



# SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم Welcome! Καλώς ορίσατε!

*It is a pleasure to have visitors and friends  
with us at Saint George. If you would like to know  
more about our parish or the Orthodox Church, please ask.*

*Communion: Those Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins,  
who have prepared themselves by fasting, and who have been present from the  
start of the Liturgy are invited to approach the chalice.*

*Everyone may partake of the holy bread.*

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

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN  
Diocese of Worcester &  
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Very Rev. Father  
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## Sunday 2 February 2014



### Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

#### Upcoming Services and Events

- Today - Second tray for the Norwood Food Pantry, collected by Teen SOYO as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring Church School, 12:30 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Church School, 12:30 pm
- Fasting - There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week.

## Save the Date

Diocese of Worcester and New England  
Parish Life Conference

June 19-22, 2014

Join us in

Beautiful and Historic Plymouth, MA

at the

Radisson Plymouth Harbor Inn

PLC room rate: \$139.00/night



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YOU shall love the  
**LORD** your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your strength,  
with all your mind; and your  
**NEIGHBOR**  
as yourself.

-- Luke 10:27

**WELCOME**

It is a great pleasure to welcome back to Saint George our Bishop JOHN and our good friend, Father Chad Hatfield, Chancellor of Saint Vladimirs Seminary.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Our Teen SOYO is coordinating the Souper Bowl Soup Collection today. It is part of a nationwide effort to help feed the hungry. There will be a second tray passed today; the proceeds will go to the Norwood Food Pantry. Thanks for your generosity and thanks also to those who brought in cans of soup.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The freezing weather outside may not be conducive to summer camp, but it is time to think about Antiochian Village. The Order of Saint Ignatius provides scholarships to hundreds of campers around the archdiocese. If you are interested in receiving part of that which has been allotted to Saint George, you must let Father Joseph know by February 16th.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

When you go to the parish hall today, you will notice the large banner with our parish photograph from several years ago has been replaced. In its stead is an icon of Saint George. Around the icon is lots of empty space -- but not for long. We are going to fill the board with updated pictures of you. Starting next week, Dan Bitar, will be taking family photos after Liturgy. They will then be placed on the board along side the icon of our patron.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATES**

The 2014 Stewardship updates are ready. Pick up your envelope at coffee hour and double check that the amount you have pledged matches our records. If you have yet to return a form, complete the bottom of the sheet and get it right back to us. A list of the stewards for the year will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.

**DIRECTORIES**

The 2014 parish directories have been printed and are available today. There is one for each family.

**COFFEE HOURS TEAMS**

Please check the coffee hour book beside the door to the kitchen and sign up for those special dates on which you provide refreshments. Your dates can be for memorials, birthdays, names days etc. As for refreshments, they can be whatever you like, fancy or simple. If there are still empty dates, we will put together teams of parishioners (perhaps alphabetically) and teams will be assigned dates. A member of the parish council will oversee each month to make sure coffee hour is provided.

**STATEMENT ON SYRIA**

On 26 January 2014, His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East and His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia made a joint statement addressed to the participants in Geneva, Switzerland at the Conference on Syria. The opening portion of the text of the Statement is below. The full statement is online at [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org)

*“We, Primates of fraternal Orthodox Churches, the Church of Antioch and the Russian Church, met in Moscow in order to once again bear witness to love in Christ, the love which our Churches have preserved intact through centuries and which is addressed to all people regardless their nationality, religion or political views.*

*Today our common prayers go to the long-suffering Syrian people undergoing unprecedented ordeals. The land, in which Muslims and Christians have lived together for centuries, has been filled with tears of those who are lamenting the death of their relatives and friends and who have been driven away from their homes. The calamity that has come to the once peaceful land spares neither old people nor children, neither Muslims nor Christians. No heart can remain indifferent to the horrible tragedy in Syria.”*

**HOLY BREAD** - The gifts are offered by the Parish Council on behalf of the whole parish.

**COFFEE** - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy today, hosted by the Parish Council.

**VOTIVES** - Seven day candles burn before the Icons, given by Josephine Purpura in memory of her husband, Joseph Purpura.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE**

Christian & Kristina Elias .....*for the baptism of their daughter Avery*  
David and Phyllis (Solomon) Spicer, Sandy Thoma & Family  
.....*in memory of Michael Nostin*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Pray for** Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo and Archbishop Yohanna (Syriac bishop), Mother Pelagia and all who are in danger and captivity.

**Pray also for** Presbyter Nicholas (Manikas), Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Archpriest Robert & Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias (Bitar), Priest Michael (Bird), Joyce (Boulis), Kenneth (Hadge), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Lina (Karam), Camille (Florio), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet), Nicolae (Daniela’s father), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

**NOTE FROM SHEILA**

*Sincere thank for all the prayers and well wishes.  
God bless all with good health and long life. -- Sheila*

Jan. 19 & 26 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Tray
\$6037.00	\$5178.00	\$185.00	\$519.00	N.A.

**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Katia Oleinik
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Ibtisam Samman

- Arabic Bulletin - Kh. Ramia Issa
- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Apgar
- Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- FSJD Dio. Secy - Leeann Plouffe
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Beverly DiFlaminies
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Lawn Care - Owen & Zach
- Order of St Ignatius Liaison - Erin K.
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Teen President - Nick Kimmett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



### Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

#### EISODIKON

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia

#### TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

#### TROPARION OF 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 elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

#### KONTAKION OF PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (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.

#### MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION (TONE 3)

O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee. Let us magnify, O believers, the first-born Son, the eternal Word of the Father, First-born of a Mother who knew no man; for we have beheld in the shadow of the law and the Scriptures a sign, that every first-born male that openeth the womb is called holy to God.

#### KOINONIKON FOR THE FEAST (TONE 8)

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

#### EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

*Prokeimenon and Verse:* My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

#### The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (7:7-17, for the Feast)

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

#### The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (2:22-40, for the Feast)

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice accord-

ing to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel." And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.