



# 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

Rev. Deacon Stephen Mathewes  
Subdeacon Gheorge Doros  
Subdeacon Joseph Kouyoumjian

*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

Tuesday - Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos, 6:00 pm

Thursday - Ladies Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Akathist for Children, 7:30 pm

Saturday - Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Meeting after coffee hour on parish constitution

Monday the 13th - Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross, 6:00 pm

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

5 September

2010



15th Sunday  
after

Pentecost



Prophet  
Zachariah

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## Resolution of the Holy Synod of Antioch Regarding the Status of Bishops in North America

### SYNODAL RESOLUTION

The Holy Synod of Antioch in its 46 Synodal session, after long and careful deliberation and following the careful investigation of canonical studies submitted to the Holy Synod, including the study of Metropolitan Basil of Arcadia (Akar) who was commissioned by the Holy Synod of Antioch, with regard to the historicity of bishops, hereby affirms that the bishops of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, chosen to dioceses and delegated to these dioceses by the Metropolitan, are Auxiliary bishops under the direction of the Metropolitan, who has the full jurisdiction over the Archdiocese. Furthermore, the Metropolitan, possesses the right and the authority to transfer a bishop from one diocese to another, as he

deems necessary for the benefit of the Archdiocese, and after deliberating with the Archdiocesan Synod. The Dioceses within the Archdiocese are not considered, by any means, independent, but rather shall always remain under the direct authority and control of the Metropolitan. Further, the Holy Synod confirms and reaffirms that the Holy Synod, under the Chairmanship of the Patriarch, is the final and supreme authority in all matters related to all Archdioceses of the Patriarchate of Antioch.

The Holy Synod affirms that the Arabic Test is considered as the only reference.

*This synodal resolution is issued at St. Christopher Covenant on the 19th of August 2010*



**ATAKTHIST TO THE NURTURER OF CHILDREN**

“Nothing is so important as praying for your children. The answer and the hope always is spiritually rewarding when we pray for one another. When your children are even absent from you for the day or a period of time, remember to offer prayer on their behalf. Pray for your children when you go to Church. Ask our Gracious Lord God to watch over your beloved children, as well as to turn to the Mother of God the most holy Theotokos to as well pray for your children. The Mother of God hears your prayers and shall indeed take your prayers to the Throne of Our Lord God on your humble behalf.”

As our young people begin a new school year, this beautiful Akathist service for children will be served on **Thursday at 7:30 pm**. Parents, grandparents, godparents and our children themselves are encouraged to attend.

**BIRTHDAYS, NAME DAYS ETC.**

Stop by the parish hall this morning and help us compile a list of birthdays, anniversaries and Name Days. There are large calendar pages for you to neatly write those special days on which we can offer extra prayers.

**“LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”**

This acclaimed documentary follows the story of three men of three different faiths and their lives in Israel and Palestine. There will be a sneak preview at Saint George, West Roxbury on Wednesday, September 15th at 7 pm.

**2011 CONFERENCE & CONVENTION THEME**

The theme for the **PLC** next year (Hyannis, June 17-19) and the **Convention** (Chicago, July 24-31) as well as the creative festivals is **“Be mindful, O Lord, of the priesthood, the diaconate and every priestly rank”**.

The topic for the **Bible Bowl** will be the Gospel of Saint Matthew. For information, see [antiochian.org/festivals](http://antiochian.org/festivals).

Convention info: [ArchdiocesConvention2011.org](http://ArchdiocesConvention2011.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

*Pick up a calendar in the narthex today.*

- September 7 - Evening Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos, 6:00 pm.
- September 9 - Ladies Meeting, 6:30 pm
- September 9 - Akathist for Children (a beautiful way for parents to offer prayers as their children begin a new school year.) Service at 7:30 pm
- September 12 - Meeting after coffee hour to discuss the proposed changes to our constitution.
- September 13 - Evening Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross, 6:00pm.
- September 18 - Sonia’s Run (5K) for Theophany School, West Roxbury, 9:00 am: Runners and Volunteers, go to <http://soniasrun.org/>
- September 19, First day of Church School, 12:30 pm.
- September 19, *Norwood Day*
- September 19, *Antiochian Women - West Roxbury*
- September 25, AABA Hufli
- September 27 - Annual Parish Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- October 2 - Education Day at Saint Vladimir’s Seminary: *Many Cultures, One Faith*
- October 14 -Book Club, 7:30 pm: A discussion of *The Walk*, by Richard Paul Evans (a NYT bestseller.)

**ORTHOROX CHRISTIAN INSURES HAIR**

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The long, flowing black hair that tumbles out of NFL star [and Orthodox Christian] Troy Polamalu’s helmet and down his back has been insured for \$1 million by Head and Shoulders, the shampoo brand that is endorsed by the Pittsburgh Steelers player. The insurance was obtained through Lloyd’s of London. At nearly three-feet long, Polamalu’s hair has been targeted by an opposing NFL player at least once. Polamalu, a five-time Pro Bowl player, wears his hair long as a tribute to his Samoan heritage.

**HOLY BREAD** - The gifts are offered today by the Kimmitt family for Zachary on his Name Day.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please stay for refreshments after Liturgy today, hosted by the Kimmitts in thanksgiving for Zachary on his Name Day.

**HOLY BREAD AND COFFEE HOUR** - As we prepare to move into the fall, it is so important that we have donors each week for the holy gifts. The coffee hour too, is an integral part of life in our Christian community. Please do your part, sign up for holy bread or coffee hour.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -**

Marcia Shapiro, Dianne Shalbey and her family, Jeanne and Marie Boulis, Eunice Smyrnios ..... *in memory Michael Mike Kay Mike* ..... *in memory of Janine Hadge James & Arlene Kimmitt* ..... *donation*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER -**

**Pray** for the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas and Pamela (Manikas), Archpriest Michael (Lewis), Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Lucia Camille (Baba) John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Roger (Eysie), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Jamil (Samara), David (Elliott, serving in Iraq), Michael (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathrynne (Howard), Edward (Arees), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Frances (Giandomenico), Frederick (Howard), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Carrie, Sam, Nicholas, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Linda, Sarah, Josephine, David, Sterling.

Income August 29	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Special Collection
\$1056.00	\$425 .00	\$445.00	\$166.00	N.A.

**Council & Parish Leaders**

- Christine Byron
- Joseph Eysie
- Barbara Campbell (Secretary)
- Subdeacon Gheorghe Doros
- Andrew Howard (Chairman)
- Richard Plouffe
- Marwan Samman
- John Shalbey jr.
- Linda Thomas (Vice Chair)

*Assistant Treasurers:*

- Beverly DiFlaminies
- Leeann Plouffe

Chanters - Erik Potter & Rezanne Toumi

Choir Director - David Franciosi

Christmas Card - Doris Copoulos

Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen

Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas

Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley

Holy Bread - Catherine Keches

IOCC Rep. - Emily Howard

Ladies President - Katie Birtwell

Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros

Seminarians - Rabee Toumi &

Deacon Stephen Mathewes

Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril

School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe

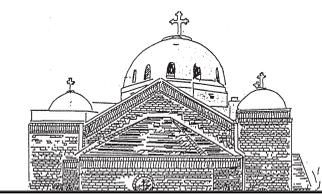
Teen Advisor - Emily Howard

Teen President - Timothy Markatos

Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmitt

Usher - Andrew Howard

Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



**15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Prophet Zachariah, father of John the Baptist**

**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 5)**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

**TROPARION OF PROPHET ZACHARIAH (TONE 4)**

In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, as it befitted a priest, O wise Zachariah. Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; and in God's temple, O wise Prophet of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.

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

By thy holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee, The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

**EPISTLE AND GOSPEL**

*Prokeimenon and Verse:* Save, O Lord, Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee I cry, O Lord, my God.

**The Reading is from the Second Letter of  
 Apostle Paul to the Corinthians**  
*(4:6-15, 15th Sunday)*

For 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. For 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.* He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven. *Alleluia.* He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God and I will hope in Him. *Alleluia.*

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel accord-  
 ing to Saint Matthew (22:35-46, 15th Sunday)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a lawyer, asking Him a question to test Him: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is He?" They said to Him, "The son of David." Jesus said to them, "How is it then, that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool?' If David thus calls Him Lord, how is He His son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.