

# ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate  
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor  
Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



7 SEPTEMBER  
2008

SUNDAY  
BEFORE THE  
ELEVATION  
OF THE  
CROSS

**WELCOME** TO OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS.

IT IS A BLESSING TO HAVE YOU WITH US AT SAINT GEORGE.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH,  
OR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, PLEASE SEE THE PRIEST.

ONLY THOSE ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO ARE REPENTANT OF THEIR  
SINS AND HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES THROUGH FASTING ARE INVITED  
TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO VENERATE  
THE CROSS AND SHARE HOLY BREAD FOLLOWING THE LITURGY.

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT GEORGE

Monday - *Divine Liturgy, Nativity of the Theotokos, 9:00 am*  
Thursday - *Matins, 9:00 am*  
Saturday - *Great Vespers, 5:00 pm*  
Next Sunday - *Matins 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy 10:00 am*

*There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week.*

*Next Sunday, the Feast of the Cross is a day of strict fasting.*

*September - October calendars are now in the narthex and on-line!*

**HOLY BREAD** - The gifts are offered today by Jennifer Florio and Jenine Florio.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us for refreshments after Liturgy, hosted by Jennifer and Jenine Florio.

**FLOWERS** - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given in thanksgiving for Adam Florio and Amanda Florio, who are celebrating birthdays. Many years.

**VOTIVE** - A seven-day candles burns before the Icon of Saint George for Adam and Amanda on their birthdays, given by Don & Camille Florio.

**MEMORIAL** - The Trisagion Prayers of Mercy will be offered for Father Nifon at the conclusion of most divine services through the time of his 40-day memorial (Sunday, 21 September.)

*Would someone be willing to donate flowers for next week to decorate the Cross on the Feast of the Elevation? Please see Father Joseph.*

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## **KICK OFF TODAY**

Teen SOYO and Church School both resume today. The Teens will meet after Liturgy on the porch of the parish house. Classes for our students will begin at 1:00 in the parish hall.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Our Constitution states the meeting will take place the last Monday in September. This year that is the 29th.

## **ATTENTION SAINT GEORGE SHOPPERS**

Before you shop on someone else's web-site, go to ours: [StGeorgeNorwood.org](http://StGeorgeNorwood.org) and click the **Marketplace** button. That will take you to a website with hundreds of retailers. Select your favorite vendor and shop as usual. When you are done with your purchases, a percentage of the amount you spent comes back to Saint George. (And when you browse to our site, you could be the **10,000** visitor since the big relaunch in April of 2006.

## **SACRED MUSIC**

Sacred Music Workshops will take place Friday evening October 31 and all day Saturday November 1, 2008 at St. John of Damascus Church, Dedham. Chris Holwey, Chairman of the Dept of Sacred Music for the Archdiocese will be the featured speaker and presenter.

## **FALL HUFLIS**

\* The American Arabic Benevolent Association is sponsoring a Hufli September 13th at Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral in Roslindale. Music by George Maalouf & Ensemble and dinner catered by Byblos.

\* The Saint George Cathedral Camper's Association is hosting "Hafli the Night Away" on Saturday, September 20th. Music by Mitchell Kaltsunas and Ensemble.

\* Saint George of Lawrence is having their annual hafli on the 27th of September at the "Crystal Room" in Haverill. Music by Fouad Hajjar and Ensemble.

\* The Saint John of Damascus SOYO in having a Benefit Hufli on Saturday, October 4th, featuring music by Mitchell Kaltsunas.

*Flyers for all four events are posted in the parish hall.*

## **ORTHODOX EDUCATION DAY AT ST. VLADIMIR'S**

**"Holy Icons, Sacred Arts"** ss this year's theme for Orthodox Education Day at Saint Vladimir's Seminary. The annual campus celebration of liturgy, fellowship, ethnic food, and instruction in the faith is Saturday, October 4th. **An icon demonstration will be given by Kh. Erin Kimmett.**

## **BIG DREAMS START SMALL**

Celebrate a decade of dreaming on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the Copley Marriott, 6pm-Midnight. Cocktails, Dinner, Live & Silent Auction, Dancing and Fashion to benefit **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. For more info go to [www.bigdreamsstartsmall.com](http://www.bigdreamsstartsmall.com).

## **NEWS FROM THE OCA**

The Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting at the OCA Chancery in Oyster Bay Cove, NY, on Thursday, September 4, 2008, issued the following statement:

"On September 4, 2008, The Holy Synod of Bishops received a letter from His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN. In this letter, His Beatitude asks for Retirement, effective immediately, 'in the best interests of The Orthodox Church in America, and taking into consideration the current condition of my health.'

Effective this date, The Holy Synod of Bishops grants His Beatitude's request to retire from the Office of Metropolitan of All America and Canada of the Orthodox Church in America.

"The Holy Synod of Bishops expresses to His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN, their fraternal love and gratitude for his primatial service and archpastoral labors.

"The Holy Synod of Bishops resolves that His Eminence, DMITRI, Archbishop of Dallas and the South, be Locum tenens of The Orthodox Church in America. In liturgical commemorations, he is to be commemorated as 'His Eminence, DMITRI, Locum tenens of The Orthodox Church in America.'"

# 4th Annual Inter-Orthodox Young Adult Retreat

"THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK, THERE IS NEITHER  
SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE; FOR  
YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS." – GALATIANS 3:28

Sponsored by the Antiochian Archdiocese Fellowship of Saint John the Divine, 20/40 Ministries  
in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Young Adult Ministries

**Boston, MA • Sept 26-28**



### Keynote Speaker

Reverend Father Antony Hughes,  
St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Cambridge, MA

[www.worcesterdiocese.net](http://www.worcesterdiocese.net)  
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### Friday September 26

6:00pm Registration  
7:00pm Paraklesis  
8:00pm Reception & Fellowship

### Saturday September 27

9:00am Bus departs for Hellenic College/Holy Cross  
9:30am Morning Prayers  
10:00am Keynote Address (light refreshments served)  
11:00am Workshop 1  
12:30pm Lunch  
1:30pm Campus Tour/Free time  
2:15pm Workshop 2  
3:45pm Personal Reflection/Confession/Bookstore  
5:00pm Great Vespers  
6:00pm Cookout at Seminary  
7:30pm Bus departs for Charles River Cruise  
11:00pm Bus returns to hotel

### Sunday September 28

8:30am Bus #1 departs for Orthros at  
Saint Mary Church, Cambridge  
9:30am Bus #2 departs for Divine Liturgy at  
Saint Mary Church, Cambridge  
11:30am Brunch at Saint Mary Church, Cambridge  
12:30pm Wrap-up session

**BOSTON, MA**

TOTAL DEPOSIT	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAY	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR BASKET
<i>AUGUST 24 &amp; 31</i>					
<b>\$4900.00</b>	\$545.00	\$4020.00	\$315.00	N.A.	N.A.



### PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Nick and Jackie Saber . . . . .for the health of John, Rose, James, and all of their families  
. . . . .and in memory of those recently departed; Sadie and the members  
of Peters, Khoury, Saad, George, Abdelnour, Boonisar, Elias, Issa, Howard, and Saber families

The Clergy of the New England Deanery, Nicholas Abdallah, Olga Abdallah, Paul & Helen Donohue & Family, Joyce Boulis, George & Mary Battikha, Father & Mrs Elias Velonis, Maurice Daboul & Family, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman, Louella Cardoos, Lorice Zahka, Chris & Anne Cavanaugh, Father John & Joan Teebagy and anonymous donors . . . . .in memory of Father Nifon Abraham

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Pray** for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Edward, Priest Robert, Khouriye Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Stephanie, Mary, Florence, Alice, Hayes, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Camille, Michael, Mikayla, Christopher, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, George, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Lana, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, George, Lovee, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, William, Mary.

### THE PARISH COUNCIL

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman  
Barbara Campbell, Paul Eysie, Camille Florio (Secretary), Andrew Howard (Vice Chairman),  
Marlene Lupaczyk, Marwan Samman (Treasurer), Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

### CHURCH LEADERS

Ladies of Saint George - Katie Birtwell, President	Church School - Rich Plouffe, Superintendent
Choir Director - David Franciosi	Chanters - Paul Eysie & Erik Potter
Teen Advisor - Michele Markatos	Teen President / Diocesan Treasurer - Jenna Weiskerger
Ushers - Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman	Epistle Reader Coordinator - Lovee Thomas
Bible Bowl Team Leader - Emily Shay	Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik	Scholarship Committee Chair - Helen Abril
Seminarian - Michael Razook	

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TONE 3 • EOTHINON 1 • PRE-FAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

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**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 3)**

*Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act  
with his own arm. He hath trampled down death and become the First-born from the dead.  
He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

**Troparion of the Prefeast (Tone 4)**

*Today from the stem of Jesse and from the loins of David is born unto us Mary the divine Maiden.  
Wherefore, all creation rejoiceth and is rejuvenated; heaven and earth together are joyful. Wherefore,  
O ye tribes of the nations, praise her; for Joachim rejoiceth and Anne celebrateth, crying, The barren  
shall give birth to the Theotokos who nourisheth our life.*

**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 For-Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)**

*Today the virgin Theotokos, Mary, the fortified chamber of the heavenly groom, is born by the will of  
God of a barren woman, being spared as a chariot for God the Word for to this she had been foredes-  
tined, since she is the divine gate and the Mother of Life in truth.*

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**EPISTLE & GOSPEL**

**Prokeimenon and Verse:**

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

**The Reading is from the Apostle Paul to the Galatians**

*(6:11-18, for the Sunday before the Elevation)*

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**Alleluia:**

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John**

*(3:13-17, for the Sunday before the Elevation)*

**Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.**

No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee**

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