



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.*

CALENDAR

<u>Thursday</u> -	Matins, 9:00 am
<u>Saturday</u> -	Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins 9:00 am & Divine Liturgy 10:00 Memorial for Violet Farha, Freda Franciosi, John Shalbey and Edward Kelley.
<u>Fasting</u> -	Wednesday and Friday are regular days of fasting.

**4 January
2009**
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**Sunday After
the Theophany**

**Theodosios
the Great**

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January 6, 2009
Great Feast of Theophany

Beloved in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was baptized by John in the river Jordan for our salvation. A blessed and happy feast day and New Year to you and your families.

While we rejoice in this great feast of our holy Church, we also are deeply saddened by the humanitarian crisis that we are witnessing daily in Gaza. With each news update we hear of more and more people, many of them women and children, whose lives have been abruptly and needlessly ended by the brutality of the ongoing invasion of a foreign army. In addition to this senseless loss of life, there is a humanitarian disaster taking place. Food and water are running out, there is a dire lack of medical supplies, and countless thousands have no place to rest their heads at night.

Since there is no infrastructure in Gaza, we have no way to help these suffering people directly as an Archdiocese. Thanks be to God, however, that we have IOCC, International Orthodox Christian Charities. IOCC is mobilizing its forces in the disaster relief community and through its contacts in Gaza to bring much needed aid to the suffering people there. Therefore, I strongly urge each of our parishes to collect money in a way they see fit and forward it directly to IOCC as soon as possible. For more information on IOCC and how they are helping in Gaza, please see the attached news release or view their website at www.iocc.org.

Praying that the All-Holy Trinity, made manifest on this great feast, will grant all of you a safe and healthy New Year, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Each year after the Theophany, the faithful invite their priest to bless their home with the waters from the Feast. Father Joseph is now scheduling home-blessings; chat with him at coffee hour or send an email to make your appointment. The time of the home blessing is also a chance for your family to chat with the priest, so don't delay -- because Lent is already on the horizon.

MID-EAST PEACE

Although it remains difficult to get supplies into Gaza, IOCC [International Orthodox Christian Charities] is working with organizations that have significant operations inside the territory and who are in touch with government officials and United Nations personnel to gain access. Help IOCC speed relief to families who have been caught in this conflict. Visit www.IOCC.org, call 1-877-803-4622, or mail a check or money order payable to "IOCC" and write Middle East Relief in the memo line to: IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263.

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. As of Friday, 96 members (including six new members) had returned cards for a total of \$55,414, an average gift of \$577. Seventy-one donors also included \$75 for our assessment to the archdiocese. (If your card has been misplaced, extras are in the narthex, please complete one right away.)

ENTHRONEMENT OF OCA METROPOLITAN

His Grace Bishop THOMAS thought he would be at Antiochian Village for the College conference when he began his 4 hour drive from the Chancery in Charleston, West Virginia on December 27th. But just a few miles from the Village he recieved a message from Metropolitan PHILIP asking him to represent the

Antiochian Archdiocese at the Enthronement of Metropolitan JONAH of the OCA. Bishop BASIL, who was originally scheduled to attend, was prevented by bad weather. Bishop THOMAS then drove the 4-1/2 hours to the Washington area in order to attend the Enthronement and Divine Liturgy on Sunday the 28th.

Bishop THOMAS arrived at Saint Nicholas Cathedral at 7:45 on Sunday morning and vested with around 16 other Hierarchs from the various Orthodox Jurisdictions. The occasion provided the opportunity for many of the bishops to greet one another and catch up. At one point the new Metropolitan JONAH came in and asked if Bishop THOMAS remembered attending seminary with him, which he did of course.

At the end of the Liturgy several of the visiting hierarchs and ambassadors communicated a message of joy and encouragement to the new Metropolitan. Bishop THOMAS delivered a message from Metropolitan PHILIP expressing hope for unity among the Orthodox Churches and the support of the Antiochian Archdiocese for the new Metropolitan. Bishop THOMAS delivered the heartfelt message with his usual sense of humor which everyone present seemed to enjoy.

Afterwards His Grace Bishop THOMAS expressed his thoughts on this significant day saying:

“It was a blessing to be in Washington at the enthronement of His Beatitude, JONAH, of the Orthodox Church in America. I was moved by his message of unity for not only the faithful of the OCA, but for all the Orthodox in America. I was struck by the similarity of his message with that of His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP. It is my sincere hope that the enthronement will mark the beginning of unification of all the Orthodox jurisdictions in America.”

HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by the family of Helen Nedder, in her memory. A 40-Day service will follow the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for refreshments following the Liturgy, hosted today by the family of Helen Nedder.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Ken & Barbara Nashawaty. *Christmas donation*
 Richard & Barbara Campbell and Family. *in memory of Rick Deeb*
 Jalal Najm. *in memory of Mary Dreik Najm, Bashir & Gergy*
 Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies *in memory of Kevin Brock*

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.

January 4 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Christmas Collection
\$1195.00	\$550.00	\$195.00	\$150.00	\$25.00

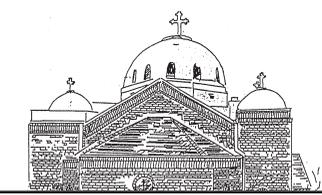
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Sunday Before the Theophany

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 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 EPIPHANY (TONE 1)

When thou O Lord wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee calling Thee his Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

TROPARION FOR RIGHTEOUS THEODOSIOS (TONE 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou has given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou has become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theodosios, intercede with Christ 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 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:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

(4:7-13, Sunday after Theophany)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

ALLELUIA

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(4:12-17, Sunday after Theophany)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."