



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.*

12 July 2009



**Fifth
Sunday
after
Pentecost**

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CALENDAR

<u>Today</u> -	Chrismation of Alexis Bethoney's fiance German Gerena Six-month memorial for Lallo Elias Ladies Meeting after Coffee Hour
<u>Monday</u> -	Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy 10:00 am Baptism of Travis Joseph Florio Father Joseph leaves for Archdiocese Convention
<u>Fasting</u> -	<i>There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week.</i>

The Most Reverend
Metropolitan PHILIP



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of All North
America

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Archpastoral Directive

To all Clergy, Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, Parish Councils, and Faithful of the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America:

Greetings and Blessings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Today, July 9th, 2009, the Archdiocesan Synod was convened in a special meeting by telephone conference, and all seven of the hierarchs who are members of the Synod were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to resolve the issue of the status of the bishops in the Archdiocese of North America. The Archdiocesan Synod, by a two-thirds majority, approved the titles which are to be used for our bishops. These titles reflect two important realities within our Archdiocese. First, that our bishops are indeed bishops of a specific city. Second, that we are one Archdiocese which is unified under one Metropolitan. As such, our bishops have the role of assistant to the Metropolitan in the administration of our unified Archdiocese. The titles of the bishops are as follows:

+ANTOUN,	Bishop of Miami and Assistant to The Metropolitan
+JOSEPH,	Bishop of Los Angeles and Assistant to The Metropolitan
+BASIL,	Bishop of Wichita and Assistant to The Metropolitan
+THOMAS,	Bishop of Charleston/Oakland and Assistant to The Metropolitan
+MARK,	Bishop of Toledo and Assistant to The Metropolitan
+ALEXANDER,	Bishop of Ottawa and Assistant to The Metropolitan

In addition, the following two decisions were approved by the members of the Archdiocesan Synod:

1. That the commemoration of the bishops is to be restored immediately to what it was before The Archpastoral Directive dated March 3rd, 2009. That is, effective immediately, both the Metropolitan and the bishop are to be commemorated in all divine services, regardless of whether or not the bishop is physically present.
2. That, as soon as is practicable, the Manual of Hierarchical Duties and Responsibilities will be updated to reflect these and other decisions.

2009 ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION

The 49th Convention of our Archdiocese is being held at the Marriott Resort in Palm Desert, California, from July 19-26, 2009. Father Joseph and Kh. Erin will be attending. Daily reports will be posted at www.antiochian.org. Department reports are already available; a pdf file can be downloaded from www.archdioceseconvention2009.org/pdf/Deptreportsweb.pdf

One of the occasions to be commemorated at this year's convention will be that of Metropolitan PHILIP's 50th anniversary of his elevation to the priesthood. May God grant His Eminence many, many years! Another event is **SOYO's 40th anniversary**. See the *You Tube* video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=5N_iSXd9g3I#

CELEBRATE WITH SAIDNA IN NORWOOD

His Eminence *Metropolitan PHILIP will visit here* in September. On Saturday the 19th, Great Vespers will be at 6:00 pm, followed by a festive dinner at the Apollo Restaurant to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Ladies of Saint George. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks. On Sunday the 20th, His Eminence will serve the Hierarchical Liturgy, including a one-year memorial for Father Nifon.

Many of the committees for the weekend are in place. The Ladies will meet today at coffee hour to go over some of the details of the dinner and you are invited to attend and find out how you can help.

WALKWAY / PATIO & LANDSCAPING

Have you ever seen grass grow so fast? The sprouts of green everywhere are a wonderful complement to the project. If you did not purchase an engraved brick it is not too late-- the plan is to reorder bricks each spring or whenever there is a significant number to take to the engraver ... right now we are pretty close to that number,

so if you are thinking about a brick, please complete a form by the end of this month . PHASE TWO includes a sign for the church and several folks gave us their ideas for a sign. These can be seen posted in the parish hall; share your thoughts with a member of the Parish Council before you leave today.

SONIAS RUN - BUILDING ON A DREAM

The inaugural 5K road race to benefit Theophany School, in memory of Sonia Daly Belcher, is Saturday September 19. The race is USATF sanctioned, it starts and finishes at Saint George Church in West Roxbury at 9:00 am. (Kids 50 yard dash at 8:30) Registration forms are in the parish hall and on-line at www.SoniasRun.org (Yes, the race is the same weekend that the Metropolitan is visiting Norwood, but you'll have plenty of time to freshen up after the race before the festivities here.)

ATTENTION ON-LINE SHOPPERS

Over 1,500 stores have agreed to support **Saint George Church** and other non-profit organizations by *rebating a percentage of each sale* that comes from our website. All those stores have been put into one convenient marketplace that is linked to our site. Parishioners, friends, family and others get there by *clicking* the gold shopping bag on our home page: www.StGeorgeNorwood.org. When anybody buys something at any of these stores, we receive money – as much as 37% of the sale.

Shoppers pay no more than if they went to the store direct. They may even save money using the special offers that are available to members. A few of these companies include Macy's, Amazon.com, 1-800-Flowers, Dell, Gap, Staples, Barnes & Noble, Travelocity, Drugstore.com and Eddie Bauer.

Visit our web-site today, click on the Fundraising logo and have fun shopping: www.StGeorgeNorwood.org

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered by Karen and Carol Elias in memory of Lallo Elias; a 6-month memorial will be served after Liturgy. By Kathryn Howard in memory of Halem Howard. By Alexis Bethoney and her family on the occasion of the christmation of German Gerena.

FLOWERS - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Icon of the Theotokos are given by Alexis Bethoney and her family in thanksgiving for the chrismation of German Gerena.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments after Liturgy today, hosted by Kathryn Howard and Alexis Bethoney.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Bill & Helen Abril . . . *in thanksgiving for the birth of their grandson Colton*
 Don & Camille Florio *for the health of Susan Florio*
 Sandy Thomas, Lovee Thomas & Families *in memory of Sally Mammone*
 James & Arlene Kimmett *general donation*
 Sandy Thomas & Family *for the health of Joe Eysie*
 The Abdallah & Donohue Families *in memory of Mance Paquette*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for newly departed: Archpriest Gabriel White and Billy Stewart.
Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Khouriyee Joanne, Deacon Elias, Hugh, Claudia, Chris, Elizaebth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Richard, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, 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, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean,

Income July 5	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$1214.50	\$493 .00	\$ 275 .00	\$231.50	N.A.

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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Martyrs Proklos and Hilarion of Ancyra; Veronica, who was healed by the Lord

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.

KONTAKION (TONE 4)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honour thee.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeminon and Verse: How magnified are Thy works, O Lord; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading is from the Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Romans (10:1-10; 5th Sunday)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (8:28-34; 9:1; 5th Sunday)

When Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.