



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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Sunday 8 September 2013



**Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross
Nativity of the Holy Mother of God**

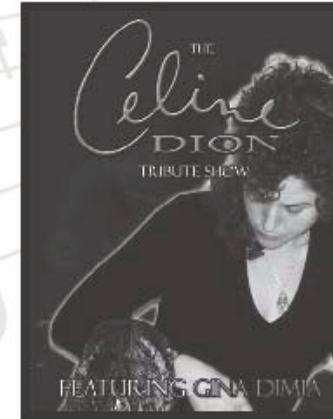
Upcoming Services and Events

- Friday - Evening Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross, 6:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
40-Day Memorial for Alec Deeb
Church School, 12:30-2:30 pm
Special collection for those suffering in Syria
*(The Metropolitan's letter is posted in the parish hall
and on our website.)*
- Fasting - There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week
and also on Saturday, the Feast of the Cross

SAINT GEORGE NIGHT

AT THE
NORWOOD
THEATRE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
8:00 PM



♪ TICKETS ARE HERE:

Purchase tickets after the Liturgy or on-line at www.NorwoodStage.com

♪ HELP US ADVERTISE THIS AMAZING EVENT:

We have color and b & w flyers. We have electronic ads and a Facebook message.

♪ EVENT SPONSORS:

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Sandy, Linda
and Bobby Thomas

ANTIOCHIAN DAY OF SOLIDARITY

As you may know, His Beatitude John X, Patriarch of Antioch and All The East, has designated Sunday September 15th as “Antiochian Day of Solidarity”. His letter can be found at the following link:

<http://www.antiochian.org/antiochian-day-solidarity-scheduled-september-15-2013>

His Eminence Metropolitan Philip is asking all of our churches and missions in North America to give our full support to this appeal, and to make a special collection on Sunday September 15th, 2013 which will benefit the victims in Syria who are suffering so terribly.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT WEEK

Christian education for our young people resumes next Sunday at 12:30 pm. Classes are available from pre-school through 8th grade. Students, parents or teachers with any questions should see Rich Plouffe.

SAINT GEORGE NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

Friday, September 20th: A *Celine Dion Tribute Show*, featuring Gina Dimia at the *Norwood Theatre*. It is a benefit for our church.

- Let your friends know about this fabulous evening: Go to our website, www.StGeorgeNorwood.org and share the link. You can also be our **Facebook** friend and share the info with everyone you know.
- Of course you will want to pick up your own tickets for the show. And why not make an evening of it; we have arranged for dinner deals at the OCC, Byblos, and Olivadi. Reservations are required.

THEOPHANY SCHOOL

Sonia's Run is set for September 21st. The annual 5K to benefit Theophany School begins and ends at Saint George, West Roxbury. Registration packets can be picked up at 7:30 am that day.. There is a Kid's Fun Run at 8:30 and the big race at 9:00.

YOUR CHALLENGE

Earlier this summer, during his homily, Father Joseph put forward a challenge to everyone in the parish. As he was 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 basics of the Church. The challenge is first, for each member to attend, but also to bring with them someone from outside the parish. The dates are all Wednesdays in October (the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.) They will run for about an hour, beginning at 7:00 pm. NOW, is the time to mark your calendars.

DANCING WITH THE AABA STARS

The annual fund raiser for the Arab American Benevolent Association is Friday, October 11, at the Norwood Theatre. Tickets are \$45.

The Saint George dancer this year is John Shalhoub. There will be a *Spaghetti Dinner* here on Thursday, September 26th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm -- the proceeds will go toward our “votes” for John.

And for golfers, the AABA tournament is September 9th at the Foxboro Country Club. Tee time is 1:00 pm.

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America will hold its annual meeting September 17-19, 2013 in Schaumburg, Illinois. This is the fourth Annual Meeting of the Assembly, which is comprised of all 65 active Orthodox hierarchs serving the United States, Canada, and Mexico (this includes Metropolitan Philip, Bishop John and the other hierarchs of our archdiocese)

The agenda can be viewed online at www.antiochian.org and includes discussion of the Assembly's vision, proposals for canonical restructuring, and an Assembly-sponsored national youth conference. The Assembly requests the prayers of all clergy, monastics, and laity.

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered today by Gloria Iovan and her family.

COFFEE - Check the holy bread and coffee hour notebook in the parish hall and sign up to be a host sometime this fall. Please join us today for coffee and goodies, provided by some kind parishioners.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

John Howard, Nick & Jackie Saber *in memory of Adele Howard (who would have been 100 years today) and for the health of Michel Eysie*
 James & Arlene Kimmett *general donation*
 Helen Abril *for the health of Marion Corcoran, Catherine Keches and Florence Esper*

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), Marion (Corcoran), Lina (Karam), Camille (Florio), Ernest (Peter), Bobby (Joseph), 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 1 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$1496.00	\$825.00	\$520.00	\$151.00	N.A.

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**Sunday before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Nativity of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

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 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

KONTAKON OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)

By thy holy nativity, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; thy people celebrate it, having been saved from the penalty of their transgressions, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

At Matins:

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (1:39-49, 56, for the Feast)

In those days, Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for He Who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

At The Liturgy:

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

The Reading is from Apostle Paul's Letter to Galatians (6:11-18, Sunday before the Cross)

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. Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear; and forget thine own people and thy father's house; and the King shall greatly desire thy beauty. *Alleluia.* The rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John

(3:13-17, Sunday before the Cross)

The Lord said, "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 should not perish but 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 His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."