

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



14
SEPTEMBER
2008

ELEVATION
OF THE
PRECIOUS
AND
LIFE-GIVING
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

Thursday - *Sorry, no Matins (Father Joseph is at a deanery meeting)*
Saturday - *Baptism, 1:00 pm*
Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
Next Sunday - *Matins 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy 10:00 am*
40-Day Memorial for Father Nifon Abraham

There is fasting today, Wednesday and Friday.

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by Sharon and Jenna Weiskerger.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for refreshments after Liturgy, hosted by Sharon and Jenna.

FLOWERS

The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos and those decorating the Life-giving Cross have been donated by Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies (for the health of their family), by Kay Moseley, the Cassidy Family and Nick & Doris Copoulos (for the health of Pauline.)

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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

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 HUFLLIS

- * 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.

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 "

Saturday, September 27th is **Jude Children's Research Hospital**. annual Dinner - Auction - Dance & Fashion Show. It will take place at the Copley Marriott from 6pm-midnight. Info at www.bigdreamsstartsmall.com.

BBQ AFTER LITURGY

On October 5th, following Liturgy, there will be a BBQ lunch sponsored by *the group of guys who eat lunch together every other Wednesday at the Brookside Cafe* (they have no official title.) The proceeds will be given to the George Abraham Memorial Fund.

ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS AT CONVENTIONS

Edited from New York Daily News, (August 24, 2008)

Priests, ministers and religious leaders took the stage both in Denver, where the Democrats met last month, and in Minneapolis-St. Paul, where the Republicans gathered the week after. As might be expected, the clergy members chosen to speak tend to be close to the party that's hosting the convention. Most clergy go to one convention or the other. **But there is one clergyman who spoke at both: Archbishop Demetrios, the head of the Greek Orthodox Church of America.** With his white beard, black robe, monk's hood and shepherd's staff, Demetrios cuts a distinctive figure. Even if you don't catch him at the podium, you might well spot him in the crowd.

How did it come that he goes to both the Republican and Democratic conventions? "It's a tradition that goes back to 1980," said the Rev. Alexander Karloutsos, the public affairs director of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. That year, both Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan invited one of Demetrios' predecessors, Archbishop Iakovos. Feeling close to both and not wanting to offend anyone, Iakovos went to both conventions. He and his successors have barely missed a convention since.

The conventions offer a lot of visibility for what is a relatively small church. There are an estimated 1.5 million Greek Orthodox in America. But in some ways Demetrios represents the larger community of Orthodox Christians, who number about 5 million in the US.

Demetrios was unavailable for comment. But in a recent interview with the PBS program "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly," he emphasized that **the Orthodox Church is "not in anyway partisan." But he added, "We are not indifferent."** He said he will be "praying for the people who are governing." "We are in constant communication with them and with God, asking for His guidance," he said.

Demetrios mentioned that he stands ready to offer not only prayers but guidance to the major party candidates. He met in June at his New York offices with Republican John McCain and is expected to meet there soon with Democrat Barack Obama as well.



**Patriarch IGNATIUS IV
to Visit the U.S.**

**A Message From
Metropolitan PHILIP**

Beloved Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Members of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees, Members of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch, The Antiochian Women, Members of St. John the Divine and SOYO, and all faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese:

I am delighted to inform you that we have received news that our Father in Christ, His Beatitude, IGANTIUS IV, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East [pictured left], will be visiting our Archdiocese this autumn. His Beatitude will arrive at Newark Liberty Airport on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, and will travel to Boston on Thursday, October 30. **In Boston, he will preside over a fund-raising banquet on Saturday evening, November 1, 2008, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the University of Balamand in Lebanon.** During this auspicious occasion, the members of the Balamand Educational Foundation have decided to establish a scholarship fund in honor Metropolitan PHILIP (Saliba) for needy and worthy students.

If you would like to receive the blessings of His Beatitude, he will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 2, 2008, at a place to be determined within the Diocese of New England. Hotel arrangements can be made at the Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116 or by calling 800/937-8461. The rooms are reserved in the name of the University of Balamand/Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese. The rate is \$199.00 per night and you must make your reservations before October 17, 2008 to get this special rate. Please check our website www.antiochian.org for the latest information about the place and time of the Divine Liturgy and more information about the banquet.

Wishing you a blessed beginning of the new Ecclesiastical Year, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

MARK THIS DATE. OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 2ND, SO THAT AS A COMMUNITY WE MAY ATTEND THE PATRIARCHAL LITURGY. PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR CAR-POOLING OR A BUS.

TOTAL DEPOSIT <i>SEPT. 7</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAY	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR BASKET
\$2291.70	\$225.00	\$1511.70	\$205.00	N.A.	N.A.



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Cleo Eysie and Catherine Mikein memory of Angelina Saraca
Sandy & Linda Thomas, Dolores Elias, Catherine Mike and George & Lovee Thomas
.....for Father Bob Bethoney on his elevation
Carol Edwardsin memory of Charles and Nichplas Pasco
Nick & Doris Copoulosfor the health of Pauline and for Samera Mike
Emaline Eakle and anonymous donorsin memory of John Sam
James & Arlene Kimmettgeneral donation
Karimi Saad, Jeanne Jennings, Peter & Sue Toli, Janice Cuzzo and the Antiochian Women - Diocese of
Worcesterin memory of Father Nifon Abraham

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Edward, Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Pauline, 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.

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CHURCH LEADERS

Ladies of Saint George - Katie Birtwell, President	Church School - Rich Plouffe, Superintendent
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SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2008

ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

Eisodikon

*Exalt ye the Lord our God, worship at his footstool, for He is holy.
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ,
Save us, O Son of God, who wast crucified in the flesh, as we sing to thee Alleluia.*

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1)

*O Lord, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people
victory over all adversaries, and by thy Cross preserving thine Estate.*

Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Tone 4)

*Do thou, who of thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow
thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by thy Name; make glad in thy might those who
lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in thine
aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.*

At the place of "Holy God"

*Before thy Cross, we bow down and worship sovereign Lord,
and thy Resurrection we glorify.*

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Exalt the Lord our God. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:18-24)

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (19:6-35, for the Elevation)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; every one who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab'batha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfil the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness -- his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth -- that you also may believe.

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee
