



# SAINT GEORGE

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم    Καλώς ορίσαστε!    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.*

**His Beatitude**  
**Patriarch JOHN X**  
*Patriarch of Antioch*

**Most Rev. Metropolitan**  
**SILOUAN (of Argentina)**  
*Patriarchal Vicar*

**Most Rev. Archbishop**  
**JOSEPH (of Los Angeles)**  
*Locum Tenens*

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

**Very Rev. Father**  
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### Sunday 30 March 2014



#### Fourth Sunday in Lent: Venerable John of the Ladder

##### Upcoming Services and Events

**March is LADIES MONTH in the Archdiocese**

- Today - Teen SOYO Lenten retreat concludes in Contoocook, NH  
March-April memorial for the departed
- Monday - Diocesan Compline Service, 7:00 pm, Pawtucket
- Wednesday - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm / Lenten potluck dinner follows
- Friday - Akathist Service, 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm (Confessions heard before and after)
- Next Sunday - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
- Fasting - The Lenten fast, including meat, dairy, fish, oil and wine continues through Pascha. There is "katalysis" or lightening of the fast on weekends when oil and wine are permitted.

### From His Eminence Metropolitan Silouan

Beloved in our Lord,  
 Very Esteemed Hierarchs, Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of New York and All North America:

*"Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one  
 with another according to Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5)*

With a heart grateful to our Lord and to your very beloved pastor who gave me the opportunity to come to know you during the last three years, I present to you my heartfelt condolences for the falling asleep in Christ of His Eminence Metropolitan Philip. We all pray together for the rest in peace of his soul and that his memory be eternal.

I am very surprised that the Lord's Providence permitted that I may serve you under such a painful and difficult circumstance, i.e. the loss of your beloved pastor, until a new Metropolitan be elected for your God-protected Archdiocese. Indeed, my appointment as Patriarchal Vicar, by His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch, is an obedience of love and an opportunity to serve your church, and to preserve your bond of love, peace, service and unity in Christ. May our Lord bless all of us in this period of great lent, as we are heading to His Holy Passion in order to share His glorious Resurrection.

**+ Silouan, Metropolitan of Buenos Aires and all Argentina**

### Tributes to His Eminence Metropolitan Philip

"On behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church, her episcopate, clergy and laity, I would like to extend to you and to the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church of Antioch my sincere condolences upon the demise of her outstanding hierarch, His Eminence Philip, Metropolitan of New York and North America. The services rendered by the late archpastor in the cause of preaching the good news of Christ and his fruitful ministry aimed to assert Orthodoxy in North America are difficult to overestimate. His Eminence was a friend of the Russian Orthodox Church. I personally knew him for many years and have taken the news of his demise with profound grief." . . . **His Holiness Kyrill, Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, sent to His Beatitude John X**

"But in essence, the very characteristic of Metropolitan Philip was his identity as a shepherd, a father who cared for and labored diligently for his flock. Before setting of the sun each day, Metropolitan Philip reflected upon the future wellbeing of his beloved spiritual sons and daughters. Each of you has felt his paternal love in a most personal manner. It was Metropolitan Philip who ordained and enthroned so many of the bishops of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America; he helped educate and ordain countless parish priests; he joined so many of you in holy matrimony and celebrated with you as he baptized your children and grandchildren; he even wept and mourned with you with the passing of your loved ones." . . . **Archbishop Demetrios of America, A Message of Condolence on the Passing of Metropolitan Philip from the Assembly of Bishops**

"[Metropolitan Philip] was one of the most influential Orthodox Christian leaders in North America in recent memory. He leaves an incredibly important legacy, not only with regard to the Antiochian Archdiocese, but likewise in the area of pan-Orthodox witness—a legacy that spanned the last four decades of the 20th century, well into the 21st. May his memory be eternal, and may the hope we share in the Resurrection be the consolation of his now widowed Archdiocese, and all Orthodox Christian faithful." . . . **His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Orthodox Church in America**

Visit [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org) for more tributes, biographies of His Eminence and coverage of the services.

**MEMORY ETERNAL,  
HIS EMINENCE  
METROPOLITAN PHILIP  
(1931-2014)**

*"We are never totally aware of how God is moving in our lives, how He is active in our existence. We do know that He is there, that 'in Him we live, and move, and have our being' (Acts 17:28). We are in Him and He is in us." + Metropolitan Philip*



**PARISH MEMORIAL TODAY**

MARCH

- Rasheady Tomm - 1932
- George Kafass - 1944
- Isaac Elias - 1960
- Daniel Fidda - 1963
- Anisim P Nikituk - 1964
- Helen Mike - 1966
- George Saad - 1967
- Gustave Sacre - 1973
- David Esper - 1973
- Abraham Thomas - 1973
- Michael Lofty - 1983
- Nicholas Bader - 1986
- Robert Pucci - 1987
- Fred Deeb - 1988
- Josephine Kayatta - 1990
- Rita Elias Heinemann - 1991
- Nicholas Kelley - 1993
- Arkadijs Liepins - 1994
- Georgianna Bryan - 1994
- Julia Howard - 1994
- Esther Thomas - 2001
- Shafie Boulis - 2001
- Frederick Mike - 2001
- Adele Howard - 2005
- Nicholas Fotopoulos - 2006
- Helen Abdallah - 2008
- Stanely Rossetsky - 2008
- George Thomas - 2009
- Angelo Mallios - 2010

- Richard Esper - 2010
  - Frederick Howard - 2011
  - James Pappis - 2012
  - Hayes Kelley - 2013
  - Charles Esper - 2013
- APRIL
- Easa Domet - 1950
  - Helen Thomas - 1954
  - Michael Deeb - 1958
  - Selma Kalliel - 1959
  - Louis Michael Elias - 1962
  - Isaac Abbott - 1965
  - Spiridon Thomas - 1966
  - Sophie Hanchelak - 1968
  - Victoria Joseph - 1970
  - Jacqueline Elias - 1980
  - George Kelley - 1982
  - George Vallas - 1982
  - Rose Salem - 1982
  - Margaret Goulabe - 1985
  - Moses Bader - 1987
  - Nicholas Kirikos - 1993
  - Charles Howard - 1999
  - Helen Lewis - 2002
  - Charles Tolias - 2003
  - Victoria Rihbany Cirone - 2003
  - Josephine Eysie - 2005
  - Lila Halal - 2005
  - Mary Howard - 2005
  - Mary Namey - 2006
  - Constantin Iovan - 2011
  - Loretta Thomas - 2011

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

In addition to the regular services during Lent, please note the schedule for Holy Week and other important events:

- April 12 - Lazarus Saturday: 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy, breakfast & clean-up day
- April 13 - Palm Sunday  
Ladies Bake Sale follows the service
- April 13 /14/15 at 7:00 pm  
Bridegroom Service (Confessions at 6 pm)
- April 16: Uncion Service at 6:00 pm
- April 17: Liturgy at 8:30 am &  
Passion service at 7:00 pm (w/ Bp JOHN)
- April 18: Royal Hours / decorating at 8:30 am  
Vespers / Church School retreat at 1:00  
Great Friday Lamentations / Vigil at 7:00
- April 19: Liturgy / decorating at 8:30 am  
Pascha Liturgy begins at 10:00 pm
- April 20: Agape Vespers at 12:00 noon
- April 23: Feast of Saint George
- April 27: Parish Meal after Liturgy  
Sponsored by the Ladies
- May 4: Honoring our Church School  
and high school graduates
- May 11: Mother's Day
- May 18: Champagne Jazz Brunch at OCC
- May 25: Memorial Day (Beram Vets here)
- June 19-22: PLC in Plymouth

**HOLY BREAD** - The gifts are offered today by Mary Kelley and her family; from Lovee Thomas and her family in memory of George Thomas and from Sarah Pucci, the Byron family, and Kinonian family in memory of Robert Pucci.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please stay for refreshments today. Our hosts this morning are Mary Kelley and her family.

**VOTIVE** - Seven day candles burn before the Icons, given by Sarah Pucci, the Byron family, and Kinonian family in memory of Robert Pucci and given by Lovee Thomas in memory of George Thomas.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE**

Bea Card and Jeanette Morrison.....*for the health of Ken Hadge*  
Andrew Howard family.....*in memory of Frederick Howard*  
Regina Jennings and Marie Coffin .....*in memory of Georgianna Bryan,*  
.....*Mary Howard and Adele Howard*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Pray for** Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo and Archbishop Yohanna (Syriac bishop) and all who are in danger and captivity.

**Pray also for** Presbyter Nicholas (Manikas), Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Archpriest Robert & Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Priest Michael (Bird), Charles (Abdelahad), Joyce (Boulis), Kenneth (Hadge), Helen (Kelley), Marcia (Shapiro), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Lina (Karam), Camille (Florio), Ernest (Peter), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Patricia (Elliot), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathyryne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

**Pray for the newly departed** Metropolitan PHILIP and Archpriest Alexander (Atty).

March 23 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$3961.00	\$3407.00	\$100.00	\$219.00	N.A.

**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Katia Oleinik
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Ibtisam Samman

- Arabic Bulletin - Kh. Ramia Issa
- 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
- Teen President - Nick Kimmett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Commemoration of Saint John of Sinai, author of the Ladder**

**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 JOHN (TONE 8)**

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**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:* The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me: But He has not delivered me over to death.

**The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (6:13-20 - 4th Lent)**

Brethren when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchiz'edek.

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (9:17-31, 4th Sunday in Lent)**

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling and said "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to

bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed after three days he will rise."

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