



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

Rev. Deacon Stephen Mathewes, Seminarian
Rev. Deacon Luke Toumi
Subdeacon Gheorge Doros
Subdeacon Joseph Kouyoumjian

*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>Today</u> -	Church School, 12:30 pm
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Arabic Class, 6:00 pm
<u>Saturday</u> -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am Ladies Meeting in church following Liturgy Baptism, 1:00 pm Orthodox "Mardi Gras", 5:00 pm

Fasting - ***There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week.***

20 February
2011



Sunday of the
Prodigal Son

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NEXT SUNDAY - 5:00 PM

IT'S
MARDI GRAS . . .
. . . ORTHODOX STYLE

JOIN US FOR A

MEATFARE FEAST

**MAZZA-MUSIC-GAMES AND MORE!
TICKETS \$15.**

SIGN UP TODAY AT COFFEE HOUR.

Menu

Mardi Gras Salad
Cajun Chicken (or plain)
New Orleans Dirty Rice (or plain)
Kale & Black-eyed Peas (aka Sleet)
Assorted Desserts

MDA LOCK UP

The *Muscular Dystrophy Association* of Massachusetts locked up our priest. That's right, along with others from the town, Father Joseph was *locked up* last Wednesday at Napper Tandy's on Day Street. Your bail money helped "Jerry's Kids". Thanks to everyone who donated.

SHOP ON LINE

Do you ever make purchases on-line from Best Buy, Travelocity of Barnes & Nobel? Before you surf to their site, start at our site, www.StGeorgeNorwood.org. Click on the marketplace logo, type in your favorite merchant and shop as usual. After you buy, we get a percentage of the purchase. Simple, easy and it supports the church.



CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION

Saint John of Damascus Church is hosting the diocesan *Parish Life Conference* June 17-19th, in Hyannis. They have a web-site with lots of information:

www.stjohnd.org/conference2011/index.htm

Flyers are in the parish hall.

The *Archdiocese Convention* is July 24-31 in Chicago.

Details are on-line at

www.archdioceseconvention2011.org/

The 2012 Parish Life Conference will be hosted by our church. Our Council / Committee is taking care of some preliminary details and will soon be looking for volunteers to begin planning.

COUNCIL NEWS

We are pleased to announce that *Ibtisam Samman* has been appointed to fulfill the remainder of her husband Marwan's term (who is currently working abroad.)

SUMMER 2011 AT THE VILLAGE

Can you believe it? It's time to register for *Summer Camp and our Sacred Arts Camps*. That also means it is time for another AV Video. Watch it now at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ_0b_rw6NE then register for camp or as a volunteer. (Scholarships from the Order are available, see Father Joseph today.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Orthodoxy on Tap- Roggie's Boston- 7:30 pm- February 24th and March 3rd. Join us downstairs at Roggie's Brew and Grille (356 Chestnut Hill Ave Boston) for a lecture and discussion with Dr. Timothy Patitsas, Professor of Ethics at Holy Cross Seminary. We begin at 7:30 pm, admission is free. Full bar and menu available. On February 24th Dr. Patitsas will discuss "The City as Liturgy" and on March 3rd he will be discussing "The American Dream and the Orthodox Worldview". Hope to see you there!

TEEN SOYO RETREAT

Ooooooooo Eeeeeeeeeeee. What's Up With Lent

Dates: March 25-27

Arrive: Friday, 7:30 pm

Depart: Sunday, 11 am

Speakers: "Uncle Paul" and "Aunt Deborah" Finley

Uncle Paul serves as Executive Director of the Antiochian Village Conference Center and is a former Director of the Antiochian Village Camp and Camp Saint Thekla.

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

Where: Saint Methodios Faith & Heritage Center Contoocook, NH

Who: All teens in grades 7-12

Applications are in the parish hall. See Father Joseph for more information.

HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by members of the Parish Council. *There are several openings in the coming weeks to offer holy bread -- please sign up in the notebook in the parish hall.*

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy hosted by the Parish Council.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk *for the health of Cleo Eysie, with special prayers as she celebrates her birthday*
 Florence Esper, Alice Kelley and Catherine Moseley
 *to the Esper Fund in memory of Frances Esper*
 Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Catherine Moseley and Jack & Rita Kelleher *in memory of Edward Arees*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Janet, Noah, William, Kate (Melchert), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathrynne (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Frederick (Howard), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Sam, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Sarah, Josephine, Sterling.

Pray for the newly departed servant of God, Edward (Arees).

Income February 13	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Special Collection
\$1852.00	\$1455.00	\$145.00	\$297.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

Christine Byron (Secretary)
 Joseph Eysie (Vice Chairman)
 Barbara Campbell (Chair)
 Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
 Anthony Grasso
 Richard Plouffe
 Ibtisam Samman
 John Shalbey jr.
 Linda Thomas

Assistant Treasurers:

Beverly DiFlaminies
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Building Committee - Andrew Howard

Chanters - Erik Potter

& Rezanne Toumi

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 - Angie Sepulveda

IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard

Ladies President - Katie Birtwell

Order of St Ignatius Liason - Erin K.

Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros

Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril

School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe

Teen Advisor - Emily Howard

Teen President - Timothy Markatos

Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmett

Usher - Andrew Howard

Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Sunday of the Prodigal Son Leo of Catania in Sicily

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 6)

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou that art risen from the dead! O Lord, glory to thee.

TROPARION OF LEO OF CATANIA (TONE 4)

Thou didst appear to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence. Because of thy lowliness, heaven was opened to thee. Because of thy poverty, riches were granted to thee. Holy Bishop Leo, pray to Christ our 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 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:

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.'