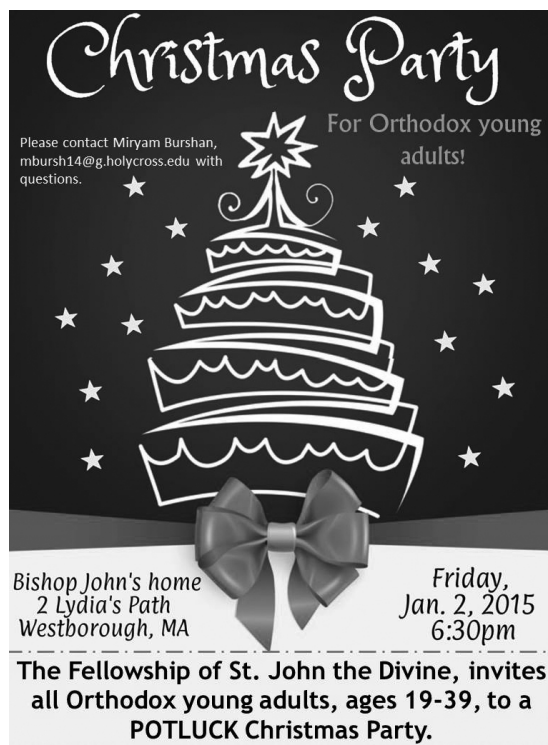
If snow is in the forecast on a Sunday we will always have Liturgy, but depending on the weather it may be best to adjust the time by an hour or so. Notices will be sent by email, posted on Twitter and announced on *WBZ StormClosings* (Channel 4 and their website.)

ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

52nd Antiochian Archdiocese Convention, Boston, MA – Sunday, July 19, 2015-Sunday, July 26, 2015 – Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge, MA at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA. Go to www.acboston2015.com to register for hotel rooms, events and Boston excursions and to obtain Souvenir Journal information and information about family activities and events. Rooms are booking quickly for this historic convention. Please call the church at (617) 547-1234 with any questions.

VASILOPITA

All those baking "Basil Bread" for the new year, please bring your loaves to church next Sunday for a blessing, and to share with your friends.



HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by the family of Father Robert Bethoney in his memory. Gifts are also offered by Jalal Najm in memory of Bachir and Mary Najm.

COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for refreshments after Liturgy today, sponsored by the Bethoney family.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

The Choir.....*for David Franciosi on his Name Day*
 Marcia Deeb Shapiro.....*in memory of Esther & Durgam Deeb*
 Doros Family.....*in memory of Ilinca Kouyoumjian Family*.....*for the health of Rose Baronian*
 Florence Esper & Alice Kelley.....*in memory of Millie Esper*

MEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo and Archbishop Yohanna (Syriac bishop), all who are in danger and captivity and the suffering Christians of Syria, Palestine, Iraq, and the Middle East

Pray also for Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Evgenia (Georges), Dana, Sarah (Pucci), Frances (Giandomenico), Elaine (Bitar), Ronald (Nicholson), Joyce (Boulis), Kenneth (Hadge), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Marion (Redonnet), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Sam and Beverly (DiFlaminies), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Kathyryne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

December 21 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$1227.00				

Council & Parish Leaders

- Cindy Appgar
- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Jenna Weiskerger

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- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Appgar
- Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
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- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
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- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
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- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
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- Teen President - Nick Kimmett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**Sunday after the Nativity of Christ
Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King,
and James the brother of the Lord**

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 of the Lord 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, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun 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)

O Joseph, proclaim the wonders to David, the ancestor of God. Thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; thou hast given glory with the shepherds; thou hast worshipped with the Magi; and thou hast been instructed through an Angel. Entreat Christ God to 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.

KONTAKION FOR 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 hath been born for our sakes, God before the ages.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Wondrous is God in His saints; the God of Israel. In the congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Galatians (1:11-19, Sunday after Nativity)

For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (2:13-23)

Now when they 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 till 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 fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." When 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."