



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the 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

<u>Monday</u> -	Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
<u>Thursday</u> -	Matins, 9:00 am
<u>Saturday</u> -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
<u>Fasting</u> -	There is no fasting in the week following the Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican, not even Wednesday and Friday.

**8 February
2009**



**Sunday of
The Pharisee
and Publican**

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STEWARDSHIP 2009

Our 2009 Stewardship Program began in November. Each adult was asked to complete a pledge card and return it to the church as soon as possible. The final list of stewards for the year is printed below.

In 2006 130 donors pledged a total of \$61,005, an average of \$469.

In 2007 116 donors pledged a total of \$56,800, an average of \$489.

In 2008 125 donors pledged a total of \$64,319, an average of \$514.

This year 2009: 112 donors pledged \$63,804 for an average of \$569.68

There are six new members and eighty-four of the donors contributed \$75 toward archdiocese assessment.

Helen Abril	Christos Georges	Rich & Leeann Plouffe
Hellas Assad	Phyllis Georgeu	Erik Potter
Madeline Awad	Rocco & Mara Giovanni	Sarah Pucci
Sheila Bennett	Anthony & Sarah Grasso	Josephine Purpura
Katie Birtwell	Allan Howard	George & Toni Saad
Daniel Bitar	Andrew Howard	Karimi Saad
Alec & Randa Bobroff	John Howard	Richard Saad
Sophie Boulis	Kathryne Howard	Jackie Saber
Victoria Bucklin	Donna Ivey	Marwan & Ibtisam Samman
Barbara Campbell	George & Catherine Keches	Angela Sepulveda
Joan Cassidy	Hayes & Mary Kelley	George & Madeline Shaheen
Lisa Chaplin	Helen Kelley	Dianne Shalbey
Norma Chitvani	Fr. Joseph & Erin Kimmett	Garrett Shalbey
Nick & Doris Copoulos	Karen Kinonian	John Shalbey Jr.
Alex & Mary Deeb	Dino & Anne Krekis	John Shalhoub
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Bruno & Reggie DiCicco	Bette Leonard	Richard Shay
Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies	Marlene Lupaczyk	& Katherine Kalliel
Gheorghe & Daniela Doros	Taso & Michele Markatos	Emily Shay
Emaline Eakle	Pat & Toni Marshall	Rich Shay
Dolores Elias	Frances McDermott	Phyllis Spicer
Florence Esper	Estelle Mike	Joyce Tarabonovic
Cleo Eysie	Kay Mike	George & Lovee Thomas
George Eysie	Jennie Mike	Linda Thomas
Joseph & Loretta Eysie	Ronald Mike	Loretta Thomas
Paul Eysie	Catherine Moseley	Robert Thomas
Roger Eysie	Philomena Nathan	Sandy Thomas
Don & Camille Florio	Ekaterina Oleinik	Honey Tolia
David Franciosi	Sally Peter	Ernie Tselekis
Barabara Gallo	Julia Phillips	Sharon Weiskerger

LENTEN RETREAT

The Diocesan Ladies host a retreat each year, right here in Norwood on Saturday, March 7th. The speaker this year is Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Asst. Professor of International Relations at Boston University and a member of Saint Athanasios Church, Arlington. Her topic is *Orthodox Christian Unity: What, Why, Why Not Yet?* Registration forms are in the parish hall.

SOUPER BOWL

The big game was a week ago... it was the day when church groups around the country, including our own Teen SOYO, sponsored the *Super Bowl of Caring*. You brought soup and other canned goods, which were delivered to the Norwood Food Pantry. In addition, you contributed \$224 to help feed the hungry.

SCHOLARSHIP

The *Abraham & Anne Boulis Scholarship* is awarded to graduating high school seniors in the parish. The application and requirement sheet will be ready soon; please speak to Helen Abril if you have any questions.

BREAD BAKERS

The *holy bread* for every Divine Liturgy is lovingly baked by a member of our parish baking team. A number of them have decided to get together on Thursday March 5th at 9:00 am and share tips. Everyone is invited to join them and learn the process for making the bread.

CAMPERS AND TEENS

On-line registration for Antiochian Village summer camp has begun. There are scholarships available, please see Father Joseph for information.

Teens and young adults are invited to join the young folks from Saint George, Boston, for a day trip to Mt. Sunapee. Wax your skis and snowboards and circle February 28th on your calendar.

The Diocesan SOYO Lenten Retreat is March 27-29 in Contoocook, NH. This is always a fabulous weekend for the teens. Information about this and other events is posted in the parish hall.

For the Parish Life Conferenc, the Bible Bowl topic is the *Gospel of Saint John*. Emily Howard will be filling in as coach for Emily Shay. Teens and adults are needed for the squad; let Emily know if you are interested.

RIBBON CUTTING

Bright Horizons Foundation for Children would like you to "save the date" for our Bright Space Ribbon Cutting on Monday, February 23rd at 5:30 pm at the The Family Center (366 Somerville Avenue, Somerville.) Bright Spaces are warm, enriching places in homeless shelters and community agencies that give children and families in crisis a place to play, learn and have fun. This *Bright Space will be named "Sonia's Place"*, in memory of Sonia Belcher, who made hundreds of childrens' lives brighter. Contact Taryn Face at taryn.face@brighthorizons.com or at 617-673-8926.

CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION

The 2009 Parish Life Conference is June 25-28 at the Wyndam Hotel in Andover. The host parish this year is Saint George of Lawrence. Hotel and ad-book information will be available soon. Details are on-line at www.StGeorgeLawrence.org/Conf2009

The Archdiocese Convention is July 20-26 at the Marriott in Palm Desert, CA. Details are on-line at www.archdioceseconvention2009.org and in the recent edition of *The Word Magazine*. *

* Check the cover of the February Word -- an icon written by our own Kh. Erin Kimmett.

HOLY BREAD - COFFEE HOUR - VOTIVES - FLOWERS -

If there is a special day in your life, please sign up and offer the gifts. Examples include Name Days, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and when remembering the passing of loved ones. Just check the book in the parish hall before you leave today.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Don and Camille Florio*the health of Rhoda Hamaty*
*and in thanksgiving for the birth of Travis Joseph Florio*
 Kay Mike, Rachel Pazareskis, Nima Hadge and Margaret Domet
*in memory of Louis "Lallo" Elias*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, James, Ricky, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, George, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Lana, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, George, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, William, Mary.

February 1 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Gaza Relief
\$2943.00	\$1290.00	\$215.00	\$205.00	\$100.00

Council & Parish Leaders

Andrew Howard (Chairman)
 Linda Thomas (Vice Chair)
 Sharon Weiskerger (Secretary)
 Leeann Plouffe (Treasurer)

Barbara Campbell
 Marlene Lupaczyk
 Angela Sepulveda
 John Shalbey

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 Beverly DiFlaminies
 Marwan Samman

Chanters - Paul Eysie & Erik Potter
 Choir Director - David Franciosi
 Christmas Card - Doris Copoulos
 Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
 Constitution Review - Judith Howard
 & Linda Thomas
 Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
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 Holy Bread Schedule - Reggie DiCicco
 IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard
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 & Rabee Toumi

Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
 School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
 Teen Advisor - Michele Markatos
 Teen President - Jenna Weiskerger

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Ushers - Andrew Howard
 & Marwan Samman

Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Great-martyr Theodore the General (Stratelates)

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 FOR THE PRESENTATION (TONE 1)

Rejoice, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace; for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us resurrection.

TROPARION FOR GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE THE GENERAL (TONE 4)

Thy Martyr, O Lord, by his struggle hath received from thee, our God, imperishable crown; because acquiring thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through his intercessions, O Christ God, 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 PRESENTATION (TONE 1)

Thou, O Christ God, who by thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom thou didst love; for thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Vow, and pay to the Lord your God. In Judah is God known.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

(3:10-15, for the Pharisee and Publican)

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Ico'nium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(18:10-14, for the Pharisee and Publican)

Jesus said, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*A Pharisee, overcome with vainglory,
and a Publican,
bowed down in repentance,
came to Thee the only Master.
The one boasted and
was deprived of blessings,
while the other kept silent
and was counted worthy of gifts.
Confirm me, O Christ our God,
in these his cries of sorrow,
for Thou lovest mankind.*

-- From Vespers for the Publican and Pharisee