



SAINT GEORGE

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NORWOOD, MA

مرحبا بكم **Welcome!** Καλώς ορίσαστε!

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. Metropolitan PHILIP
Primate, Antiochian
Orthodox Archdiocese of
North America

Right Rev. Bishop JOHN
Diocese of Worcester &
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Very Rev. Father
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15th Sunday after Pentecost

Upcoming Services and Events

- Today - Church School, 12:30-2:30 pm
Vespers and Antiochian Women's Reception for seminarians,
4:00pm at Saint George, West Roxbury
- Wednesday - Orthodoxy 101 - The Challenge Class, 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
IOCC Syria Relief Benefit, Saint Mary Pawtucket, 5 / 6:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
Meeting of the Ladies of Saint George, 12:00 noon
- November 3 - Annual Parish Meeting
- Fasting - There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES



SHELTER



FOOD



HEALTH & HYGIENE

SYRIA RELIEF BENEFIT

Saturday, October 12, 2013

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

249 High Street • Pawtucket, RI

5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers • 6:00 p.m. Dinner and IOCC Presentation

SPECIAL GUEST:

Lou Zagami, IOCC Development Officer

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND PRICES

Seraphim	\$3000	(will receive 10 tickets)
Cherubim	\$2000	(will receive 8 tickets)
Archangel	\$1000	(will receive 6 tickets)
Angel	\$500	(will receive 4 tickets)
Friend	\$100	(will receive 2 tickets)
Individual Ticket	\$25	

The sweeping violence in Syria has left more than six million people in urgent need of help and more than four million children, women and men displaced in their own country. Your efforts will help us respond quickly to those in need by providing emergency relief items such as food, heating, fuel and basic necessities like blankets and hygiene kits.

Register online at www.iocc.org/pawtucket

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Joe Samra at 401-440-0029 or joesamra@gmail.com



All proceeds from this event will benefit IOCC's humanitarian relief fund

www.iocc.org

YOUR CHALLENGE

During the summer, Father Joseph put forward a challenge to everyone in the parish. While speaking on the importance of knowing about our Orthodox faith, he announced that this fall there would be a short series of classes -- a refresher course on the Church. The challenge is first, for each member to attend, but also to bring with them someone from outside the parish. The first class took place last week and there was an impressive turn out, but there is still room for more. **NEXT CLASS IS THIS WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM.** Other dates are Wednesdays, October 16 and 23.

DANCING WITH THE AABA STARS

The annual fund-raiser for the *Arab American Benevolent Association* is this Friday, October 11th, at the Norwood Theatre. Tickets are \$45. The Saint George dancer this year is John Shalhoub. For tickets, see Florence Esper today at coffee hour.

OCTOBER IS . . .

In the Archdiocese we celebrate *Youth Month in October* and recognize our seminarians

Here at Saint George you will see our young people reading the epistle, passing the trays, collecting for Special Olympics and sponsoring next week's coffee hour.

For the seminarians, today at 4:00 at Saint George in Boston there is a Vesper service with Bishop JOHN, followed by a reception for the seminarians, hosted by the Antiochian Women. (This year, most of the archdiocese seminarians are at Saint Vladimir's Seminary in New York, which is why we don't have anyone assigned to us.)

AND, October is our church's month to support the *Norwood Food Pantry*. Please make sure you bring non-perishable food items or personal hygiene products and leave them in the basket outside the church.

CONCERT EVENT REPORT

Back on September 20th, our parish produced a concert at the Norwood Theatre. Under the leadership of David Franciosi and Joan Cassidy, with awesome help from so many volunteers, we put together a truly wonderful evening and a very successful fund-raiser for the church. The income was \$28,912.45. Expenses were \$9,461.88, and **our profit was \$19,450.57**

We need just a little more help. It is important that we thank our sponsors. Playbills and thank you letters are in the parish hall. We would like to hand deliver as many as possible this week and then mail the rest. A list of sponsors is there too -- just sign your name to those which you will take care of on our behalf.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Yes, it still feels like summer, but now is the time to make sure we are ready for Christmas. Two important items need your attention.

First, our *outreach program*: Lucine Kouyoumjian has again volunteers to coordinate our gift program. Like last year, it needs to be taken care of early, so that deserving young people can receive their gifts on time. It involves picking up a box and signing up to help a child. See the poster below and then see Lucine at coffee hour today.

Secondly, our *parish Christmas card* is again being organized by Cindy Apgar. In the coming weeks you will see a flyer / sign-up sheet. Make sure you and your family complete it by November 10th.

But Jesus called them to Him, saying, "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." -LUKE 18:16, ESV

spread the word!

For 20 years, Samaritan's Purse has delivered shoebox gifts packed by caring people like you to hurting children around the world.

HOLY BREAD - The gifts today are offered by Father Michael and Kh. Selma Abdelahad.

COFFEE - Please stay for refreshments (aka tailgate) after the service, hosted by Father Michael & Selma.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Sandy Thomas and Family *in memory of Paul Nessar*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Pray also for Presbyter Nicholas (Manikas), Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family, Archpriest Robert (Bethoney), Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias (Bitar), Priest Michael (Bird), Dolores (Elias), Marion (Corcoran), Lina (Karam), Camille (Florio), Ernest (Peter), Gwendlen, (Allan Howard's sister), Florence (Esper), Shannon (Prevatt), Bob (Lake), 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 and family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathrynne (Howard), Michael (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Josephine (Purpura).

September 29 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Syria Collection
\$953.00	\$690.00	\$90.00	\$173.00	\$1000.00

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Subdn Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
- Anthony Grasso
- Subdn Joseph Kouyoumjian (Vice ch)
- Katia Oleinik (Secretary)
- Richard Plouffe
- Ibtisam Samman
- Linda Thomas

Assistant Treasurers:
 Beverly DiFlaminies
 Leeann Plouffe

- Arabic Bulletin - Kh. Ramia Issa
- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Cindy Apgar
- Christmas Outreach - Lucine K.
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- FSJD Dio. Secy - Leeann Plouffe
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Catherine Keches
- 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 Kimmitt
- TLC Coordinator - Sheila Bennett
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**15th Sunday after Pentecost
Apostle Thomas**

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 THOMAS (TONE 3)

O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with our 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 THEOTOKOS (TONE 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned, but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord my God.

The Reading is from Apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:6-15; 15th Sunday)

Brethren, it is the God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Alleluia. O God Who givest avengement unto me and hast subdued peoples under me. *Alleluia.* It is He that magnifieth the salvation of His king and worketh mercy for His anointed, for David, and for his seed unto eternity. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

(7:11-16; 3rd Luke)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you: arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"