



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

*It is our pleasure to welcome visitors and friends to our church.
If you would like to know more about our parish,
or the Orthodox Church, please feel free to ask.*

*Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins
and have prepared themselves by fasting
are invited to receive Communion.*

*Everyone is welcome to venerate the cross and share Holy Bread.
Following Liturgy, please join us in the parish hall
for coffee and refreshments.*

CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u> -	Memorial Day Prayers at Highland Cemetery Chapel, 9:00 am
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Ascension Day Liturgy, 6:00 pm at Saint John of Damascus
<u>Thursday</u> -	Ladies of Saint George Meeting, 7:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am One-year memorial for Christine Tselekis

24 May 2009



Sunday of the
Blindman

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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.

PRISON MINISTRY

The hierarchs of SCOBA, have designated the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, to be *Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday* in all Orthodox parishes of North America. Although Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the youngest Agency of SCOBA, it fulfills the direct and clear Evangelical command of the Lord, I was in prison, and you came unto Me (St. Matthew 25:36). Nevertheless, even if we all do not or cannot visit those in prisons, we all can participate in this healing ministry through our participation in the Divine Liturgy.

MEMORIAL DAY

Prayers for the departed will be offered tomorrow in the chapel at Highland Cemetery at 9:00 am. A list of the faithful who have passed away is available in the narthex.

EVENING LITURGY This Thursday is the Feast of the *Ascension*, Evening Liturgy will be shared with Saint John of Damascus on Wednesday at 6:00 pm in Dedham.

CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

The Archdiocese Department of Missions & Evangelism welcomes as our keynote speaker for the 2009 Conference *His Beatitude the Most Blessed JONAH*, Primate of the OCA. It takes place September 4-7 at the Antiochian Village. The conference theme is “One Faith, One Church, One Message: the Necessity of Orthodox Unity in America to Bring America to Orthodoxy” It would be awesome if someone from our parish would attend; see Father Joseph for more details.

MARK THE DATE

His Eminence *Metropolitan PHILIP* will visit our *parish* the weekend of September 19-20. Saturday evening will be devoted to the 90th anniversary celebration of the Ladies of Saint George. On Sunday, the one-year memorial for Father Nifon will be served.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Worcester & New England 2009 Parish Life Conference is **June 25-28**. It is hosted this year by Saint George Orthodox Church of Lawrence. His Grace Bishop ANTOUN will be the presiding hierarch. The location is the Wyndam Hotel in Andover; phone 978-975-3600 for room reservations. Conference registration forms are available in the parish hall. Schedules and other information are on-line at www.StGeorgeLawrence.org/Conf2009 and see <http://www.archdioceseconvention2009.org/> for info about the Archdiocese Convention

SYRIAN-LEBANESE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Syrian-Lebanese Women's Club of Greater Boston will celebrate its **75th Anniversary** and Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 1:30 PM at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood. Tickets are \$40. Reservation deadline is June 1, 2009. For further information, please contact Hellas Assad.

AABA GOLF

The 6th annual American Arabic Benevolent Association is Monday June 1st at the LeBaron Hills Country Club in Lakeville. Proceeds support the newly approved *Cheriton Heights Housing Complex*. For ticket info and reservations, phone Bill Seaver at 617-590-0253.

WALKWAY AND PATIO

Work continues to move forward on the new walkway; please be careful if you venture out to see the progress. If you did not purchase an engraved brick earlier this year, forms for ordering bricks are in the parish hall -- the plan is to reorder bricks early each spring, or whenever there are a substantial number to take to the engraver.

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered today by Rocco and Mara Giovanni, in thanksgiving for the birth of Isabella. The Churching Prayers will be offered at the beginning of the Liturgy.

FLOWER - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given by the Giovanni family in thanksgiving.

VOTIVE - A seven-day candle burns at the tomb of the Life-Giver for the new-born child of God Isabella Giovanni; and from Marwan & Ibtisam Samman for the new-born child of God Mandy Clare Siman and her family.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Margaret Domet *for the health of Richard Campbell*
 Marlene Lupaczyk and Sally Peter *to the Church School*
 Phyllis Georgeu *Memorial Day Prayers*
 Sally Peter *in memory of Marc Medwar*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Khouriyee Joanne, Deacon Elias, Claudia, Chris, Elizaebth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Richard, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

Income May 17	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$427.00	\$100.00	\$155.00	\$187.00	N.A.

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**Sunday of the Man Born Blind
Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger and Nikitas**

EISODIKON

In congregations bless ye God, the Lord from the well-springs of Israel. O Son of God who art risen 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, ζῶήν χαρισάμενος!	Христос воскрес из мертвых, смертию смерть поправ, и сущим во гробех живот даровав!
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Hristos a înviat din morți, Cu moartea pre moarte
călcând, și celor din morminte Viață dăruindu-le!

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 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 myrrhbearing 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 soothsaying. 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.

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-qān qam!
Slavonic: Kristos voskresse! Voeesteenu voskresse!
Romanian: Hristus A Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!
Albanian: Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Unghall!
Spanish: Christo ha Resuscitado!
En verdad ha Resuscitado!

Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection.
We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection.