



# 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.*

25 March

2012



4th Sunday  
in Lent



Feast of the  
Annunciation to  
the Theotokos

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### CALENDAR

<u>Today</u>	One-year memorial for Fred Howard Second tray: The Ladies project - Saint Thekla Monastery Annunciation Fish Dinner, 5:00 pm - reservations required
<u>Monday - Wednesday -</u>	Diocesan Great Compline, 7:00 pm in Boston (Arabic) Pre-Sanctified Liturgy <i>and Lenten potluck</i> , 6:00 pm Meeting of the Conference Committee, after dinner
<u>Friday - Saturday -</u>	Akathist Hymn / Madayeh, 7:00 pm Outdoor Clean-up, 9:00 am - Volunteers needed Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday -</u>	Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am Second tray: Metropolitan's appeal for the suffering in Syria

*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  
and katalysis for fish on the Annunciation and Palm Sunday.*

*"... the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." - Acts 11:26*

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9:30-11:30 am

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**TEEN SOYO**

We are thankful to Father Joseph Purpura for coming back from the *Teen SOYO Lenten Retreat* retreat to serve Liturgy here this morning. The retreat is taking place this weekend at Saint Methodios Center in Contoocook, NH. The topic is “Heroes of the Old Testament”, led by Katrina Bitar. Bishop JOHN, Father Joseph K. and five of our young people are there and will return this afternoon.

**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.

Today a second tray will be passed at Liturgy for their “project” -- the Monastery of Saint Thekla at Antiochian Village. Tonight, they are sponsoring a *Fish Dinner*. On Palm Sunday, the Ladies will host their annual *Bake Sale*, so dust off those recipes and get out your cake pans!

**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE**

88 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.

**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.

**GREAT LENT**

• *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 this Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 am, with a rain date of April 7th. Put on your gloves, bring a rake and help us out.

**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 & FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

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. Gheorghe Doros is coordinating the meal; check with him as to how you can help.

**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 Hajjar* 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 family of Frederick Howard. The one-year memorial for Fred will be served after Liturgy.

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

**FLOWERS** - The bouquets before the Icons are given by the Howard family in memory of Frederick Howard.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE**

Helen Abril ..... *in thanksgiving for*  
 ..... *Michael Abril & Amy Abril Halperin on their birthdays*  
 Edwards Family ..... *in memory of Jacob Georges Edwards*  
 Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies ..... *in memory of Carmella Bartelloni*  
 Florence Esper & Alice Kelley ..... *in memory of Richard Esper*

**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 (Ibti’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.

**Pray** for Deacon Luke Toumi’s family in Homs, Syria and for Shamassy Rezanne’s father Khalil, who is very sick.

March 18 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Seminarian Tray
\$5773.00	\$2235.00	\$335 .00	\$412.00	\$410.00

**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Christine Byron
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**Fourth Sunday in Lent: Commemoration of Righteous John of the Ladder  
Feast of the Annunciation to the Holy Theotokos  
Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom**

**MATINS GOSPEL:** The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (1:39-49, 56, for the Feast)

**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 8)**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion, Thou art our life and our resurrection: O Lord, glory to Thee.

**TROPARION OF THE ANNUNCIATION (TONE 4)**

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos, Hail, O full of grace. The Lord is with thee.

**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 FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (TONE 4)**

Receive, O earth, the glad tidings of great joy, and ye heavens, praise the glory of God. The Theotokos, being the living tabernacle of God, shall never be touched by an unclean hand. But the lips of believers shall sing unto her ceaselessly with the voice of angels, crying joyfully: Rejoice, O full of grace. The Lord is with thee.

**KOINONIKON**

The Lord hath chosen Zion, He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself.  
*v.* This is my rest forever and ever; here will I dwell, for I have chosen her.  
*v.* Blessing, I will bless her pursuit; her beggars will I dwell, for I have chosen her.  
*v.* Her priests will I clothe with salvation, and her saints with rejoicing shall rejoice.

**EPISTLE & GOSPEL**

*Prokeimenon:* Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God. Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

**The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (2:11-18 - for the Feast)**

Brethren, He Who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Thy Name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise Thee." And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that He is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

*Alleluia.* He shall come down like rain upon a fleece, and like rain-drops that fall upon the earth.  
*Alleluia.* His name shall be blessed unto the ages, before the sun doth His Name continue. *Alleluia.*

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (1:24-38, for the Feast)**

At that time, Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, con-

ceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the archangel came to her and said, "Rejoice, O favored one, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the archangel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb and bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the archangel, "How shall this be, since I have known no man?" And the archangel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will overshadow thee; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the archangel departed from her.

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