



# 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 - Church School, 12:30-2:30 pm.  
Madison Elias Baptism, 1:00 pm.  
Order of Saint Ignatius Gathering at Four Points, 2:00 pm
- Monday - Divine Liturgy for the Meeting in the Temple, 6:00 pm
- Thursday - Matins, 9:00 am
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Meatfare Sunday  
Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00  
Teen SOYO Souper Bowl Collection
- Fasting - There is fasting this week on Wednesday and Friday.

*January is Teen SOYO Education Month*

31 January  
2010



Sunday of the  
Prodigal Son

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010

# Help Our Parish Become Souper Bowl Champions!

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, team up with our parish's youth to help the needy in our community and around the world. Help our team in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" by bringing one dollar and a canned good with you to Liturgy. Please support this effort and help our parish become Souper Bowl Champions!



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**WELCOME**

All of us at Saint George are delighted to welcome *Mother Alexandra* to our parish. Mother Alexandra was the retreat leader here yesterday and will speak this afternoon at the Order of Saint Ignatius gathering. She is abbess of Saint Thekla Convent at Antiochian Village and will be preaching today at the end of the Liturgy.

**HAITI UPDATE**

In Norwood over \$4500 was collected for earthquake relief in Haiti -- the funds have already been forwarded. Our Church School, with help from others assembled a huge box of hygiene kits, which have also been sent.

**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](mailto:joesamra@gmail.com)

**WINTERFEST HUFLI**

Saint George of Boston is having a hufli this Saturday, beginning at 8:00 pm, 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](mailto: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.

**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 his/her last name, let Father know that as well.

**Pray** for the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas (Manikas), Archpriest Robert (Bethoney), Archpriest Michael (Lewis), Khouriyee Elizabeth (Bethoney), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Emaline (Eakle), Jack & Helen (Baronian, who are traveling), Charles (Kouyoumjian), Jamil (Samara), David (Elliott, serving in Iraq), Michael (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathryne, Edward, Nicholas, Richard (Esper), Claudia (Eysie), Chris, Elizabeth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Richard, Michael, Frances (Giandomenico), Samera (Eysie), Stephanie, Mary, John, Albert, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Lillie, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Thomas, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Josephine, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE**

Save the Date! The 72nd Annual Parish Life Conference is being hosted by Saint George Cathedral Worcester the weekend of June 18-20. Rooms start at only \$98. Call the *Sturbridge Host Hotel* to book your room today. (508-347-7393) or on-line at [sturbridgehosthotel.com](http://sturbridgehosthotel.com)

**HOLY BREAD** - Gifts are offered today by Timothy Markatos (and members of the Teen SOYO) on his Name Day. Gifts are also offered by Estelle Mike, in memory of Richard Mike.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall, hosted today by the Markatos' and the Teen SOYO.

**FLOWERS** - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given by Sheila Bennett for the good health of the Bennetts and Kelleys and for Madyson Bennett on her 4th birthday.

**VOTIVES** - A seven day candle burns before the Icon of Christ, given by the Doros Family in memory of Lucretia and Vasilica.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -**

Don & Camille Florio .....*for the health of Peter Kaltsunas*  
 Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk .....*for the health of Michael Eysie*  
 Carol & Karen Elias .....*in memory of Lallo Elias*  
 Anthony Grasso .....*in memory of Sarah Grasso*

Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk, Loretta Thomas & Family, Kay Moseley, Kay Mike, Jennie Mike, LaPinata Social Club, Catherine Destito, Dempsey Insurance, Virginia Coppola, Kathryn Babel, Evelyn Khalil Michael, Samera & Ronald Mike, Joan Vater, Donna Ivey, Mary Ryan and anonymous donors .....*in memory of George Eysie*

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

A letter has been distributed to our members, showing up to date information about the program. If your pledge card is on file, the letter confirms your 2010 amount. For those who have not yet made a commitment, the letter shows the amount of your 2009 gift and includes a form. As of Thursday, **103 members have pledged \$68,649.00 (an average of \$666.50 each.)** A list of donors will be printed in the bulletin next week. If you have any questions, see a member of the Council.

Income January 24	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Haiti Collection
\$3753.30	\$1610.00	\$1410.00	\$268.00	\$4518.00

**Council & Parish Leaders**

Christine Byron  
 Joseph Eysie  
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 & Marwan Samman  
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## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

### Unmercenaries Cyros and John

#### 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 2)

When thou, O immortal Life, didst humble thyself unto death, then didst thou destroy death by the brightness of thy Godhead; and when thou didst raise the bowels of the earth, then all the heavenly powers exclaimed, O Christ, thou art the Giver of life! Glory to thee, O our God!

#### 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:*

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

##### The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12-20, Prodigal Son)

Brethren, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" --and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for

the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

*Alleluia.*

##### The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (15:11-32, Prodigal Son)

Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But

when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"