



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

<u>Today</u> -	The Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Vespers follow the Liturgy Ladies of Saint George meet after coffee hour
<u>Thursday</u> -	Matins, 9:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	All Saints Sunday Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
<u>Fasting</u> -	<i>There is no fasting the week after Pentecost, not even Wednesday or Friday. The Apostles Fast begins the Monday after All Saints (June 15th) and continues til Saints Peter & Paul on the 29th.</i>

7 June 2009



Feast of
PENTECOST

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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

is dedicated to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Christ. This event brought into existence the Church of Christ and gave rise to the Christian faith on earth. On the feast of Pentecost the Church brings its children to the doors of its spiritual life and appeals to them to renew and strengthen in themselves the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to them in Baptism. Spiritual life of an individual is impossible without God's grace, which possesses the mysterious power of rebirth and transforms the whole of the Christian's inward life. However lofty and valuable his desire might be, it will be fulfilled by the Holy Spirit. That is why the feast of Pentecost is always so joyfully celebrated by Orthodox Christians.

Throughout all of history God gradually revealed himself to mankind. During Old Testament times people knew only about God the Father. Since the birth of the Savior they learned of his Only-begotten Son, and on the day of the descent of the Holy Spirit people learned of the existence of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Thus mankind was instructed to believe and praise God, one in essence and Threefold in Persons, that is, God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one and indivisible.

--Bishop ALEXANDER (Mileant)

St. George Church of Boston presents
Vacation Church School 2009

Theme: Traveling the Ark of Salvation

Monday June 29 - Thursday July 2 -- 8:45 am - 1:00 pm
For pre-school (at least 3 years old & potty trained) through 4th grade



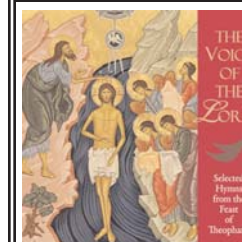
Join us for a week of lessons, crafts,
playtime, singing, and fun!

Snacks will be provided each morning.
Participants should bring a bag lunch on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday.
Lunch will be provided on the last day (Thursday).

Registration Donation: \$15 for one child; \$20 for two children;
\$25 for three children.

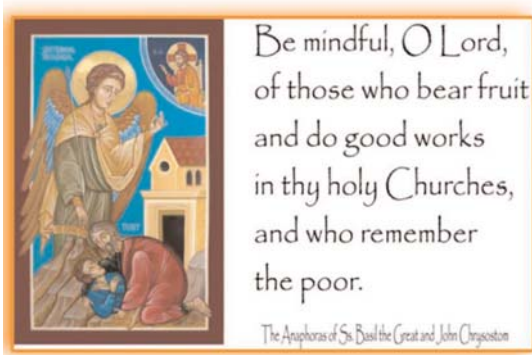
To download a registration form, please visit our website at:
<http://www.stgeorgeofboston.org/ministries/vcs.html>

Please contact Khalil Samara if you have any questions.
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"The Voice of the Lord", a compilation of hymns from the Feast of Theophany chanted in traditional Byzantine melodies in English is now available for purchase to help benefit the **Theophany School**.

Produced in memory of Sonia Daly Belcher and directed by Rassem El Massih, a graduate of the School of Byzantine Music of the Archdiocese of Tripoli and El-Koura. Each CD sells for \$15, and all proceeds will benefit the "Building on a Dream" Campaign for Theophany School.



PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Worcester & New England 2009 Parish Life Conference is **June 25-28**. It is hosted this year by Saint George Orthodox Church of Lawrence. His Grace Bishop ANTOUN will be the presiding hierarch. The location is the Wyndam Hotel in Andover; phone 978-975-3600 for room reservations. Conference registration forms are available in the parish hall. Schedules and other information are on-line at www.StGeorgeLawrence.org/Conf2009 and see <http://www.archdiocesesevention2009.org/> for info about the Archdiocese Convention

WALKWAY AND PATIO

Work continues to move forward on the new walkway and patio. If you did not purchase an engraved brick earlier this year, forms for ordering bricks are in the parish hall -- the plan is to reorder bricks early each spring, or whenever there are a substantial number to take to the engraver ... and so far we have quite a few more!

MARK THE DATE

His Eminence **Metropolitan PHILIP** will visit our **parish** the weekend of September 19-20. Saturday evening will be devoted to the 90th anniversary celebration of the Ladies of Saint George. On Sunday, the one-year memorial for Father Nifon will be served.

MARROW DONOR REGISTRATION

More than 35,000 patients per year, many of them children, are diagnosed with diseases treatable by marrow or stem cell transplant. These diseases include leukemia, lymphoma and other cancers and genetic diseases. You could be someone's perfect match. Please join us for a **Marrow donor registration drive**. A simple mouth swab is all it takes to register as a volunteer donor.

Place: St. John of Damascus
Date: June 14, 2009 from 10:45 am-12 pm

To register you must be between the ages of 16 and 60 and in general good health. Legislators in several states have passed laws that make it mandatory for most insurance companies operating in these states to pay for the HLA testing. Please bring your health insurance card.

CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

The Archdiocese Department of Missions & Evangelism welcomes as our keynote speaker for the 2009 Conference **His Beatitude the Most Blessed JONAH**, Primate of the OCA. It takes place September 4-7 at the Antiochian Village. The conference theme is "One Faith, One Church, One Message: the Necessity of Orthodox Unity in America to Bring America to Orthodoxy" It would be awesome if someone from our parish would attend; see Father Joseph for more details.

SYRIAN-LEBANESE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Syrian-Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston will celebrate its **75th Anniversary** and Scholarship Awards Ceremony next Sunday at 1:30 PM at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood. Tickets are \$40. For information, see Hellas Assad.

GRECIAN FESTIVAL

The annual festival under the tent at Saints Constantine & Helen Church in Cambridge is June 19-21. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

HOLY BREAD -

The gifts are offered today by Michele and Timothy Markatos for Taso on his birthday.

COFFEE HOUR -

Please join us for refreshments after Liturgy, hosted this morning by the Markatos Family.

VOTIVE -

A seven day candle burns before the Icon of Christ, given by Michele and Timothy Markatos in thanksgiving for Taso on his birthday.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

The Plouffe Family *for the health of Anthony & Sarah Grasso*
 *and for the health of William Mooney*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriye Elizabeth, Khouriye 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, David, Sterling, Mary.

Pray for the newly departed servant of God Nicholas.

Income May 31	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$2038.00	\$1705.00	\$130.00	\$303.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

- Andrew Howard (Chairman)
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The Fiftieth Day after Pascha
PENTECOST

EISODIKON

Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thy own strength. We will sing and praise thy mighty acts. Save us, O good Comforter, as we sing to thee Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

TROPARION OF PENTECOST (TONE 8)

Blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to thee.

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST (TONE 8)

When the high One descended, confusing tongues, he divided the nations. And when he distributed the fiery tongues he called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

AT THE PLACE OF "HOLY GOD"

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

MEGALYNARION (NINTH ODE OF KATABASIA OF THE FEAST, TONE 7)

O Mother that hath known no man, thou didst conceive, not experiencing corruption, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of all, becoming a receptacle to thine insupportable Creator, a dwelling-place to thine incomprehensible Maker. Wherefore, O Virgin Theotokos, thee do we magnify.

COMMUNION HYMN

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land, Alleluia.

AT THE PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT"

Apolytikion of the Feast

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy
Apostles (2:1-11, Pentecost)**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel accord-
ing to Saint John (7:37-52, 8:12, Pentecost)**

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."