



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. Archbishop
 JOSEPH**
*Metropolitan of North
 America*

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

Very Rev. Father
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Sunday 1 March 2015



Upcoming Services and Events

March is Antiochian Women's Month in the Archdiocese

- Today - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 & 10:00 am
 Church School
- Monday - Diocesan Great Compline Service, Cotuit 7:00 pm
- Tuesday - Visitation for Eugenia Georges, 10:00 am / Funeral, 11:00 am
- Wednesday - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Lenten Potluck Supper, 6:00 pm
- Friday - Second Salutations on the Akathist / Medayeh 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 /10:00 am
- Fasting - *Strict Lenten fast through April 11. The fast is lightened on weekends; oil and wine are permitted.*



His Eminence
 The Most Reverend
 Metropolitan JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and
 Metropolitan of
 All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

St. George Church
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March 1, 2015

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

"Let us begin the season of fasting with rejoicing, giving ourselves to spiritual strife, purifying soul and body, fasting from passions, as we fast from foods, faring on the virtues of the Spirit, which if we continue to long for, we shall all be worthy to behold the most solemn Passion of Christ, and the holy Pascha, rejoicing with spiritual joy."

---Vespers of Cheese-fare Sunday Evening

Reverend Fathers, Esteemed Members of the Parish Council, Beloved Faithful:

Grace and peace to you and your families in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on this first Sunday of the Great Fast.

Each year on this Sunday an appeal is made for your continued support for the young men of our archdiocese who are undertaking theological studies in preparation for ordination. We must all give thanks to God for having richly blessed us with an abundance of workers in the Lord's Vineyard. At the same time, we must be constantly vigilant of the rising cost of educating these young men. As college tuition continues to rise, so does the cost of educating our future priests. The last thing we want is to send a new, young priest (most often with a wife and children) to a parish to serve his spiritual children with a large debt hanging over his head. With that in mind, we ask you, the "families" of these young men whom you will someday call father, to give generously as you always do for this special collection.

Praying that this holy season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will aid us on our journey to the heavenly kingdom, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+Metropolitan JOSEPH
 Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

Note: Please make your check payable to the "Antiochian Archdiocese" and earmark it "Sunday of Orthodoxy". St. George Church-Norwood- Minimum Contribution is \$ 400

STEWARDSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

Since printing the 2015 Stewardship update a few weeks back, the numbers have changed again -- all for the better. As of Friday there are 110 members who have signed pledge cards for the year. The average gift is \$745, for a total of \$81,950.

Before Lent began we had a spectacular Oldies Night in the parish hall, the net profits were \$1111. And we already have folks talking about another event.

Hopefully, you all know about internet shopping through our website. When you go to our homepage and click the "Fundraising Solutions" logo you are directed to a page full of shopping opportunities. And when you check out, the church gets a portion of the sales. For 2014 we got back \$38.17. So either people are forgetting about this simple, safe way to shop, or you aren't shopping enough?

NICHOLS STREET CLOSING

This past Monday, Father Joseph, Joan Cassidy, Paul Eysie, our broker and counsel for the Town of Norwood met at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds to complete the sale of the Nichols Street property. (When dealing with a municipality and a church, it takes a little longer to process paperwork than when two private parties are involved in a sale.) At the conclusion of the meeting our church had a check for \$525,000, which went right to the bank. As dictated by the Special Meeting of our parish last year, the funds can be used only for expenses related to our building renovation / expansion.

We retained the services of Attorney David Hern, who is working with the various boards in the Town and our architect, to see what will be possible. As always, the Parish Council will keep everyone up to date.

IOCC ASSISTS SYRIAN CHRISTIANS

Baltimore, MD (IOCC) — Fleeing for their lives, more than 2,400 exhausted and traumatized

Christians from northeastern Syria sought refuge in the towns of Hasakah and Qamishli after their small communities were terrorized this week. The attackers targeted a stretch of villages along the southern bank of the Khabour River, where they burned homes and churches, murdered a fleeing 16-year-old boy, and abducted 150 Assyrian Christian men, women and children from their homes.

For those who managed to escape the attack and seek shelter in Hasakah, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), with its church partner, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (GOPA), is providing food, medical attention, and emergency aid. IOCC/GOPA, which has offices in both Hasakah and Qamishli, is responding to the immediate needs of more than 1,000 displaced Syrian families seeking shelter at the Syriac Orthodox Church and the Assyrian Church in the Al Nasreh neighborhood of Hasakah with the distribution of food parcels, bedding, infant clothing and shoes. More than 600 of the survivors who fled the onslaught are children.

IOCC, an ACT Alliance member, is one of the few humanitarian organizations inside Syria providing immediate assistance to displaced families and elderly who have endured four years of a brutal war. Working in 28 offices across Syria, IOCC has provided relief to 2.5 million vulnerable people inside Syria since 2012.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help the victims of poverty and conflicts around the world by making a financial gift to the International Emergency Response Fund which will provide immediate relief, as well as long-term support through the provision of emergency aid, recovery assistance and other support to help those in need. To make a gift, visit ioccc.org or phone 1-877-803-IOCC or mail a check or money order payable to IOCC, P.O. Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297.

HOLY BREAD & COFFEE HOUR - The gifts and this morning's coffee hour are offered today by the Kouyoumjian family.

VOTIVE A seven-day candle burns before the Icon of the Theotokos, given by Lucine Kouyoumjian in memory of her aunt, Rose Baronian.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Jeannette Morrison, Bea Card, Josephine Purpura, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman, Emaline Eakle, Bette Lasden & Family, Judith Killeen, Dino & Emily Pappas, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Ernest & Sally Peter, Joseph & Lucine Kouyoumjian, Richard & Leeann Plouffe, William & Susan Carpenter, Sophie Boulis, Thomas & Joan Cassidy, Catherine & Edward Moseley, Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Barbara Breck, Cameron Kelley & Sandra Breck, Mary Cali, Carol Anthony, Dolores Elias, Kathyryne Howard, John Breck, Nicholas & Doris Copoulos, Sarah Pucci, Don & Christine Byron, Joe & Karen Kinonian, Jeanne Jennings Noonan and Marie Coffin.....*in memory of Mary Kelley*
 Don & Christine Byron*in memory of Ioan Doros*
 Kouyoumjian Family*in memory of Rose Baronian*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Pray also for Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Arlene (Kimmitt), Diane (Katie Birtwell's mother), Dana, Sarah (Pucci), Frances (Giandomenico), Elias (Laham, Cindy's father), Elaine (Bitar), Joyce (Boulis), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Marion (Redonnet), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Sam and Beverly (DiFlaminies), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Lana (Joseph), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Kathyryne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

Pray for the newly departed Charles (brother in law of Father Michael) and Evgenia (Georges).

February Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Oldies Dinner
\$8056.92	\$3690.00	\$2910.00	\$392.75	\$1111.00

Council & Parish Leaders

- Cindy Appgar
- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell (Asst. Treas.)
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Jenna Weiskerger

- Arabic Bulletin - Kh. Ramia Issa
- Bookkeeper - Marlene Lupaczyk
- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Appgar
- Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- FSJD Dio. Secy - Leeann Plouffe
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Beverly DiFlaminies
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Lawn Care - Owen & Zach
- Order of St Ignatius Liaison - Erin K.
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Seminarian - Nicholas Livingston
- Teen President - Nick Kimmitt
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Sunday of Orthodoxy: The First Sunday in Lent

Venerable-martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis; Venerable Domnina of Syria; Martyrs Markellos and Anthony of Pamphylia; Venerable Agapios of Vatopedi monastery on Athos; Venerable David of Wales, bishop of Menevia

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 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (TONE 2)

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by thine own will thou didst ascend the Cross in thy body, to save thy creatures from bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since thou didst come, O our Saviour, to save the world.

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 ANNUNCIATION (TONE 8)

To thee, the Champion Leader, I thy city ascribe thank-offerings of victory; for thou hast delivered me from terrors, O Theotokos; but as thou hast that power which is invincible, from all dangers set me free, that I may cry out unto thee: "Hail, O Bride without bridegroom!"

MEGALYNARION IN THE LITURGY OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT (TONE 8)

In thee rejoiceth all creation, O thou who art full of grace, the hierarchy of the angels, and all mankind, O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech, glory of virginity, of whom god, who is our god before the ages, was incarnate and became a little child.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

(11:24-25; 32-40, Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated-- of whom the world was not worthy--wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John

(1:43-51, Sunday of Orthodoxy)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Beth-sa'ida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathan'a-el, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathan'a-el said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

THE LORD'S PRAYER will be PRAYED in the native languages of our people each Sunday in Lent. We begin with English, then Arabic, Greek, Russian, Romanian and Spanish...