



# 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.*

4 January  
2009



Sunday Before  
the Theophany

## CALENDAR

<u>Today</u> -	Teen SOYO Meeting after Liturgy Altar Servers Luncheon Church School, 1:00-3:00 pm
<u>Monday</u> -	Theophany Liturgy & Great Blessing of Waters, 6:00 pm
<u>Saturday</u> -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm Italian Night at Saint George, 6:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 40 Day Memorial for Helen Nedder
<u>Fasting</u> -	There is a strict fast on January 5th, in preparation for Theophany. Wednesday and Friday are regular days of fasting.

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# Italian Night

## at Saint George

### Delicious food

### and lots of fun

This Saturday evening in the parish hall  
(Vespers at 5, dinner at 6)  
Make reservations today at coffee hour.  
Only \$8 each.

Proceeds go to the National  
Antiochian Women's 2009 Charitable Project

Sat  
at 6:00 (after Vespers) Th

**2009 CALENDARS**

With thanks to Kathryn Howard and Frances McDermott, we have beautiful calendars for '09. Both ladies have moved recently, so send a thank you note to Kay at 731 Lincoln St., Franklin 02038 and to Frances at 4 Griffin Ct., Billerica 01821.

The calendar of services for the next months is in the narthex and also on-line at [StGeorgeNorwood.org](http://StGeorgeNorwood.org)

**CHRISTMAS NOTE**

Michael, Tina and Hanna Kallas have sent a note, including a picture of Hanna (which is in the parish hall.) Their address is 6525 Cartwright St., San Diego 92120 -- please make this change in your directory.

**MEMORY ETERNAL**

Marc Wilbur, was buried last week in Florida. A memorial will be served here on the 25th of January. The address for his father, Wilbur, and son, Adam is: 1509 Sam Asbury Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825

**STEWARDSHIP 2009**

Our 2009 Stewardship Program began in November. Each adult was asked to complete a pledge card and return it to the church as soon as possible. The card included boxes for members to check if they would prefer to make payments by EFT, PayPal or by Credit Card.

As of Friday, 88 members (including five new members) had returned cards for a total of \$42,574, an average gift of \$567.11. Sixty-two donors also included \$75 for our assessment to the archdiocese. In addition, \$11,830 has been paid in advance.

Following is the list of those who have made a commitment to God and His Church for the coming year. (If your card has been misplaced, extras are in the narthex.)

**OUR STEWARDS**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Madeline Awad             | Frances McDermott         |
| Katie Birtwell            | Kay Mike                  |
| Daniel Bitar              | Jennie Mike               |
| Sophie Boulis             | Ronald Mike               |
| Barbara Campell           | Catherine Moseley         |
| Nick & Doris Copoulos     | Philomena Nathan          |
| Alex & Mary Deeb          | Ekaterina Oleinik         |
| Robert & Nancy Deeb       | Sally Peter               |
| Bruno & Reggie DiCicco    | Rich & Leeann Plouffe     |
| Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies | Erik Potter               |
| Gheorghe & Daniela Doros  | Sarah Pucci               |
| Emaline Eakle             | Josephine Purpura         |
| Dolores Elias             | George & Toni Saad        |
| Florence Esper            | Karimi Saad               |
| Cleo Eysie                | Jackie Saber              |
| George Eysie              | Angela Sepulveda          |
| Joseph & Loretta Eysie    | George & Madeline Shaheen |
| Paul Eysie                | Dianne Shalbey            |
| Roger Eysie               | Garrett Shalbey           |
| Don & Camille Florio      | John Shalbey Jr.          |
| Barabara Gallo            | John Shalhoub             |
| Rocco & Mara Giovanni     | Marcia Shapiro            |
| Allan Howard              | Richard Shay              |
| Andrew Howard             | & Katherine Kalliel       |
| John Howard               | Emily Shay                |
| Donna Ivey                | Rich Shay                 |
| George & Catherine Keches | Joyce Tarabonovic         |
| Hayes & Mary Kelley       | George & Lovee Thomas     |
| Helen Kelley              | Linda Thomas              |
| Fr. Joseph & Erin Kimmett | Loretta Thomas            |
| Karen Kinonian            | Robert Thomas             |
| Dino & Anne Krekis        | Sandy Thomas              |
| Joanne LaFerriere         | Honey Talias              |
| Bette Leonard             | Ernie Tselekis            |
| Marlene Lupaczyk          | Sharon Weiskerger         |
| Taso & Michele Markatos   |                           |

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for refreshments following the Liturgy. Bakers in the parish have made Vasilopita (that is, Basil Bread, named for the saint who's feast is celebrated January 1st.)

**VOTIVE** - A seven-day candle burns for the health of Carmen Piccirilli, given by Maria Piccirilli.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE**

Pat & Toni Marshall, Taso & Michele Markatos, John Howard, Ernest & Sally Peter . . . . . *Christmas donation*  
 Richard & Theresa Esper, Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Alex & Mary Deeb, Bob & Nancy Deeb, George & Madeline Shaheen, George & Lovee Thomas, Sandy Thomas & Family. . . . . *in memory of Rick Deeb*  
 Florence Esper, Alice Kelley . . . . . *for the health of Alexis Bethoney on her graduation from college*  
 June Johnson Wolff . . . . . *to the Deeb Memorial Fund in memory of Durgam and Esther Deeb*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Pray** for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, 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.

Dec 24 & 28 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Christmas Collection
\$3058.00	\$1888.00	\$5025.00	\$385.00	\$520.00

**Council & Parish Leaders**

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

Barbara Campbell  
 Marlene Lupaczyk  
 Angela Sepulveda  
 John Shalbey

*Assistant Treasurers:*  
 Beverly DiFlaminies  
 Marwan Samman

Bible Bowl Leader - Emily Shay  
 Chanters - Paul Eysie & Erik Potter  
 Choir Director - David Franciosi  
 Christmas Card - Doris Copoulos  
 Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen  
 Constitution Review - Judith Howard & Linda Thomas

Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas  
 Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley  
 Holy Bread Schedule - Reggie DiCicco  
 IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard

Ladies President - Katie Birtwell  
 Sacristan - Gheorghe Doros  
 Seminararians - Michael Razook & Rabee Toumi

Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril  
 School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe  
 Teen Advisor - Michele Markatos  
 Teen President - Jenna Weiskerger

Ushers - Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman  
 Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



## 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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women Disciples cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### 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.

### TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST (TONE 4)

The River Jordan receded of old by the mantle of Elisha when Elijah ascended to heaven; and the water was separated to this side and that, the wet element turning into a dry path for him, being truly a symbol of Baptism by which we cross the path of transient age. Christ appeared in the Jordan to sanctify its waters.

### KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY (TONE 4)

Thou hast appeared today to the world and Thy light, O Lord, has been shown upon us. With full knowledge we praise Thee; thou has come; Thou art manifested; O unapproachable light.

### *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.antiocbian.org/Liturgics](http://www.antiocbian.org/Liturgics)*