



# 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*

**Very Rev. Father  
Joseph Kimmett, Pastor**



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## Sunday 16 November 2014



### Upcoming Services and Events

- October - Church School, 11:15 am  
*(Students and teachers will receive communion first)*
- Monday - Norwood Town Meeting
- Tuesday - Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Thursday - Evening Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos, 6:00 pm
- Friday/Saturday- Teen SOYO "Lock In", Saint John of Damascus, Dedham
- Saturday - No Vespers here
- Next Sunday - Matins - 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
- December 6/7 - Enthronement of Metropolitan JOSEPH, Brooklyn, NY  
Patriarch JOHN X, Presiding
- Fasting - The Advent Fast has begun and continues through Dec. 24.



*In the Antiochian Archdiocese, our Sunday to remember college students was moved from October so as not to conflict with the Special Olympics collection.*

**CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS TIME**

Following a productive meeting with our church school superintendent and parents a couple of weeks back, the meeting time for class is being evaluated and tweaked. Today, the students and teachers will receive communion first and then head to the parish hall for a quick snack. As Liturgy concludes and the rest of the congregations heads downstairs, the students will come back to the church for the first part of their class. We are sticking with the two hour sessions, twice a month but looking to accomodate both lesson plans and family schedules.

**CHRISTMAS INFO**

Our effort this year is two-fold. First, we are continuing our annual food drive right through December. This will help to meet the needs of people in our community, especially during the holiday season. (During October, we brought in over 400 pounds of food -- keep up the good work.)

The second part of the program will be a collection of funds for the refugees and those affected by the war and terror in the Middle East, specifically Syria. Envelopes are enclosed with this bulletin.

*This offering envelope may be used for donations toward Syrian relief (which will be distributed by the Archdiocese), for a monetary donation to the Food Pantry, for your Nativity donation to Saint George, or all three.*

And save the date: Sunday, December 14th in the afternoon -- it is the **Diocesan Concert** at Saint Mary in Cambridge: This year “Advent Lessons & Carols.”

**STEWARDSHIP**

Forms for our 2015 pledge program were distributed last Sunday, with the remainder put in the mail. Please double check the information on your form and then return it to the church by December 7th. If you have any questions, just ask a member of the Parish Council.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The parish meeting of our church was scheduled to have taken place on November 6th. Unfortunately there was not a quorum present (we were just two people short) so no official business could take place. However, it was a really productive evening. There were presentations from the roofing consultant, broker and architect, as well as our Bishop JOHN.

There were lots of good questions about our projects and an incredible amount of excitement about what lies ahead for our parish. ***The rescheduled annual meeting is Sunday, November 30th, right after Liturgy.***

But our next big date, is tomorrow when the Town Meeting of Norwood will vote to proceed with a sale of our Nichols Street property. This must pass with a 2/3 majority. A list of Town Meeting Members (including some our own parishioners) has been printed and is in the parish hall. If you know any of these good people, perhaps a call, encouraging them to vote on our behalf would be in order. Father Joseph and Joan Cassidy will both attend this meeting (and send out updates on Twitter, so follow us @StGeorgeNorwood.)

**ROOF REPLACEMENT**

If you look around the outside of the church and up at the domes, you will see lots of work is taking place. This project is about 90% complete.

If you look up inside the church, you will notice the ceiling and walls under the bell have been stripped of [wet] plaster. This is the area that has been flaking for months. The rains from the past couple weeks made the problem even worse. By opening up the worst spots and pulling out the wet mesh, insulation and plaster, it is hoped that the area will begin to dry out, which is our top concern. We can then temporarily patch the ceiling and walls. A permanent solution will be incorporated into our renovation.

**HOLY BREAD-** There are several Sundays coming up on which we are in need of donors, both for Holy Bread and the coffee hour. Remember, the coffee hour needn't be complicated -- while we certainly enjoy good food, the primary reason for gathering is to enjoy fellowship with one another.

If you are interested in a date for 2015, those sheets have been added to the notebook in the parish hall.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Pray also for** His Grace Bishop Antoun, Archpriest Michael & the Abdelahad Family, Kh Elizabeth (Bethoney), Evgenia (Georges), Dana, Sarah (Pucci), Frances (Giandomenico), Elaine (Bitar), Joyce (Boulis), Kenneth (Hadge), 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), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Darcey, David (Knipe & family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Kathryne (Howard), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

November 9 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Seminaries Tray
\$2455.00				\$296.00

**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Cindy Appgar (Nominated)
- Christine Byron (Vice Chair)
- Barbara Campbell
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Treas.)
- Richard Plouffe (Secretary)
- Jenna Weiskerger (Nominated)

- 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
- Seminarian - Nicholas Livingston
- Teen President - Nick Kimmett
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew  
Martyr Ephygenia of Ethiopia, disciple of St. Matthew; Fulvian, prince of Ethiopia**

**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 6)**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**TROPARION OF APOSTLE MATTHEW (TONE 3)**

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)**

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

**EPISTLE AND GOSPEL**

*Prokeimenon and Verse:* His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

**The Reading is from Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (4:9-16 for the saint)**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (9:9-13; for the saint)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."