

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



3 FEBRUARY
2008

SUNDAY
AFTER THE
MEETING IN
THE TEMPLE
& ZACCHAEUS

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

Today - *Bible Bowl Study Session and Ladies Meeting*
Tuesday - *First class: Contemporary Moral Issues, 7:00 pm*
Thursday - *Paraklesis, 9:00 am*
Saturday - *Diocesan Delegates Day at Saint George, Boston*
Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
Next Sunday - *Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am*
1-Year memorial for Frances Esper &
40-day memorial for Freda Franciosi
Church School, 1:00 pm

There is fasting on Wednesday and Friday this week.

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by Cleo Eysie and her family; and by Nick and Doris Copoulos.

COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs, for coffee and refreshments, hosted by Cleo Eysie.

At coffee hour today, please make a **SOUPER BOWL** donation. Your contributions will be collected by the Teens of Saint George and delivered to the Norwood Food Pantry.

VOTIVE

Seven day candles burn before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos, given by Nick & Doris Copoulos and by Cleo Eysie in thanksgiving for their families and for their good health; by Marie Piccirelli in memory of Freda Franciosi.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

A **new series of classes** begins on Tuesday, February 5th, at 7:00. The topics for these classes will be contemporary moral issues.

For our school age members, Church School is next Sunday at 1:00 pm.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

The Diocese of Worcester and New England mid-winter meetings for the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, SOYO, and the Ladies will be held **Saturday, February 9th at St. George in West Roxbury.**

Meetings will begin at 10:00 am with an opening prayer. A luncheon will be served by the Ladies following the meetings.

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

On March 1st, the Diocesan Ladies are hosting a pre-Lenten retreat, open to everyone, right here in Norwood. The topic is **Contemporary Bioethical Issues** presented by Deacon Seraphim Solof (a flyer is posted in the parish hall.)

LENT IS COMING

- The pre-Lenten period begins February 17th.
- Great Lent begins March 10th.
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be at Saint Sava Serbian Church in Cambridge.
- Western Easter is March 23rd.
- Palm Sunday is April 20th.
- Pascha is April 27th.

BIBLE BOWL

Each year during the Parish Life Conference (June 26 - 29 in Providence) **adults** and **teens** from the diocesan parishes compete in a match of Scriptural knowledge. This year's topic is First Corinthians. So, time to brush up on the texts: whether you are a competitor or just want to know more, join our team each Sunday after Liturgy. Emily Shay is leading the sessions on the back porch of the parish house.

2008 DIRECTORY

A draft of the updated parish directory is in the parish hall today. **Please check the accuracy of the information**, and if necessary, legibly make any changes. This directory includes members of Saint George, as well as friends of the parish and members who have recently moved away. The new directory will be printed this week; it will be available in the customary format, as well as in large-print and electronic editions.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Over 110 members have made a pledge to the church for this year. A list of our donors will be printed next Sunday in the bulletin.

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

Start your morning at the computer with a podcast of the saint of the day: Bookmark <http://ancientfaith.com/podcasts/saintoftheday> and listen to short recap of the holy men and women whose feasts we are celebrating.

SCOBA STATEMENT

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Chairman of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, issued this statement on behalf of SCOBA on **the falling asleep of the late Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, the ever-memorable Christodoulos.**

"On behalf of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas, I convey to the blessed Orthodox people and to the Government of the Hellenic Republic, the condolences of their fellow Orthodox Christians throughout the Americas, as we mourn the passing of this great Churchman and Hierarch."

"The passing of His Beatitude Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens and All Greece Monday, January 28, 2008 in the early morning hours after a valiant struggle with illness."

PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF VIOLET FARHA

Helen Abril, Katheryne Howard, Michael & Samera Mike, Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk, Sandy Thomas & Family, Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman, George & Lovee Thomas, Kay Mike, Emaline Eakle, Anthony & Sarah Grasso, Richard & Leeann Plouffe, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Hellas Assad and Don & Christine Byron.

IN MEMORY OF FREDA FRANCIOSI (INCLUDING DONATIONS TO THE ESPER FUND)

Robert Joseph, Madeline Joseph, Marion Angelo, George & Lovee Thomas, Sandy Thomas & Family, Michael & Samera Mike, Ronald Mike, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Kay Mike, Ernest & Sally Peter, Andrew Howard, Donna Ivey, Hellas Assad, Don & Christine Byron, James & Christine Bezreh, Janet Khouri, Fred & Elizabeth Tomm, Dolores Elias, William & Mary Lou Catelli, June Johnson Wolff, John Shallhoub, Helen Abril, Robert & Rose Saba, Sophie Boulis, Joseph & Mary Shagoury, Anthony Bashir, Lila Ameer, Deborah Leotsakos, Michael & Marilyn Robbat, Richard & Violet Robbat, Linda Kabar, Katheryne Howard, Edward & Laurice Kurker, Maureen Gurghigian, John & Priscilla Shagoury, Don & Camille Florio, Sally Rihbany, Marcia Shapiro, Robert Cosky, Alex & Mary Deeb, Diana Michael, Robert & Nancy Deeb, Joseph & Loretta Eysie, Nella Pazniokas, George & Catherine Keches, Mr & Mrs Roger Ferris, Peter & Beverly Veglas, Nick & Jackie Saber, Margaret Khouri, Marie Shaker, J.R. Howard, J.M. David, L.M Resha, Martha Cali, Josephine Purpura, Barry & Margo Irwin, Regina Jennings, Mary Ann Verrochi, Steve & Carolyn Solomon, Anthony & Rita Padula, Paul Hajar, the Sabdy Thomas Family, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman, Selma Winstanley, Mary Winstanley, Michelle Winstanley, the Shorles Family, Marion Redonnet, Margaret Domet, Bruno & Reggie DiCicco, Honey Toliias, Mary Cali, George & Madeline Shaheen, Julia Phillips, Emaline Eakle, Paulette Mabardy, Jennie Mike, Catherine Destito, Anthony & Sarah Grasso, Richard & Leeann Plouffe, Najlae Solomon, David & Phyllis Spicer, Jane O'Brien, Salwa Hajar and several anonymous donations.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN SHALBEY

Katheryne Howard, Marcia Shapiro, Helen Deeb, Don & Camille Florio, Ernest & Sally Peter, Michael & Samera Mike, Sandy Thomas & Family, Marwan & Ibtisam Samman, Marion Redonnet, Kay Mike, George & Lovee Thomas, Anthony & Sarah Grasso, Richard & Leeann Plouffe, Ronald Mike, Nick & Doris Copoulos, Andrew Howard, Margaret Domet, Jennie Mike, Honey Toliias, Hellas Assad, Catherine Moseley, Bruno & Reggie DiCicco, Joyce Tarabonovic, Julia Phillips, Lorraine Matway, Don & Christine Byron and several anonymous donors.

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD MIKE

Estelle Mike and Family, Kay Mike, Regina Jennings, Marie Coffin, George & Lovee Thomas, Sandy Thomas & Family, Hellas Assad, Katheryne Howard, Sophie Boulis, Ernest & Sally Peter, Honey Toliias, Jennie Mike, John Howard, the N.G. Beram Veterans Association and several anonymous donors.

TOTAL DEPOSITS <i>JANUARY 20</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAYS	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR OUTREACH
\$4534.00	\$1998.00	\$515.00	\$231.00	N.A.	N.A.



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Hellas Assad, Sandy Thomas & Family *in memory of Vivian Carter Humsey*
Hellas Assad *in memory of Thomas Russell*
Emaline Eakle *for the health of Hayes Kelley and Denise Moses*
Philip Michaels *to the Habib and Annie Mike Fund in memory of Carmen Michaels*
Russell, Ronald, Lindsay, Philip and Lauren Mike . . *for the health of Michael & Samera Mike on their birthdays*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Deacon Elias, Khouriye Joanne, Alice, Hayes, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Helen, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Edward, Carrie, Sam, Camille, Michael, Angela, Mikayla, Christopher, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Stanley, George, Frances, Marlene, 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.

Pray for Erik, our catachumen.

Pray for Joseph (Irwin), soon to be deployed in Afghanastan and all those in the armed forces.

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

Katie Birtwell - Ladies of Saint George President	Rich Plouffe - Church School Superintendent
Paul Eysie - Parish Chanter	David Franciosi - Choir Director
Michele Markatos - Teen Leader	Teen President - Jenna Weiskerger
Andrew Howard & Marwan Samman - Ushers	Lovee Thomas - Epistle Reader Coordinator
Emily Shay - Bible Bowl team leader	Seminarian - Michael Razook
Gerry Mullen - Church custodian	

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2008 • SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

TONE 3 • EOTHINON 3 • SUNDAY AFTER THE MEETING IN THE TEMPLE

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 for the Presentation (Tone 1)

*Rejoice, O virgin Theotokos, full of grace; for from thee arose the Sun of justice,
Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man,
carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us resurrection.*

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 Presentation (Tone 1)

*Thou, O Christ God, who by thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet,
didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve thy fold in wars,
and confirm them whom thou didst love; for thou alone art the Lover of mankind.*

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

The Lord will give strength to his people. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring the Lord honor and glory.

The reading is from the Second Letter of Apostle Paul to Timothy

(2 Timothy 4:9-15 fro the 32nd Sunday)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

(19:1-10, 15th Luke: When there are more than 52 weeks between celebrations of Pascha, the order of Sunday Gospels may vary in the weeks leading to the Triodion. Today for instance, some Orthodox churches may read "the Talents" from Saint Matthew. In Antiochian usage, the story of Zaccheus precedes by one week the Sunday of the Canaanite Woman and therefore will be read today.)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchae'us; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchae'us, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchae'us stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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