



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم Καλώς ορίσατε! Добро пожаловать
**Welcome ! It is a pleasure to have visitors and friends
 with us at Saint George. If you would like to know
 more about our parish or the Orthodox Church, please ask.**

*Communion: Those Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins,
 who have prepared themselves by fasting, and who have been present
 from the start of the Liturgy are invited to approach the chalice.
 Everyone may partake of the holy bread.*

**Most Rev. Metropolitan
 JOSEPH**
*Antiochian Archdiocese of
 North America*

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN
*Diocese of Worcester &
 New England*

**Very Rev. Father
 Joseph Kimmett, Pastor**



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Sunday 24 January 2016



Upcoming Services and Events

- Today - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 & 10:00 am
 40 Day Memorial for Raouf Khnaizir
 Ladies of Saint George meeting, after coffee hour
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 & 10:00 am
 Teen SOYO Luncheon at coffee hour
 Special Parish Meeting, 12:30 pm
 Church School, 12:30 pm
- February 1 - Evening Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation, 6:00 pm
- Fasting - *There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday.*

To the Beloved Members of Saint George Church

Blessings and Greetings:

The Parish Council has called for a Special Parish Meeting. It will take place Sunday, January 31st at 12:30 pm in the church.

Following the Liturgy that day, everyone will be invited to the hall for a luncheon sponsored by Teen SOYO. After the meal, our members will return to the church for the meeting; our children will stay in the hall, where Church School or a supervised craft project will be available for them.

The purpose of the meeting is to authorize a building expansion and renovation program and to kick off a \$1 million capital campaign to fund the program. At the conclusion of the fund-raising period, another Special Parish Meeting will be held to determine the direction of the project, based on the results of the campaign. It is the second meeting which will determine the actual scope and cost of the project.

The Resolution:

The Parish of Saint George Orthodox Church of Norwood, Massachusetts, gathered on January 31st, 2016 does hereby authorize the Parish Council and Building Committee to begin a building expansion and renovation program. This phase of the program includes a capital campaign to raise \$1 million.

Voting:

As at all parish meetings, those members in good standing (2015 pledge has been paid and a 2016 pledge card has been signed) will be eligible to vote. The parish constitution requires a simple majority for this vote.

Absentee Votes:

The Parish Council, following the directives of the Constitution, will make absentee ballots available for those parishioners in good standing, who are either (a) out of state or (b) for health reasons cannot attend the meeting in person. Any one applying for an absentee ballot must contact Council Chair Joan Cassidy to receive a ballot. It must be returned in a sealed envelope to Council Secretary Rich Plouffe (c/o Saint George Church, 6 Atwood Ave., Norwood MA 02062) and be received prior to the start of the meeting.

Other Business:

The meeting will receive a treasurer's report for September through December 2015. This is the intermittent period prior to the start of a new fiscal year which now begins on January 1st.

Our parish mission statement:

The mission of Saint George Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation in Jesus Christ through the Faith of the Holy Orthodox Church.
We exist to love and worship God, to serve our parish, our community, and all of God's people through Worship and Prayer • Service and Outreach • Education and Faith Fellowship • Being Good Stewards of God's Gifts

MEAL FOR REFUGEES

“A Meal for Refugees” will be shared tomorrow at 7:00 at St. George Orthodox Church of Boston to benefit the internally displaced refugees in Syria. Our special guest that evening will be Bishop Elia (Toumeh), Bishop of the “Valley of the Christians”. Please phone if you plan to attend: 617.323.0323.

STEWARDSHIP

The 2016 Stewardship Program is wrapping up. Since the printing of our list of stewards last week, we are now up to 88 parishioners who returned signed pledge cards. The total pledged is over \$74,520, for an average of \$846 each. The list of current donors will be printed again in the coming weeks. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or you can set up your giving on line at www.StGeorgeNorwood.org/Donations.html

YES BOSTON

YES (Youth Equipped to Serve) is a program of *FOCUS North America*.
 WHEN? Friday, February 26 – Sunday, February 28,
 WHAT? A wonderful opportunity to serve and love our most needy neighbors in Boston, MA.
 WHO? Junior High, High School, and College Students
 WHERE? We will meet at 5pm on Friday and stay Friday and Saturday nights at Saint Mary Church, Cambridge.
 COST? A registration of \$150 a person will cover trip expenses and help meet the needs of those who will be served.
 HOW DO I REGISTER? www.yesnorthamerica.org

ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS

The Saint Ignatius Winter Get-Together is Sunday, February 14, at Ken’s Steak House in Framingham. Cocktails at 4:00 and dinner at 5:00 pm. For information, contact debbielaham@aol.com

THEOPHANY OPEN HOUSE

Theophany School is now enrolling for Fall 2016! Theophany School offers 3 and 5 day Preschool programs, including a full day Pre-K and Kindergarten! Join us for an Open House on Thursday, February 11, 2016 from 6:30-8pm located at 754 Greendale Ave., Needham, MA 02492. Meet our staff and learn more about Theophany School! Fun activities for kids and light refreshments will be provided. All families are welcome! For more information contact us at 781-444-3058 or theophanyschool@gmail.com, or visit our website at <http://www.theophanyschool.org>

TAXES, SOCIAL SECURITY ... CONFUSED?

Our parish has established a relationship with Thrivent Financial (a non-profit organization and #335 on the Fortune 500.) They will offer two workshops in the coming weeks for our members and friends in the community. The dates are February 25th and March 16th, both will begin at 7:00 and last one hour. One will focus on retirement planning and the other on dealing with new Social Security rules. More details will be out very soon. Our contact with Thrivent is Father Ben Kjendal, priest at Saint Michael on the Cape, who also works as a financial advisor.

HOLY BREAD -

The gifts today are offered by Laila Khnaizir, John Khnaizir, George Khnaizir and Minerva Mouanes in memory of Raouf Khnaizir.

COFFEE HOUR -

Please stay for refreshments following Liturgy today.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Sheila Bennett.....*in memory of Joseph Purpura and Charles Kelley*
 Dolores Elias*in memory of Antonetta Troilo*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo, Archbishop Yohanna (Syriac bishop) and all who are in danger and captivity and the suffering Christians of Syria, Palestine, Iraq, the Middle East and North Africa.

Pray also for Archpriest Michael (Ellias), Archpriest Joseph, Kh Kathleen, Michael & the Purpura Family, Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Olga (Abdallah), John (Solomon), Barbara (Eysie), Nancy (Deeb), Arlene (Kimmnett), Reggie (DiCicco), George (Bolis), Diane (Katie Birtwell’s mother), Dana, Sarah (Pucci), Frances (Giandomenico), Elias and Linda (Cindy Apgar’s father and sister), Elaine (Bitar), Camille (Florio), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Marion (Redonnet), Nicolae (Daniela’s father), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Kathyne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

January 17 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$7386.00			\$232.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

- Cindy Apgar
- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Jeff Saber
- Jenna Weiskerger

- Arabic Bulletin - Kh. Ramia Issa
- Assistants to the Treasurer -
 Marlene Lupaczyk
 Madeline Shaheen
- Chanter -
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Apgar
- Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Church School - Valerie Saber
- Epistle Readers - Linda Thomas
- FSJD Dio. Secy - Leeann Plouffe
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Emily Pappas
- Ladies President -
- Lawn Care - Owen & Nick
- Order of St Ignatius Liaison - Erin K.
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- Seminarian - Erik Potter
- Teen President - Nick Kimmnett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



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 1)

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF SAINT XENIA (TONE 8)

In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

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 MEETING IN THE TEMPLE (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:

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord, my God.

**The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to Timothy
(1:15-17; 31st Sunday)**

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke
(18:35-43; 14th Luke)**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.