



# 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.*

15 February  
2009



Sunday of  
The Prodigal  
Son

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## CALENDAR

- Monday - Parish Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Saturday - 1-year memorial for Sonia Belcher, Saint George, Boston, 5:30
- Next Sunday - Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 am  
Ladies of Saint George meet after coffee hour
- Fasting - There is fasting Wednesday and Friday this week.  
Next Sunday is Meatfare, the last day for meat products until Pascha.



Be mindful, O Lord,  
of those who bear fruit  
and do good works  
in thy holy Churches,  
and who remember  
the poor.

*The Anaphoras of St. Basil the Great and John Chrysostom*

DIocese of WORCESTER & NEW ENGLAND

2009 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

JUNE 25-28, 2009

HOSTED BY:

ST GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH, LAWRENCE, MA

[www.StGeorgeLawrence.org/Conf2009](http://www.StGeorgeLawrence.org/Conf2009)

### Conference Location:

Wyndham Hotel  
123 Old River Road  
Andover, Massachusetts 01810  
978-975-3600

### Hotel Rates:

~Rooms are standard double bed~  
single rate: \$95, double rate: \$95,  
triple rate: \$105, quad rate: \$115

*Make your reservations by calling the hotel  
on or before June 4, 2009; mention the Parish  
Life Conference (PLC) for the special rates*



**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.

**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 as the deadline is soon.

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](mailto:taryn.face@brighthorizons.com) or at 617-673-8926.

**2009 ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION**

The planning committee for the Archdiocese Convention writes the following: "Our plans for the 49th Antiochian Archdiocese Convention (July 19 – 26, 2009) are progressing very well and we look forward to hosting you. Currently all of the guest rooms at the JW Desert Springs Marriot Resort and Spa are at capacity. We have arranged for three over-flow hotels which can be found on our website. As a reminder, the JW Desert Springs Marriott has a 30 day cancellation policy.

The Convention Souvenir Journal will commemorate Metropolitan PHILIP's 50th anniversary in the Holy Priesthood. We are asking your assistance in making this a worthy tribute to our Metropolitan by placing a greeting in it. The Souvenir Journal Form can be downloaded from our website or you can contribute on-line.

The Convention Planning Committee is organizing memorable and outstanding events. You can register for these events by downloading the Registration Form from our website or you can register on-line.

Our Convention website is updated regularly and contains information on attractions in and around the local area, a photo gallery of the Convention hotel, the Convention Schedule and Events, and Travel/Discount information. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Convention. [www.archdioceseconvention2009.org](http://www.archdioceseconvention2009.org)

**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.

Join us this morning for Valentine's goodies, hosted by a number of your fellow parishioners.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -**

Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Kay Moseley, Frances Giandomenico, Donna Barron and David Franciosi .....  
 .....to the *Esper Memorial Fund in memory of Frances Esper Michael & Samera Mike* .....  
 .....in memory of *Zina Mike Phyllis Spicer and Najlae Solomon* .....  
 .....to the *Jacquelyn Shalhoub Fund in memory of Louis Lallo Elias*  
 Emaline Eakle .....  
 .....in memory of *Alfred Hallal*

**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 8 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$3788.00	\$3500.00	\$20.00	\$223.00	N.A.

**Council & Parish Leaders**

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

Barbara Campbell  
 Marlene Lupaczyk  
 Angela Sepulveda  
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 Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik





## Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

### Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy and Venerable Eusebios of Syria

#### 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, O immortal Life, didst humble thyself unto death, then didst thou destroy death by the brightness of thy Godhead; and when thou didst raise the bowels of the earth, then all the heavenly powers exclaimed, O Christ, thou art the Giver of life! Glory to thee, O our God!

#### 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 AND GOSPEL

##### *Prokeimenon and Verse:*

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
Rejoice In the Lord, O you righteous.

#### 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 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.'"