



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

*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

Today -	SOYO and Church School meet with Father Joseph
Monday -	Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am for the Elevation of the Cross Ladies Meeting, 6:30 pm
Tuesday -	Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
Friday -	Young people meet with Metropolitan PHILIP Parish Council Dinner with Metropolitan
Saturday -	Sonia's Race, 9:00 am, Saint George West Roxbury Great Vespers, 6:00 pm Ladies Anniversary Banquet (reservations required) 7:00 pm
Next Sunday -	Matins 9:00 am / Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00 am One-year Memorial for Father Nifon
<i>Fasting -</i>	<i>There is fasting on Monday (for the Cross) Wednesday and Friday this week.</i>

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Sunday before
the Elevation
of the Cross

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METROPOLITAN PHILIP'S VISIT THIS WEEK

Below are important dates and times:

After Liturgy today, young folks meet with Father Joseph.
 At coffee hour today, Order of Saint Ignatius DVD.
 After coffee hour, meeting of ushers.

Monday at 6:30 pm - Ladies Meeting
 Tuesday at 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Friday at 6:00 pm - Church School & SOYO gathering with the Metropolitan. Location tba.
 Friday evening - Metropolitan's dinner with Council

Saturday - Metropolitan's luncheon with Abraham family
 Saturday - 6:00 pm - Great Vespers at the church
 Saturday - 7:00 pm - Reception at the Apollo
 Dinner & Program at 8:00 pm

Sunday - Matins at 9:00 am
 Gheorghe Doros will be made a subdeacon at this service.

Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am
 Ordination to the diaconate of Milad Selim.
 Memorial service for Father Nifon Abraham,
 Metropolitan ILYAS (Kurban)
 and Becharah Saliba (brother of Wahib Saliba)
 Induction of new members to the Order
 A festive coffee hour will follow.

If you have any questions, please speak with Father Joseph, Andrew Howard or Katie Birtwell.

ORDER OF SAINT IGNATIUS

"Come, be a part of our vision for the future and find a new and deeper expression of your faith."

- Metropolitan PHILIP

We are pleased to have Christine Bezreh with us this morning who will speak about the Order of Saint Ignatius. A new DVD will be shown at coffee hour and Chris will be there to answer any questions.

WELCOME TO NORWOOD

It is a great pleasure to welcome to Saint George our seminarian for the year. He is Stephen Mathewes, a first year student from Linthicum, MD. He is married to Jocelyn; they have a daughter, Ruth (21 months) and a son, Lucas (just two weeks old!) Stephen's dad is Father Gregory Mathewes-Green, pastor of Holy Cross Church in Linthicum, and his mother (a noted author) is Frederica.

We are also delighted to have with us again this year Rabbe Toumi and his new bride, Rezanne.

Again welcome, it is a blessing to have you all with us.

SONIA'S RUN

The inaugural *5K road race to benefit Theophany School*, in memory of Sonia Daly Belcher, is this Saturday September 19. The race is USATF sanctioned, it starts and finishes at Saint George Church in West Roxbury at 9:00 am. (Kids dash at 8:30) If you haven't signed up yet, register on the day of the race at 8:00 am.

If you don't run, but you would like to help, please contact Danielle Warren at danielle.a.warren@gmail.com and sign up as a volunteer.

AABA HUFLI

The annual hufli of the *American Arabic Benevolent Association* is Saturday September 26th at 8:00 pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral. The details are all on line at: <http://www.aabausa.org/events/hufli/>

YARD SALE AND COSTUMES

Camille Florio is organizing a parish yard sale, which will include brand-new Halloween costumes. It will be *Saturday October 3rd*. We need your sale items: please make everything is in working order: No clothes, TVs or computers. Bring your goodies after September 20th. Of course, we also need volunteers.



COFFEE HOUR

Please stay for refreshments after the Liturgy today.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, Deacon Elias, Claudia, Chris, Elizaebth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Richard, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

Pray for the newly departed handmaiden of God Mary, the sister of George Keches. Memory eternal.

Income Sept. 6	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$2345.00	\$1400.00	\$100.00	\$202.00	N.A.

Council & Parish Leaders

Andrew Howard (Chairman)
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Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross**Commemoration of the founding of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem
Hieromartyr Cornelious the centurion and the Six Martyrs at Tomi in Romania****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 THE DEDICATION (TONE 4)

As thou didst reveal from on high the splendour of the heavens, so thou didst reveal on earth the splendour of the dwelling of thy holy glory! Make it stand firm forever and accept there the supplications which we offer thee unceasingly through the Theotokos, life and resurrection of all.

FOREFEAST OF THE CROSS (TONE 4)

We offer in supplication the life-creating cross of thy goodness, Lord which thou hast granted to us who art unworthy; save the Orthodox Christians, only lover of mankind, through the Theotokos.

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 FOR THE DEDICATION (TONE 4)

Grant inner enlightenment and spiritual renewal of heart to those who with faith celebrate the sacred dedication of the temple of thy house. It was thy good pleasure to build it for thy divine name, For thou art glorious in the saints.

EPISTLE AND 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 Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (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.

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John

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

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.