



# 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**

*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

### JANUARY IS TEEN SOYO EDUCATION MONTH

- Today - 40-Day Memorial for Ida Rossetsky  
Church School, 12:30 pm
- Tuesday - Theophany Liturgy & Water Blessing, 6:00 pm  
*(If you would like your home blessed following the Feast of  
Theophany, contact Father Joseph for an appointment.)*
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00  
15-year Memorial for Celia Howard  
Ladies Meeting after coffee hour
- Fasting - There is no fasting from Christmas through January 4th.  
January 5th, the Forefeast of Theophany is a day of fasting.  
There is no fasting on the 6th - the day of the feast.  
Friday is a regular day of fasting.

3 January  
2010



Sunday before  
the Theophany

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*Antiochian Women*  
*Diocese of Worcester and New England*

## 2010 Pre-Lenten Retreat

with featured speaker, **Mother Alexandra**,  
Abbess of the Convent of Saint Thekla at Antiochian Village



**BACK  
TO THE FUTURE**  
with Saint Ignatius:  
**Then IS now!**

**Saturday, January 30, 2010**

**Saint George Church, 6 Atwood Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062**

**9am Divine Liturgy / 10am Registration & Coffee**  
**10:30 Session 1 / 12:00 Lunch / 1:00 Session 2 plus Q&A**

Drawing from the life and experiences of Saint Ignatius,  
Mother Alexandra will present reflections  
for daily Orthodox Christian living.

Join us and travel back in time  
to see how Saint Ignatius' centuries-old letters  
apply perfectly to the challenges we face  
as Christians in the 21st century.



**THEOPHANY**

Evening *Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of Waters* for the Great Feast of Theophany is this Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to a reception following the service for the Theophany School family.

**YOUTH DAY: CALL OF DUTY - PLAN FROM GOD**

The first ever *Diocesan Youth Day* is Saturday, January 23rd in Worcester. There will be workshops, speakers (Archdeacon Seraphim and Deacon Nick), food, fun, basketball and more. It is for guys and gals from fourth grade through high school. The day begins at 9:30 and runs through 3:30. Please see Father Joseph or Emily Howard to be included (and if you need a ride.)

**MATHEWES FAMILY**

While at home for Christmas, our seminarian Stephen was ordained subdeacon by Bishop THOMAS. Axios. The Mathewes son, Lucas was baptized. Many Years.

**STEWARDSHIP 2010**

Our 2010 Stewardship drive began at the end of November and officially concluded two weeks ago. Pledge forms were distributed to all of our members (Extra forms are available in the narthex.) The Parish Council is grateful to everyone who returned their cards.

As of this past Thursday, 73 members have already made commitments to the church for a total of \$51,184. (the average pledge so far is \$701 each.) 66 of those 73 stewards have included their share for the archdiocese and five of the 73 are first-time donors.

**CALENDAR**

Thanks to Andrew Howard for our 2010 calendars. These calendars include the saints days, fasting periods and daily Scripture readings, plus beautiful icons. They are available in the narthex and in the parish hall.

**IOCC**

The Teen SOYO at Saint George in Worcester is having a spaghetti dinner next Sunday, the 10th of January in support of *International Orthodox Christian Charities*. Cost is \$10 per person. They are also looking for sponsors for the meal. IOCC Development Officers Nick Chakos and Lou Zagami will be attending the event.

**ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS**

The annual holiday gathering for members of the Order is Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 pm at the Sheraton Four Points here in Norwood. *Mother Alexandra*, Abbess of Covent of Saint Thekla, will be the special guest.

**WINTERFEST HUFLI**

Saint George of Boston is having a hufli on Saturday, February 6th, beginning at 8:00 pm in their hall, featuring *George Maalouf and his Ensemble and the WLCU Dabke Troup*. A complete ouzi dinner will be served. Phone co-chairs Rouh Elias (781-326-5547) or Doug Howdy (617-323-0323) for reservations.

**CAMBRIDGE**

The Fellowship of St John the Divine presents the sixth annual *2010 Chinese New Year Missions Cheese-fare Breakfast* to benefit the Chinese Translation Project via the Orthodox Fellowship of All Saints of China (OFASC)

*Place:* St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, Cambridge. *Cost:* suggested min. donation \$5 per adult (checks can be made payable to "St. Mary Orthodox Church - Fellowship" earmarked to Chinese Missions) *Date and Time:* Sunday, February 14, 2010 after Divine Liturgy *RSVP:* Nelson Mitrophan Chin at mitrophan@orthodox.cn by February 10th

**HOLY BREAD** - Gifts are offered by the Family of Ida Rossetsky in her memory. A 40-Day memorial will be served for Ida.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall hosted today by the families of Ida Rossetsky.

**NOTE FROM IDA'S FAMILY** - Jennie Mike writes *A big thanks to everybody for the cards and donations at the time of my sister's passing. Special thanks to Kay Moseley and Sally Peter for their help in the kitchen during the meal of mercy. God bless them all.*

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -**

Alice Kelley, Jack & Janis O'Riley, Robert & Nancy Deeb, Charles & Marie Coffin, Edmund & Regina Noonan and Ken & Barbara Nashaway .....*Christmas Offering*

Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies ... *for the health of the entire Esper Family*  
 Family of Julia Phillips ..... *for the health of Richard Esper*  
 Sandy Thomas & Family, Lovee Thomas & Family  
 ..... *for the health of Michael Eysie*  
 Bob & Nancy Deeb, Kay Mike, Margaret Domet, Rachel Pazereskas . .  
 ..... *in memory of Sarah Grasso*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER -**

**Pray** for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Robert, Archpriest Michael, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Michael, Janis, Timothy, Kathrynne, Edward, Nicholas, Richard, Claudia, Chris, Elizabeth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Richard, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John. Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee,

Income Dec. 24 & 27	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Christmas & Sunday Tray	Christmas Donations
\$13,121.00	\$11,005 .00	\$955.00	\$617.00	\$1160.00

**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Christine Byron
- Joseph Eysie
- Barbara Campbell (Secretary)
- Subdeacon Gheorghe Doros
- Andrew Howard (Chairman)
- Richard Plouffe
- Marwan Samman (Treasurer)
- John Shalbey jr.
- Linda Thomas (Vice Chair)

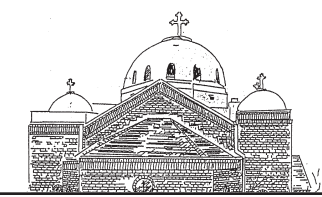
*Assistant Treasurers:*

- Beverly DiFlaminies
- Leeann Plouffe

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
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Seminarians - Rabee Toumi &

- Subdeacon Stephen Mathewes
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Teen Advisor - Emily Howard
- Teen President - Timothy Markatos
- Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmitt
- Ushers - Andrew Howard
- & Marwan Samman
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**Sunday Before Theophany**  
**Prophet Malachi; Venerable Genevieve of Paris**

**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 5)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

**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****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](http://www.antiochian.org/Liturgics)*