



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Most Rev. Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN
Diocese of Worcester & New England

Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, *Pastor*

Welcome. It is a great pleasure to have visitors and friends with us at Saint George. If you would like to know more about our parish, or the Orthodox Faith, please don't hesitate to ask.

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

12 February
2012

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Sunday of
the
Prodigal Son

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CALENDAR

- Today - 20-year Memorial for Nader Kalliel
Corned-beef dinner. Reservations required.
- Monday - Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am

There is fasting Wednesday and Friday this week.

Next Sunday is Meatfare Sunday -- the last day for meat products until Pascha.

"... the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." - Acts 11:26

Diocese of Worcester and New England Lenten Retreat '12

Heroes of the Old Testament



Dates: March 23-25, 2012

Arrive: Friday, 7:30 pm Depart: Sunday, 11 am

Guest Speaker: Katrina Bitar

Cost: \$95 per teen/\$50 per advisor

**Where: St. Methodios Faith & Heritage Center
Contoocook, NH**

Who: All teens in grades 7-12

This year, we welcome Katrina Bitar, Director of the YES Program of FOCUS North America. She holds a Master of Arts from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and currently serves as the Camp Director of the St. Nicholas Camping Program in California. Prior to attending Seminary, Katrina served as Youth Director of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Phoenix, AZ.



Registration Forms: Must be returned no later than Friday, March 16, 2012

For more information, please contact:

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SAINT PADDYS DAY



Homemade Corned Beef and all the fixins! Sound delicious or what? Dinner today at 5:00, thanks to everyone who made their advance reservations. Proceeds will be used to keep our conference affordable for all.

IOCC

Make your donation count ... and multiply! The International Orthodox Christian Charities Board of Directors is committed to making a difference for individuals and families in need. The IOCC Board of Directors will match your contributions dollar-for-dollar until March 15, 2012. The matching contributions will support continuing humanitarian assistance in areas like Syria, Ethiopia and Romania where jobs, food and educational materials are desperately needed. Make contributions at www.iocc.org/chairmanschallenge

YOUTH NEWS

- Last Sunday was *Scout Sunday*. Here at Saint George our Scouts coordinated the *Souper Bowl of Caring* Campaign. Thanks to all those who contributed.
- Diocesan *Youth Day* is March 3rd. It will take place at the new Chancery in Westborough from 1:00-3:00 pm, a chance for our young people to meet Bishop JOHN.
- The *Teen SOYO Lenten Retreat* is March 23-25 at the camp in Contoocook, NH. The topic is "Heroes of the Old Testament". Registration forms are in the parish hall.
- For the Conference, Erik is beginning *Bible Bowl* study on Romans, see him right away for a schedule. Also for the PLC, we are looking for *Oratorical* contestants, see Father Joseph for details.

DELEGATES DAY

The organizations of the Diocese will meet on Saturday, February 25th at Saint John of Damascus. The day begins with Liturgy at 9:00 am. Meetings follow.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In the parish hall this morning are letters for our members -- either confirming the amount you pledged for 2012 or reminding you to turn in your pledge card as soon as possible. A list of donors will be printed in the bulletin.

WISH LIST

The Parish Council recently put together a list of items which we could really use upstairs in the church. The response the past couple weeks was amazing, thanks to those who have contributed.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

132 DAYS from now -- June 21-24 -- is the Parish Life Conference at the Cliff House in Ogunquit. Have you made reservations yet? Don't wait any longer, go on-line to www.CliffHouseMaine.com/attendees User Name: PARISH Password: pa986B

We will be sharing information about sponsorships, conference events and ways in which you can help. Our parish web-site www.StGeorgeNorwood.org has a link to the Conference site with lots of information. Soon you will be able to register on-line so check back frequently.

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS

Check out the updated web site of the Assembly of American Orthodox Bishops at <http://www.assemblyofbishops.org/> It includes photos from the youth conference which Father Joseph attended at Antiochian Village.

It also includes a statement from the bishops protesting the infringement of religious liberty by the Department of Health and Human Services.

BISHOPS VISIT

His Grace Bishop JOHN will be with us the weekend of April 21-22 to celebrate Thomas Sunday and the Feast of Saint George. Mark your calendars now.

HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by the Kalliel - Shay family in memory of Nader "Kel" Kalliel Jr. A twenty-year memorial will be served after Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following Liturgy, hosted by the Kalliel & Shay family.

FLOWERS - The bouquets before the Icons are given by the family of Kel Kalliel in his memory.

VOTIVE - A seven-day candle burns before the Icon of Christ, given in memory of Kel Kalliel.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Florence Esper and Alice Kelley, Kathryne Howard, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies *in memory of Nicole Shalbey Tourigney*
 Florence Esper and Alice Kelley *in memory of Frances Esper*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias and Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Khalil (Rezanne's father), Sheila (Bennett), Debbie (Braun), Pedro (Angie's brother), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet), Sarah (Kelley), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Jack (Lucine's father), Karen, Charles, Mahasen Yacoub (Ibti's mother), David (Rediker), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Charles (Howard), Mary, Catherine, Josephine.

Pray for the handmaids of God Rezanne (Toumi) and Daniela who are with child.

Pray for Deacon Luke Toumi's family in Homs, Syria.

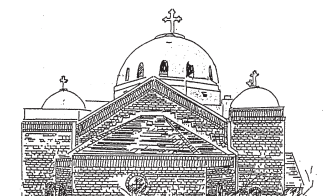
February 5 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Wish List
\$4372.00	\$2310 .00	\$135.00	\$286.00	\$1925.00 +

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Joseph Eysie (Vice Chair)
- Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
- Anthony Grasso
- Katia Oleinik (Secretary)
- Richard Plouffe
- Ibtisam Samman
- Linda Thomas

Assistant Treasurers:
 Beverly DiFlaminies
 Leeann Plouffe

- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- 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
- Hospitality -
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Pappas
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
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- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
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- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Seminarian - Jason Falcone
- Teen Advisor -
- Teen President - Alex Oleinik
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Sunday of the Prodigal Son Meletios, archbishop of Antioch

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 didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou Deathless and Immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, thou art the Giver of life! Glory to thee, O our God!

TROPARION FOR SAINT MELETIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH (TONE 4)

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause, thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O Father and Hierarch Meletius, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 OF THE PRODIGAL SON (TONE 3)

When I disobeyed in ignorance thy fatherly glory, I wasted in iniquities the riches that thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to thee with the voice of the prodigal son, saying, I have sinned before thee, O compassionate Father, receive me repentant, and make me as one of thy hired servants.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon & Verse: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12-20, Prodigal Son)

Brethren, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" --and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for

the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia. The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee. *Alleluia.* O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (15:11-32, Prodigal Son)

Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the

swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'