



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

- Today - Church School, 12:30-2:30 pm
Teen SOYO Meeting and Bible Study
- Wednesday - Divine Liturgy, Feast of Great Martyr Katherine, 9:00 am
Followed by a Molieben of Thanksgiving
- Next Sunday - Matins 9:00 / Divine Liturgy 10:00
One year memorial for Helen Nedder
- Fasting - The Advent Fast (also known as the "Christmas Lent"
or "Philip Fast") continues through December 24th.

Calendars for November through February are in the narthex.

**22 November
2009**



**24th Sunday
after
Pentecost**

**Sunday after
the Entrance
of the
Theotokos**

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International Orthodox Christian Charities

IOCC SUNDAY ENCYCLICAL: November 22, 2009

**The Hierarchs of the Standing Conference of the
Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas**

**Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and Faithful of
the Holy Orthodox Churches in the Americas:**

**Grace, mercy and peace to you from God the Father,
Christ Jesus our Lord, and from the All-Holy Spirit.**

On this Sunday before our National Feast of Thanksgiving, we offer thanks to God who has given us the ministry of loving and caring for our brothers and sisters. Through International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), our SCOBA humanitarian aid and development agency, the Orthodox people of North America have a way to express their love and unity to the wounded of this world. Since 1992, IOCC has delivered more than \$300 million in humanitarian services to people in need in more than 33 countries on our behalf.

In the spirit of Christ's love, IOCC helps families who have been devastated by a natural disaster like a hurricane or are forced to leave their homes because of an armed conflict. Your gifts of love allow IOCC to deliver water, food, medicine, hygiene and hospital supplies to those who need them the most in places like Georgia, Russia, Kosovo, the Holy Land, Lebanon and Zimbabwe.

IOCC also helps families and communities in 24 countries create lasting change through micro-loans for poor farmers, education for children from low-income families, vocational training for refugees and programs that help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. The Orthodox Church is a key partner with IOCC to help the poor. IOCC assists the Church to create and manage charitable works, and to mobilize thousands of Orthodox Christian volunteers in communities across our Nation.

IOCC is every Orthodox Christian listening to this message today. When you support IOCC, you are expressing your desire to give and to receive God's love. And so brothers and sisters, as the Apostle of love exhorted the faithful of his day, so we exhort you: Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18), the love of the Triune God Who is Love.

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and your families this holiday season, as we offer thanksgiving to Him, and make ready to receive Him anew in His Glorious Nativity in Bethlehem.

With paternal love and blessings in Christ,

Archbishop DEMETRIOS

Metropolitan PHILIP

and the Hierarchs of SCOBA

Thanks to all who helped, contributed and attended the IOCC event last week. It was a tremendous success!

YOUTH SCHEUDLE

- Church School *today*, 12:30-2:30 pm.
- December 6th is *Saint Nicholas Day*: Yes, our saintly friend will be visiting our young folks -- but at the bowling alley. Information is being distributed today.
- New England Ministry Outreach (*NEMO*) has planned a day of outreach in the Worcester area on Saturday, December 12th, 10:00am to 7:00 pm. RSVP to Greg Abdalah by December 10th at abdalah.g@gmail.com. A project of *YES* (Youth Equipped to Serve) Sponsored by *FOCUS* North America

NICHOLAS TREE

Our parish outreach for the Christmas season will be done in conjunction with the *Cambridge Family and Children's Service*. CFCS is one of the oldest human services agencies in Greater Boston. Founded in 1873 as the Avon Home, an orphanage for local children, CFCS has a long and distinguished history of serving children, adolescents and families initially in the Cambridge and Greater Boston area. Details on our program will be posted on-line early this week and in print next Sunday.

SPEND BLACK FRIDAY ON LINE

Are you ready to shop? Remember our *marketplace* when you shop online. It is your doorway to 1,000 online stores. Shop with any of these merchants and they will donate a portion of every sale to us in your name or anonymously. All you have to do is click on the little shopping bag at www.StGeorgeNorwood.org and start shopping! You can also put a shopping bag directly on your desktop. There is no additional cost to you.

NAT GEO

The December issue of National Geographic Magazine includes an article "*Called to the Holy Mountain*" and is about Athonite monasticism. The article is on on-line at ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2009/12/athos/

LEARN ABOUT THE LITURGY

Today is the final segment of a three week series on the Divine Liturgy. Did you learn anything new? Do you have questions? Do you have a new / deeper understanding of this sacrament? That is all good; the Divine Liturgy should be at the forefront of your heart and mind. If you missed a session there are extra copies of the bulletin inserts for November 8th and 15th in the hall.

SEMINARIANS UPDATES: MOUSTAHIQ!

From Michael Razzouk: "I promised to inform you about my news from time to time. I went to Switzerland and Greece during last summer I enjoyed my time by visiting the monastery and the holy places Saint Demetrios, Ormilya, Elder Paisios' grave, Saint Nektarios' monastery and I spent 10 days in mount Athos. I left after to the Cedars' country Lebanon, I spent three months in Baskinta village. but I am now in Beirut. I miss you very much I am always praying for you. I have some good news about my ordination (deacon) it will take place at Saint Michael's monastery Baskinta Lebanon, by his Eminence Metropolitan Ephraim of Tripoli the abbot, Sunday November 29th 2009. Remember me on that Sunday the 29th during the service and after the liturgy. I will try to visit you from time to time. I saw your website's pictures the church from outside, Sayedna Philip's visit, I am always reading your news. Keep me in your prayers, ask God to me to makes me worthy for this ordination and for his heavenly kingdom. Amen
Your son in Christ"

Michael may be reached at michael.razzouk@gmail.com

Also on Sunday, November 29th, Camille Anthony Baba, the Youth Director for Diocese of Wichita and Saint George Cathedral will be ordained to the diaconate by Bishop BASIL. Camille was our seminarian in 2004-05. *Camille and his wife Ramia may be contacted at camillesbaba@yahoo.com*

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments after Liturgy today.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Sandy Thomas & Family
..... *for the health of Kh Elizabeth Bethoney and Marguerite Hassan*
Alice Kelley and Florence Esper *in memory of Sadie Khaliel*

Norma Merrihew, Margaret Domet, Cleo Eysie, Dolores Elias, Kay Mike, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Sandy Thomas & Family, Lovee Thomas & Family, Emaline Eakle, Robert & Nancy Deeb, Anthony & Sarah Grasso, Alice Kelley and Florence Esper
..... *in memory of Jennie Thomas Montgomery*

Paul & Helen Donohue & Family, Nicholas Abdallah, Olga Abdallah, Margaret Domet, Cleo Eysie & Family *in memory of Julia Philips*

Paul & Helen Donohue & Family, Nicholas Abdallah, Olga Abdallah, Frances Fairneny & Family *in memory of Nima Hadge*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the newly departed Patriarch PAVLE of Serbia. Memory eternal.

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Robert, Archpriest Michael, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Janis, Timothy, Kathrynne, Edward, Nicholas, Richard, Claudia, Chris, Elizabeth, 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, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

Income Nov. 15	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
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24th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after the Entrance of the Theotokos

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 THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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 most pure temple of the Savior, the very precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today in the house of the Lord. She bringeth with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

The Lord will give strength to his people. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14 - end, 24th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

(12:16-21 / 9th Sunday of Luke)

Jesus told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

**Prayers of Thanksgiving****Before The Meal**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
 Those who seek the Lord shall find Him.
 Their hearts shall live forever.

After The Meal

We thank You, O Christ our God, that You have satisfied us with Your earthly blessings;
 Do not deprive us of Your heavenly kingdom;
 But, as You came in the midst of Your disciples,
 O Savior, and gave them peace,
 So come to us and save us.

