

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



10
FEBRUARY
2008

SAINT
HARALAMPOS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS.
IT IS A BLESSING TO HAVE YOU WITH US AT SAINT GEORGE.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH,
OR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE SEE THE PRIEST.

ONLY THOSE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO ARE REPENTANT OF THEIR
SINS AND HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES THROUGH FASTING ARE INVITED
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO VENERATE
THE CROSS AND SHARE HOLY BREAD FOLLOWING THE LITURGY.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

Today - *Bible Bowl Study Session*
Church School, 1:00 pm
Tuesday - *Class: Contemporary Moral Issues, 7:00 pm*
Thursday - *Matins, 9:00 am*
Next Sunday - *Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am*

There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week.

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by the family of Frances Esper and Freda Franciosi, in their memory. At the conclusion of the Liturgy a memorial will be served; one-year for Frances and 40-days for Freda.

COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs, for coffee and refreshments, hosted by the Esper families, in memory of Frances and Freda.

Last week's bulletin omitted Doris Copoulos from those hosting the coffee hour. Sorry 'bout that.

FLOWERS

The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given by the family of Frances Esper and Freda Franciosi, in their memory.

The family of Freda Franciosi would like to thank everyone for their kindness, love and support these past weeks. May God grant you long life and may her memory be eternal.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

A series of classes on *contemporary moral issues* continues this Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

On March 1st, the Diocesan Ladies are hosting a pre-Lenten retreat, open to everyone, right here in Norwood. The topic is *Contemporary Bioethical Issues* presented by Deacon Seraphim Solof.

BIBLE BOWL

Every year at the Parish Life Conference (June 26 - 29 in Providence) adults and teens from the diocesan parishes compete in a match of Scriptural knowledge. This year's topic is First Corinthians; and a group led by Emily Shay, are studying each week during coffee hour on the porch of the rectory. Guess what? We have a nice problem, we're running out of space for everyone who wants to get together and study!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

While many were disappointed in the outcome of the Super Bowl, there is great reason for celebrating the Souper Bowl. The Teens of Saint George raised **\$270.00 for Souper Bowl of Caring**. These funds will be given to the Norwood Food Pantry.

LADIES NEWS

March is Antiochian Women's Month throughout our archdiocese. Here in Norwood, the *Coffee Hour Baskets* during March will benefit "The Project".

- Monday, March 10th, our Ladies will host a reception after the Compline Service at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday, March 25th, the Ladies are sponsoring a Fish Dinner, which will also benefit "The Project".
- The **next meeting is February 24th**, after coffee hour; on the agenda is a pre-Lenten outing.

SAINTS OF THE DAY

Start your day with a podcast about the saints: Browse to ancientfaith.com/podcasts/saintoftheday and listen to short recap of the holy men and women whose feasts we are celebrating.

LENT IS COMING

- The pre-Lenten period begins next Sunday.
- Great Lent begins March 10th.
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be at Saint Sava Serbian Church in Cambridge, March, 16th.
- Western Easter is March 23rd.
- Palm Sunday is April 20th
- **Pascha is April 27th.**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IOCC

As Americans follow daily news reports from the Iraq war, we remember that a byproduct of war is always the displacement of families from their homes. The United Nations estimates that some **4.2 million refugees and internally displaced persons have fled their homes in Iraq since 2003**. In January, IOCC staff visited our new project in Syria that provides assistance to Iraqi refugees as well as disadvantaged Syrians. This \$1.98 million program, funded by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM), is a significant expansion of our operations in Syria. I was especially touched by the story of one woman named Jeanette who is receiving emergency supplies from IOCC. After receiving personal threats and the bombing of their church, she and her brother fled Baghdad in 2007. Although college-educated, she cannot find work in Syria since Iraqi refugees are not granted work permits. Now, she is hoping to get her parents out of Baghdad and immigrate to Canada. "I want what others want," she told our staff, "a home, a job, a safe place to live." Jeanette was speaking for all refugees — in Bosnia, Serbia, Georgia, Lebanon, the Holy Land, and elsewhere. For most refugees their best option is to return to their homes, but for many Iraqis that simply is not an option, given the country's security situation. Syria is safer than Iraq, but without jobs it is less than an ideal situation. **IOCC provides hope and aid in this situation:** emergency supplies to meet people's basic needs; tuition assistance so that children can resume their education; and vocational training to give young people more options.

Antiochian Women
Diocese of Worcester and New
England
PRE LENTEN RETREAT - SATURDAY - MARCH 1ST
2008
St. George Church – 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA.

AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE ON CONTEMPORARY BIOETHICAL
ISSUES



[Church teaching and stem cell research, cloning, organ transplants and other current bioethical issues]

Presented by **Deacon Seraphim Solof**
Deacon Seraphim received his Bachelor of Science Degree from MIT and his Master of Divinity Degree, from Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Deacon Seraphim serves as Deacon of Saint George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester, MA.

9:00	DIVINE LITURGY followed by Registration
10:30	FIRST SESSION
NOON	Luncheon
1:00	SECOND SESSION
2:30	Closing

RETREAT REGISTRATION

Registration and Luncheon **\$15** - *Deadline is Sunday, Feb 24th* - make checks payable to 'Antiochian Women' - return to Kh Louise Ferguson; 10 Brahms St. Boston, MA 02131.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

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ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMPERS:

Check www.antiochianvillage.org/camp.html
On-line registration begins soon!

TOTAL DEPOSITS <i>JANUARY 20</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAYS	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR OUTREACH
\$4534.00	\$1998.00	\$515.00	\$231.00	N.A.	N.A.



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

- Leeann and the Plouffe Family *for Rich on his birthday*
- James & Arlene Kimmett *general donation*
- Sally Peter *for the health of Delal Espinosa and in memory of Vivian Carter Humsey*
- Jennie Mike *in memory of the departed members of the George Mike Family:*
... *George, Heelani, Bob, Nick and Sadie; and for the health of the Mike and Rossetsky families*
- Marie Coffin, Regina Jennings Noonan and Paul & Rayhme Cleary *in memory of John Shalbey*
- Marie Coffin and Regina Jennings Noonan, Michael & Marilyn Robbat and Family, Thelma Hamaty, David Cardiz, Paul & Rayhme Cleary, Brenda McKenney, Dianne Shalbey and Family, Jenny Mike, Joyce Tarabonovic, Frank & Ellen Cusick *in memory of Freda Franciosi*
- Catherine and Edward Moseley *to the Esper Memorial in memory of Frances Esper, Freda Franciosi*
..... *and the departed of the Esper and Abbott families, Violet Farha and for the health of the Esper Family*
- The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Freda; Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, the Corcoran and Fallon Families *in memory of Freda Franciosi and Frances Esper*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Pray for Erik, our catachumen.

Pray for Joseph (Irwin), soon to be deployed in Afghanistan and all those in the armed forces.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman
Barbara Campbell, Paul Eysie, Camille Florio (Secretary), Andrew Howard (Vice Chairman),
Marlene Lupaczkyk, Marwan Samman (Treasurer), Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

CHURCH LEADERS

Ladies of Saint George - Katie Birtwell, President	Church School - Rich Plouffe, Superintendent
Parish Chanter - Paul Eysie	Choir Director - David Franciosi
Teen Advisor - Michele Markatos	Teen President - Jenna Weiskerger
Ushers - Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman	Epistle Reader Coordinator - Lovee Thomas
Bible Bowl Team Leader - Emily Shay	Seminarian - Michael Razook
Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik	Church custodian - Gerry Mullen

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2008 • SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

TONE 4 • EOTHINON 4 • GREAT MARTYR HARALAMPOS

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 Great-Martyr Haralampos (Tone 4)

O wise Kharalampos, you became an unshakable column in the church of Christ and a lamp of everlasting light to the world. Well-known to the world through your martyrdom, you dispelled the dark night of idolatry. Intercede with Christ God, that He may 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 (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honour thee.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

The Righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

The Reading is from the Second Letter of the Apostle Paul to Timothy (2:1-10 for the Saint)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the

rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(15:21-28 Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

PRIEST-MARTYR HARALAMPOS

This great saint Haralambos was a bishop in Magnesia and suffered for Christ in his one-hundred and thirteenth year. When a terrible persecution began during the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus, the Elder Haralambos did not hide from the persecutors but freely and openly preached the Faith of Christ. He endured all tortures as though he were in someone else's body. When they skinned him alive, the forgiving elder said to the emperor's soldiers: "Thank you, my brethren, for in scraping my old body you renew my spirit for a new eternal life." He worked many miracles and converted many to the Faith. Even the emperor's daughter, Galina, abandoned the idolatry of her father and became a Christian. Condemned to death and brought to the place of execution, St. Haralambos raised his hands to heaven and prayed to God for all people that God grant them bodily health and spiritual salvation and that He multiply their fruits of the earth. "O Lord, You know that men are flesh and blood; forgive them their sins and pour out Your Grace on all!" After prayer, this holy elder gave up his soul to God before the executioner lowered the sword on his neck. He suffered in the year 202 A.D. The emperor's daughter, Galina, removed his body and honorably buried it.

--The Prologue from Ochrid
