



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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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

- Today - Blessing of the Vasilopita at coffee hour
- Wednesday - Theophany: Liturgy & Blessing of Waters, 6:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
Ladies outing to X & O Restaurant, 4:00 pm
- Saturday the 22nd - Diocesan YOUTH DAY, Saint George, Boston, 9:00 am
- Fasting - ***There is no fasting from Christmas day through January 4.
January 5th, the forefeast of Theophany is a day of fasting.***
- Home Blessings - ***The days following Theophany are the time when the faithful
have their homes blessed. Please contact Father Joseph.***

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2 January

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Sunday

before

Theophany

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CHOIR CONCERT

The Sunday afternoon before Christmas was amazing. A standing-room crowd was treated to a beautiful one-hour concert by our choir. The Order of Saint Ignatius put on a first class reception and members of Teen SOYO were there to serve as greeters. Our Brian Boudreau filmed the concert, which has already played on NPATV. DVD's will also be available very soon.

CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY

The 2011 liturgical calendars have arrived. These lovely calendars with full color icons have been donated by Dianne, Garrett, John jr and Leah Shalbey. They are in the narthex and in the parish hall. The new parish directory is also available in the parish hall.

STEWARDSHIP

Our annual stewardship program officially wrapped up last month. 92 out of 167 possible members returned their pledge cards, many with payment for the year. There are four new members pledging so far in 2011. To date, 19 members have increased their gift from last year. If you are among those who's pledge card is still sitting on the kitchen counter, please complete it and return it to the church as soon as possible.

ARABIC CLASS

Deacon Luke is offering an Arabic class. Sessions will resume on January 12th at 6:00 pm.

LADIES OF SAINT GEORGE

Mark these dates:
 January 9 - afternoon outing to X & O Restaurant;
 February 12 - hosting the diocesan retreat;
 March 25 - cooking a Fish Dinner;
 Finally thanks to Doris Copoulos and the Ladies for their sponsorship of the Christmas card this year.

BASIL BREAD / VASILOPITA

The tradition of baking and cutting a special "pita" (which can mean a loaf of bread, a cake, or even a pie) each year on January 1st is observed of our holy father Basil the Great, archbishop of Caesarea in Cappodocia-- hence its name "Vasilopita" meaning "Saint Basil's Bread." *One year, during a time of terrible famine, the emperor levied a sinfully excessive tax upon the people of Caesarea. Learning of this injustice upon his flock, Basil the Great, the archbishop, took his bishop's staff and the book of the holy Gospels and came to his people's defense by fearlessly calling the emperor to repentance. By God's grace, the emperor did repent! He canceled the tax and instructed his tax collectors to turn over to Saint Basil all the coins and jewelry which had been paid. After praying, Saint Basil had all the treasures baked into a large cake. He then called all the townspeople to prayer at the cathedral, and, after Divine Liturgy, he blessed and cut the pita, giving a piece to each person. Miraculously, each owner received in his piece of Vasilopita his own valuables. In remembrance of that miracle wrought by God as a result of Saint Basil's love and defense of his people, Orthodox Christians have observed the tradition of the Vasilopita each year on January 1st-- the date on which Saint Basil reposed in the Lord in the year 379.*

Join us for Vasilopita today during coffee hour.

90TH ANNIVERSARY

In 2011 our church will celebrate it's 90th year. Your Parish Council is already chatting about this wonderful milestone and they want your input. If you have ideas for a celebration, speak to any member of the Council.

NEW WEBSITE

The website of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in North and Central America has been launched. Check it out at <http://www.episcopalassembly.org/>

HOLY BREAD - The gifts this morning are offered by Andrew Howard and his family.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy hosted by Andrew Howard.

FLOWERS - The bouquets before the icons are given by Andrew Howard in thanksgiving for Emily Howard and Dino Pappas on their engagement; for Frederick Howard; and Judith Howard, who is celebrating her birthday.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

.....in memoy of Mary Dreik Najm, George, Jamila, Hanna and Dibe
 Sandy Thomas & Family for the health of Anita Allison
 Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk in memory of Marit Davies

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas and Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), William, Kate (Melchert), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Roger (Esyie), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Jamil (Samara), David (Elliott, serving in Iraq), Michael (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathyryne (Howard), Edward (Arees), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlaj (Solomon), Frances (Giandomenico), 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.

BABA'S Many have asked how to contact Father Anthony & Ramia Baba: Cards and notes may be addressed to them, c/o Saint Anthony the Great Church, 6046 FM 2920 Road #309, Spring, TX 77379.

Income Dec. 19	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Christmas Offering
\$3602.00	\$1700 .00	\$35.00	\$404.00	\$1439.00

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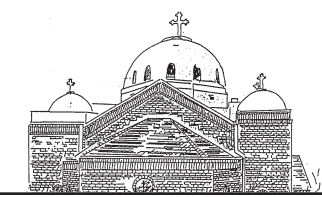
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Sunday before the Theophany

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 7)

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST (TONE 4)

Be thou ready, Zebulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthali. River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now to clothe you in the first robe again. Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

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 THEOPHANY (TONE 4)

Today hath the Lord appeared in the streams of the Jordan, crying out to John and saying: Fear not to baptize me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created.

Prokeimenon and Verse:

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

(4:5-8, Sunday before Theophany)

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

ALLELUIA VERSES

Alleluia. May God be merciful to us and bless us.

Alleluia. May he cause his face to shine upon us and have mercy on us. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

(1:1-8, Sunday before Theophany)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Archdiocese Web-site posts the hymns and readings for Vespers, Matins & Liturgy. Check out this valuable resource and download the prayers we sing each week at www.antiochian.org/Liturgics