



# SAINT GEORGE

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Most Rev. Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate  
*Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America*

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

Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, *Pastor*

**Welcome. It is a great pleasure to have visitors and friends with us at Saint George. If you would like to know more about our parish, or the Orthodox Faith, please don't hesitate to ask.**

*Communion: Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins, who and have prepared themselves by fasting, and who have been present from the start of the service are invited to approach the chalice. Everyone may partake of the holy bread.*

### CALENDAR

- Monday - Diocesan Great Compline, 7:00 pm in Pawtucket
- Wednesday - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy *and Lenten potluck*, 6:00 pm
- Friday - Salutations on the Akathist / Madayeh, 7:00 pm  
*Coffee and Icon presentation with Kh. Erin follow*
- Saturday - Services at the teen retreat. No services here.
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am  
One-year memorial for Fred Howard  
Second tray: The Ladies project - Saint Thekla Monastery  
Annunciation Fish Dinner, 5:00 pm - reservations required

*The Great Fast continues through Pascha.*

*The faithful abstain from meat, fish, dairy, wine and oil.*

*There is katalysis (a lightening of the fast) for wine and oil on weekends.*

**18 March  
2012**



**3rd Sunday  
in Lent**



**Veneration  
of the Cross**

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Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese,

Greetings and blessings on your Lenten Journey.

I have designated the month of March as Antiochian Women's Month in our Archdiocese. Since I founded the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Women of North America, they have raised over 3.1 million dollars toward the support and funding of many of our projects, including the Antiochian Village, Balamand Seminary, Married Seminarians, Orphanages/Katherine Ajar Endowment Fund, Retired Clergy Housing Fund, and Al-Kafaat, to name only a few. Through their ministry of serving Christ through serving others, they have continued to find many ways to strengthen their role in the Orthodox Church.

The Antiochian Women have always shown a great deal of concern for orphans around the world, having raised over one million dollars for the Orphanages/Katherine Ajar Endowment Fund. Thus, the first Sunday in March continues to be designated as "Orphans' Sunday." Throughout the month of March, you will see our women more actively involved in the church, including them reading the Epistle, ushering, taking the collections, and addressing those at the Divine Liturgy about the role of the Antiochian Women in their parish, diocese and Archdiocese.

Since 2009, the Antiochian Women have taken on the project of "The Convent of St. Thekla at Antiochian Village," and 2012 will mark their third year of raising funds – and awareness – of this blessed vision. It will be the first monastic community in the Antiochian Archdiocese and, as usual, the women have come to the forefront to see that it becomes a reality.

The future of the Convent of St. Thekla is bright with Mother Alexandra's appointment as Acting Abbess. All the preparatory work has been completed and we are very close to turning the earth on this magnificent endeavor. In order to see this project to fruition, please support the Antiochian Women in this wonderful cause, it is a gift for our own salvation, as well as that of future generations.

I also urge all ladies throughout the Archdiocese to become involved in the local chapters of the Antiochian Women, as well as in their respective dioceses. The women who serve are your sisters in Christ, and they welcome new ideas and input. Remember, **every** woman in our beloved Archdiocese is an "Antiochian Woman."

May your Lenten journey be blessed toward the day when we experience our Risen Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

Your Father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate  
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**GREAT LENT**

- Following the Akathist service on Friday, Kh Erin will give a presentation on the *Icons of Holy Week*.
- **Food For Hungry People:** Don't forget to make offerings to help feed the hungry around the world. FFHP boxes are available in the narthex.
- Prep for Pascha: **Outdoor clean up** is set for Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 am, with a rain date of April 7th.

**MARCH IS LADIES MONTH**

Throughout our archdiocese we are celebrating the ministry of the women in our churches. During March we are called to focus on their dedication and give thanks for their work.

Next Sunday a second tray will be passed at Liturgy for their "project" -- the Monastery of Saint Thekla at Antiochian Village. Next Sunday night, they are sponsoring a **Fish Dinner** -- sign up for that today. On Palm Sunday, the Ladies will sponsor their annual **Bake Sale**.

**TEEN SOYO**

The **Teen SOYO Lenten Retreat** is next weekend at the Saint Methodios Center in Contoocook, NH. The topic is "Heroes of the Old Testament", led by Katrina Bitar. Father Joseph will be there, as will Bishop JOHN.

**LECTURE IN CAMBRIDGE**

The Annual Father John VonHolzhausen Lecture for 2012 at Saint Mary Church in Cambridge is Saturday. Bishop Seraphim Sigrist will be joining us to talk about his new book, *A Life Together: Wisdom of Community from the Christian East*.

**BRICK SALES**

Is your name and the names of your loved ones **engraved on our patio**? If not, pick up a brick form in the parish hall, we will collect the orders in April, have them placed outside later in the spring.

**THEOPHANY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE WEEK**

Come and see the programs Theophany School has to offer: Open House is March 27th-29th, from 9:30-11:30. **New classes have been added for Fall 2012**, including a first grade class. Meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and experience the difference that Theophany School can make in your child's education. Call 781-444-3058 or visit [www.theophanyschool.org](http://www.theophanyschool.org) for more information.

**BISHOPS VISIT**

His Grace Bishop JOHN will be with us Thursday evening of Holy Week; on April 21-22 to celebrate the Saint George Day; and on May 27th. The feast day visit will include a **BBQ** following Vespers on April 21.

**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE**

95 DAYS -- that's how long we have to prepare for the PLC. It is at the **Cliff House Resort** in Ogunquit, Maine. Reservations : [www.CliffHouseMaine.com/attendees](http://www.CliffHouseMaine.com/attendees) (User name is PARISH / password is pa986B) Registration and sponsor forms are in the parish hall.

**YARD SALE**

There will be a **Yard Sale** here on Saturday, May 19th. Look around and see what you have to contribute -- but don't bring anything yet, we have NO storage space.

**AABA NEWS**

The Arab American Benevolent Association **Benefit Hufli** will be May 12th at Saint John of Damascus Church in Dedham. If you would like to support the event, see Jenna Weiskerger at coffee hour today.

**FASHION SHOW**

The Syrian-Lebanese Womens Club is having a fashion show, featuring **designs by Denise Hajar** on April 29th at the Holiday Inn, Dedham. Cost, including lunch is \$50. Phone Carolyn Ganim, 781-329-0830 or Mary Shaghoury, 617-323-4819.

**HOLY BREAD** - The gifts today are offered by the Fotopoulos family, in memory of Nicholas. Gifts are also offered by Sarah Pucci, the Byron and Kinosian families in memory of Robert Pucci on the 25th anniversary of his passing.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please stay for refreshments after Liturgy, hosted today by the Fotopoulos family.

**FLOWERS** - The bouquets before the Icons are given by the Plouffe family in thanksgiving for Sophia on her birthday and by Sarah Pucci and all her family in memory of Robert. The flowers decorating the Cross are given by the Fotopoulos family in memory of Nicholas.

**VOTIVES** - Seven day candles burn before the Icons, given by the Abril family for Michael Abril on his birthday and Amy Abril Halperin on her birthday. Many years.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE**

Dennis Thomas .....in memory of Edward & Loretta Thomas  
Jason Falcone .....for the health of Matthew

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER -**

**Pray** for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias and Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Michelle (Mullen), Sheila (Bennett), Debbie (Braun), Pedro (Angie's brother), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet), Sarah (Kelley), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Jack (Lucine's father), Karen, Charles, Mahasen Yacoub (Ibri's mother), David (Rediker), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Charles (Howard), Mary, Catherine, Josephine.  
**Pray** for Sh. Rezanne, Daniela & Kh. Nicole (Selim) who are with child.

March 4 & 11 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Seminarian Tray
\$3238.00	\$2015.00	\$ .00	\$528.00	\$310.00

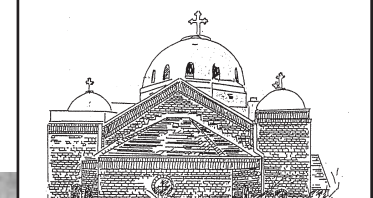
**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Christine Byron
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Joseph Eysie (Vice Chair)
- Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
- Anthony Grasso
- Katia Oleinik (Secretary)
- Richard Plouffe
- Ibtisam Samman
- Linda Thomas

*Assistant Treasurers:*

- Beverly DiFlaminies
- Leeann Plouffe

- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Doris Copoulos
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Catherine Keches
- Hospitality -
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Pappas
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
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- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Seminarian - Jason Falcone
- Teen Advisor -
- Teen President - Alex Oleinik
- Nat'l Teen Secretary - Tim Markatos
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



## Third Sunday in Lent Veneration of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross

### 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 THE HOLY CROSS (TONE 1)

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all adversaries, and by thy Cross protect thy Community.

### 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!"

### AT THE TIME OF THE TRISAGION

Before Thy Cross, we bow down and worship, sovereign Lord, and thy Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify.

### 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:*

Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, O my God

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

*(4:14-5:6 - 3rd Sunday in Lent)*

Brethren, since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchiz'edek."

*Alleluia.* Remember Thy congregation which Thou has purchased from the beginning. *Alleluia.* God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. *Alleluia.*

### The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

*(8:34-9:1, 3rd Sunday in Lent)*

Jesus called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *will be read in several languages each Sunday in Lent, beginning with English, then Arabic, Greek, Russian and Romanian.*