



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.*

**Most Rev. Archbishop
 JOSEPH**
*Metropolitan of North
 America*

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

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Sunday of the Man Born Blind

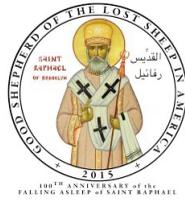
Upcoming Services and Events

- Today - Announcement time today: Important updates on our parish Church School BBQ follows
- Monday - Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Liturgy for the Ascension, 6:00 pm, followed by pizza dinner
- Saturday - No Vespers this Saturday
- Next Sunday - Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 & 10:00 am
- Next Monday - Memorial Day Prayers, Highland Cemetery, 9:00 am
- Fasting - There is no fasting Wednesday, the Leave-Taking of Pascha
 There is fasting on Friday.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (9:1-38, Blindman)

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Silo'am" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Silo'am and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

COME TO OUR KIND OF TOWN



*Come to our kind of town
Come to Providence!*

The 77th Annual Parish Life Conference!

The Diocese of Worcester and New England will join together from June 18 to 21 for fellowship, spiritual illumination and fun, with His Grace Bishop JOHN presiding.

Highlights include:

• Bible Bowl • Oratorical Contest

• Game Night • Grand Hufli

• Federal Hill • Water Fire and more

Plus Kids Eat FREE at the Sunday School Awards Brunch. Information is in the parish hall and on line at www.StMaryPawtucket.org.

ARCHDIOCESE CONVENTION IN BOSTON

Saint Mary Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts is proud to host this year's biennial Convention from July 19 through 26 in Boston. Our historic city's significance in American history is a fitting backdrop as we celebrate our own history of Orthodoxy in America, the 100th anniversary of the falling asleep of St. Raphael of Brooklyn. Making this event even more historic will be the presence of his Beatitude John X, Patriarch of Antioch, presiding, and the first North American Convention under his Eminence Metropolitan Joseph. Registration and information is on line at www.acboston2015.com

MEMORIAL DAY

Again this year, we will gather at the Highland Cemetery Chapel at 9:00 am on the 25th to offer prayers for the departed of Saint George and your loved ones. A list of the names is in the narthex, please let Father Joseph know if there are others whom you would like remembered.

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

Dear Parish Family of St. George,

Christ is risen!

I am so sad to tell you that this is my last Sunday I will be serving with you. Final Exams are completed, papers are turned in, and the school year is complete. I can't believe how quickly our time together has gone by, but I believe this to be a sign of the beautiful and fruitful relationship we have developed together. Thank you for your love, thank you for your openness, and thank you for your prayers. I pray that God will continue to bless your community and your individual lives.

With joy in the Risen Lord,
Nicholas Livingston

**JOIN US ON THE RED CARPET --
CELEBRATING GENERATIONS OF FRIENDS:**

October 3 • Gala event • Central Fiat, Norwood

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to volunteer. We need your help, Saturday morning, May 30th; come along at 9:00 for a brunch, and bring your address book, plus any photos from your days at Saint George.

INTERVIEW ON CIVIL WAR IN SYRIA

This past Thursday, Ancient Faith Radio interviewed Samer Laham, Director of Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development for the Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch in Syria. The Department is a nonprofit organization belonging to and operating from the Patriarchate, located in the old city of Damascus. Mr. Laham was visiting the headquarters of the International Orthodox Christian Charities in Baltimore, and sat down to share his up-to-date account of the dire situation inside his homeland. "About 10.8 million people are in need of assistance" due to the civil war conditions in Syria, he noted in his introduction.

The full interview is on line at www.ancientfaith.com

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered today by the Kouyoumjian family in thanksgiving for Mari on her birthday.

COFFEE HOUR- Please stay for refreshments following Liturgy today; it is the end of the year Church School BBQ, hosted today by the Kouyoumjians.

VOTIVES- Seven-day candles burn before the Icons, given by Lucine Kouyoumjian for Mari on her birthday and by Rocco Giovani for Mara on her birthday.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Brian Boudreau, Jr.in memory of Sam DiFlaminies
Peter & Beverly Veglas.....for John Howard on his birthday
Richard & Ronnie Clarkin thanksgiving

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Pray also for Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Reggie (DiCicco), George (Bolis), Nathaniel (Anderson), Arlene (Kimmitt), Diane (Katie Birtwell's mother), Dana, Sarah (Pucci), Frances (Giandomenico), Elias and Linda (Cindy Apgar's father and sister), 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), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Lana (Joseph), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Kathryn (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

May 10 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$1395.00			\$415.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

Cindy Apgar
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

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Chanter - Reader Erik Gregory Potter
Choir Director - David Franciosi
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Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
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FSJD Dio. Secy - Leeann Plouffe
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Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
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School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
Seminarian - Nicholas Livingston
Teen President - Nick Kimmitt
TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
Usher - Andrew Howard
Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



EISODIKON

In the gathering places bless ye God, the Lord, from the well-springs of Israel. O Son of God, who didst rise from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PASCHAL TROPARION

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

المسيح قام من بين الأموات
و وطئ الموت بالموت
و وهب الحياة
للذين في القبور

Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών,
θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας,
και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι,
ζωήν χαρισάμενος!

Χριστός воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех живот
даровав!

Hristos a inviat din morti
cu moartea pe moarte calcand
si celor din morminte viata daruindu- le.

Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos
con su muerte ha vencido la muerte
y los sepultados ha dado la vida.

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal 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 DISCOVERY OF THE HEAD OF THE FORERUNNER JOHN (TONE 4)

Christ God hath revealed to us thy truly venerable head as a divine treasure that had been concealed in the earth, O Prophet and Forerunner John. Wherefore, as we gather on the feast of its discovery, with our hymns inspired of God, we praise Christ the Savior, who by thy mighty prayers saveth us from every kind of harm.

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.

PASCHAL KONTAKION (TONE 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal! Thou didst destroy the power of Death! In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, Rejoice! to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen!

MEGALYNARION

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace, "Rejoice! Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead!" Rejoice! Rejoice, O ye people! Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, exalt and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse: Thou, O Lord shalt preserve us, and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord; for the godly man there is no more.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (16:16-34, Blindman)

As they were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by sooth-saying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly

there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PASCHAL GREETING

English: Christ is risen! Truly, He is Risen!
Greek: Kris-tos a-nes-tee! A-lee-thos a-nes-tee!
Arabic: Al ma-seeh qām! Ha-qām qām!
Slavonic: Kristos voskresse!
Voesteenu voskresse!
Romanian: Hristus A Inviat! Adevrat a Inviat!
Spanish: Christo ha Resuscitado!
En verdad ha Resuscitado!
Armenian: Christos harjav i merelotz!
Orhniale harutjun Christosi!
Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection.
We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection.