

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor
Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS.
IT IS A BLESSING TO HAVE YOU WITH US AT SAINT GEORGE.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH,
OR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE SEE THE PRIEST.

ONLY THOSE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO ARE REPENTANT OF THEIR
SINS AND HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES THROUGH FASTING ARE INVITED
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO VENERATE
THE CROSS AND SHARE HOLY BREAD FOLLOWING THE LITURGY.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

Today - *Bible Bowl Study Session, during coffee hour*
Tuesday - *Class on Contemporary Moral Issues, 7:00 pm*
Thursday - *Matins, 9:00 am*
Saturday - *Great Vespers, 5:00 pm*
Next Sunday - *Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am*
40-day memorial for Richard Mike
Forgiveness Vespers, 7:00 pm

Today is the last day to eat meat until Pascha. Cheese, dairy and fish are permitted each day this week. Next Sunday is Cheesefare Sunday and Monday the 10th is Pure Monday, the start of the Great Fast.

HOLY BREAD

The holy bread today is offered by the family of John Shalbey in his memory and by the Kimmett and Farha families in memory of Violet Farha. A 40-day memorial will be served for John and for Violet at the end of the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs for coffee and fellowship after the service, hosted today by the Shalbey and Kimmett families.

FLOWERS

The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Icon of the Theotokos are given by the family of John Shalbey and the family of Violet Farha in their memory.

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SUNDAY OF
MEATFARE -
JUDGEMENT
SUNDAY

MORAL ISSUES AND THE ORTHODOX

Our series of classes on *contemporary issues* continues this Tuesday, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. We will take a break during Lent and resume later on in the year.

LADIES NEWS

March is Antiochian Women's Month throughout our archdiocese. Here in Norwood, the *Coffee Hour Baskets* during March will benefit "The Project".

- Monday, March 10th, our Ladies will host a reception after the Compline Service at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday, March 25th, the Ladies are sponsoring a *Fish Dinner*, which will also benefit "The Project".
- The *next meeting is on the 30th* after coffee hour.

ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

The *2007 Treasurer's Report* has been updated for approval by the parish. Copies are available in the parish hall. A vote to accept will be taken next Sunday at the end of coffee hour.

LENT IS COMING

- The pre-Lenten period began on February 17th and continues this week.
- Great Lent begins next Monday, March 10th.
 - › Forgiveness Vespers is March 9th at 7:00 pm
 - › The Diocesan Great Compline service will be here at 7:00 pm on Monday, the 10th.
 - › Pre-Sanctified Liturgies will be served Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 12th at 6:00 pm, followed by a Lenten Potluck.
 - › Salutations on the Akathist will be served on Fridays in Lent, beginning March 14th at 7:00 pm.
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be at Saint Sava Serbian Church in Cambridge, March, 16th.
- Western Easter is March 23rd.
- Palm Sunday is April 20th and *Pascha is April 27th*.

CAMP

Spending two fabulous weeks at *Antiochian Village* this summer? Registration is underway. Visit <http://www.antiochianvillage.org/camp.html>

SCHOLARSHIP

The *Nicholas G. Beram Scholastic Award* is made available each year to youth in the Arab American community. Applications are on line at: <http://www.stjohnd.org/ngberam/>

MANY YEARS

Last week in Florida, there was a celebration for Bishop ANTOUN's 25th year in the episcopate. Coverage of the event is on line at antiochian.org. At the archdiocese web-site you can also view "*Two Boys from the Balamand*," a video produced to honor Metropolitan PHILIP's 35th episcopal anniversary, which includes many scenes with Saidna ANTOUN.

DIRECTORIES

The 2008 directory of parishioners and friends is here. There is one copy in the parish hall for each household (extras are \$2.00 each.) For the first time, there are large-print and electronic versions available. If you would like to load the information on your PDA or computer, send an email to GeoNorwood@aol.com. *Please note, as we live in an age in which safe-guarding data is so important, we ask that you also respect the privacy of your fellow parishioners and not disseminate any of the names or numbers printed.*

HELLO FROM OLD FRIENDS

A photo of our *Lena and Maya Fotopoulos* is on the bulletin board downstairs. Yvonne sent a note, extending love to all. Their new address is 29 East Smoketree Ct., Clayton, NC 27527

Last weekend, *Renee Melchert* was in town and she sends greetings from all her family. Her email is rmelchert@chaska.net



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Beloved Hierarchs, Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese.

Greetings and blessings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The month of March is designated as Women's Month in our Archdiocese. The Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America was founded in 1973. Since that time, they have raised over two million dollars towards the funding and support of many of our most worthwhile endeavors such as the Antiochian Village, the Seminarians, Continuing Pastoral Education, Missions, St. George Hospital of Beirut, Lebanon, Project Orphanages/Antiochian Women and Katherine Ajar Endowment Fund, Clergy Retirement Fund and many others. Through their hard work, dedication and strong sense of sisterhood, they have continued to find many ways to strengthen their ministry in the Orthodox Church.

The Antiochian Women have always shown much concern for the orphans of this world; therefore, the first Sunday in March will continue to be designated as "Orphans Sunday." During the month of March, you will have an opportunity to see our women in more active roles in the church, such as reading the Epistle, taking the collection and addressing the congregation about the Antiochian Women, their roles in the parishes and the Archdiocese, as well as their on-going project, the Retired Clergy Fund.

The Retired Clergy Fund deserves your commitment and support to sustain its existence and provide for growth, as more of our clergy reach retirement. The fund provides financial assistance to the retired clergy and their widows. Presently there are 45 retired clergy and 14 widows who receive monthly support for their many years of faithful and dedicated service to our parishes. Please continue to pray for the retired clergy and widows, not only during Women's Month, but throughout the year.

Your Father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate
The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

"...the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." ACTS 11:26

TOTAL DEPOSITS	PLEDGES	MEMORIALS & DONATIONS	TRAYS	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR OUTREACH
<i>FEBRUARY 2008</i>					
\$13,613.00	\$5898.00	\$2822.00	\$865.00	N.A.	\$25.00



VOTIVE CANDLES

Seven-day candles burn before the Icon of the Theotokos in memory of John Shalbey, given by Dianne Shalbey; and in memory of Sonia Belcher.

PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Kay Mike *for the health of Catherine Keches*
Dianne Shalbey, Dolores Elias and Sharon Weiskerger *in memory of Lillian Koury*
Kenneth Hadge and Sharon Weiskerger *in memory of Freda Franciosi*
Dianne Shalbey, Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Allan - Joanne - Patick and Kevin Maloof, Bob & Nancy Deeb, Harold & Lorraine Matway and Sharon Weiskerger *in memory of John Shalbey*
John & Elizabeth Roberts *in memory of Violet Farha*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Edward, Priest Robert, Deacon Elias, Khouriyee Joanne, Alice, Hayes, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Helen, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Edward, Carrie, Sam, Camille, Michael, Angela, Mikayla, Christopher, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Stanley, George, Frances, Marlene, Felecia, Catherine, Lana, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, George, Lovee, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, William, Mary.
Pray for Erik, our catakumen.
Pray for Joseph (Irwin), soon to be deployed in Afghanastan and all those in the armed forces.
Pray for the newly departed handmaiden of God Sonia (Daly - Belcher), wife of Deacon Nicholas.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman
Barbara Campbell, Paul Eysie, Camille Florio (Secretary), Andrew Howard (Vice Chairman),
Marlene Lupaczyk, Marwan Samman (Treasurer), Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

CHURCH LEADERS

Ladies of Saint George - Katie Birtwell, President	Church School - Rich Plouffe, Superintendent
Parish Chanter - Paul Eysie	Choir Director - David Franciosi
Teen Advisor - Michele Markatos	Teen President - Jenna Weiskerger
Ushers - Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman	Epistle Reader Coordinator - Lovee Thomas
Bible Bowl Team Leader - Emily Shay	Seminarian - Michael Razook
Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik	Church custodian - Gerry Mullen

SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2008 • SUNDAY OF MEATFARE - THE LAST JUDGEMENT

TONE 7 • EOTHINON 7 • THEODOTOS, BISHOP OF CYRENIA, AND MARTYR HESYCHIOS

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 7)

*Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief;
thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid
thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, 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 of Meatfare (Tone 1)

*When thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before thee, and the
river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then
from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand, O righteous Judge.*

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Great is our Lord, and great is His power. O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praise.

The Reading is from Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

(8:8-9:2, for Meatfare / Judgment Sunday)

Brethren, Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed,

the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

(25:31-46, for Meatfare / Judgment Sunday)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

Jesus said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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