



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

Today -	One-year memorial for Lallo Elias.
Thursday -	Matins, 9:00 am
Saturday -	Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am Pre-Lenten Retreat follows Liturgy Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
Next Sunday -	Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00 Church School, 12:30-2:30 pm. Madison Elias Baptism, 1:00 pm. Order of Saint Ignatius Gathering at Four Points, 2:00 pm
Fasting -	There is NO fasting the week following the Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican -- not even Wednesday and Friday!

January is Teen SOYO Education Month

24 January
2010



Sunday of
the Pharisee
and Publican

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HELP US SPEED RELIEF TO HAITI!

The suffering of the people of Haiti following this week's earthquake is beyond words – tens of thousands have perished, untold numbers are homeless, without water, shelter or life-saving medical care.

The first few days of a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude are absolutely critical.

IOCC NEEDS YOUR HELP.

Here's how *you can make the difference* for the suffering people of Haiti:

- **Pray for the people of Haiti** and those who have lost loved ones in this disaster and for the safety of those who are working to assist them. See www.iocc.org/prayers.
- **Send a gift** to assist the victims of disasters around the world, like the Haiti Earthquake, by giving to the IOCC International Emergency Response Fund, at www.iocc.org or by sending them to IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225.
- **Assemble hygiene kits and emergency clean-up buckets** to be shipped to places like Haiti – or wherever disasters strike. There is a critical shortage of these supplies and we need your help to provide this aid. For information on hygiene kits, go to www.iocc.org/kits.

Thank you for providing this critical support for thousands who are waiting for us to respond now.



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IOCC, founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), has implemented over \$300 million in relief and development programs in 33 countries around the world.

HAITI UPDATE

Airlift Supported by Orthodox Christians Arrives
 As Orthodox Christians around the country gathered last Sunday to assemble hygiene kits and pray for the people of Haiti, their financial gifts were supporting the transfer of critically-needed supplies to Haitians. Over the weekend an airlift of water purification and sanitation equipment for 10,000 people and 500 family tents are expected to arrive in Port-au-Prince. The airlift was made possible by a partnership between ACT Alliance members International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and valued at more than \$600,000. IOCC's contribution to the airlift was underwritten by an emergency grant from the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, a philanthropic organization of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and long-standing partner with IOCC.

In Norwood over \$4200 was collected and the Church School, with help from others assembled a huge box of hygiene kits. If you have not yet made a donation, please do so today, we will forward a single check tomorrow.

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

“Back to the Future With Saint Ignatius: Then is Now!” this Saturday, right here in Norwood. It is sponsored by the Antiochian Women of the Diocese and features Mother Alexandra, Abbess of Saint Thekla Convent. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am / Registration at 10:00 am.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A letter has been printed for our members, showing up to date information about the program. If your pledge card is on file, your letter will confirm your 2010 amount. For those who have not made a commitment, the letter will show the amount of your 2009 gift and include a form. A list of donors will be printed in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, see a member of the Council.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

The list of names on our prayer list will soon be updated. We need your help: **1.** If there are loved ones for whom you have asked prayers, check the list and reconfirm their names with Father Joseph. **2.** If there are people whose condition is such that they may not need the fervent prayers of the parish, let Father know. **3.** If you added a name to the list and feel it would be good to include a last name, let Father know.

LENTEN RETREAT

The diocesan Fellowship of Saint John the Divine is sponsoring a retreat on Saturday, February 20th at Saint Mary in Pawtucket. The speaker is Father Michael Nasser and the topic is *Keeping Your Faith in a Chaotic World*. Contact Joe Samra for more information: joesamra@gmail.com

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. Phone co-chair Rouh Elias (781-326-5547) or Doug Howdy (617-323-0323) for reservations.

10TH ANNUAL HUFLI

Saint George Cathedral in Worcester is having a hufli on Saturday, February 13th, featuring *Salah Kurdi*. Doors open at 7:30 with mazza. Music begins at 8:30 pm. RSVP by February 4th to hufli2009@gmail.com, Andre (508-667-7099) or Judy (508-752-7358).

CAMBRIDGE

The Fellowship at Saint Mary in Cambridge presents the *2010 Chinese New Year Missions Breakfast* to benefit the Chinese Translation Project via the Orthodox Fellowship of All Saints of China (OFASC) on February 14th.

POINSETTIA SALE

Make a donation and take home a plant. Simple as that!

HOLY BREAD - Gifts are offered today by Karen and Carol Elias in memory of their father Lallo. A one-year memorial follows the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall, hosted today by the Kimmett family (belatedly for Zach's birthday.)

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Sarah Pucci *in thanksgiving for the safe return of Kara Kinonian*

William & Denis Moses, Maurice & Family and those at Byblos Restaurant, Lillie Kelley, Sheila Bennett, Dolores Elias, Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Christine Grady, Martha Cali, Honey Tolia, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Robert & Nancy Deeb, Emaline Eakle, Nick & Jackie Saber, John Howard, Ernest & Sally Peter, Katheryne Howard, Robert Cofsky, Peter Busher & Family, Cleo Eysie & Family, Hellas Assad, Margaret Domet, Sandy, Linda & Bob Thomas, Monica Mulvehill, Lovee Thomas & Family and Dorothy Whitney . . . *in memory of George Eysie*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas (Manikas), Archpriest Robert (Bethoney), Archpriest Michael (Lewis), Khouriyee Elizabeth (Bethoney), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), David (Elliott, serving in Iraq), Michael (Eysie), Janis, Timothy, Kathryne, 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, Lillie, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, 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, Sarah, Charles, Josephine, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

Income January 17	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Haiti Collection
\$8211.30	\$3704 .00	\$20.00	\$320.00	\$4228.00

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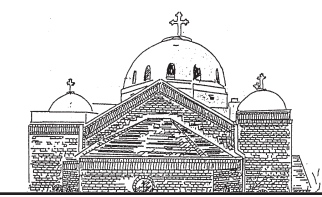
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Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Hieromartyr Babylas of Sciliy; Blessed Xenia of Saint Petersburg, fool-for-Christ

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 8)

O Compassionate One, thou didst descend from the heights; thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to thee.

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 FOR THE PRESENTATION (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.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Vow, and pay to the Lord your God. In Judah is God known.

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

(3:10-15, for the Pharisee and Publican)

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Ico'num, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(18:10-14, for the Pharisee and Publican)

Jesus said, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

*A Pharisee, overcome with vainglory,
and a Publican,
bowed down in repentance,
came to Thee the only Master.
The one boasted and
was deprived of blessings,
while the other kept silent
and was counted worthy of gifts.
Confirm me, O Christ our God,
in these his cries of sorrow,
for Thou lovest mankind.*

-- From Vespers for the Publican and Pharisee