

# ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



**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, in the church after coffee hour*  
Saturday - *Vespers & Footlamps Program*  
*Saint George, Lowell, 5:00 pm*  
Next Sunday - *Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am*  
*40-day memorial for Violet Farha*  
*Ladies Meeting, after coffee hour*

***There is NO fasting during the week following the Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican, not even on Wednesday or Friday.***

## WELCOME

***It is a pleasure to welcome Father Joseph Purpura*** as the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy today. Father Joseph Kimmett and his family are spending a few days of this winter break visiting Jiddo. By your prayers they will return later this week.

## COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs for coffee and fellowship.

## VOTIVE CANDLES

A seven day votive burns before the Icon of Christ, given by Marie Piccirelli in memory of Vincinco Piccirelli and Thomas Moseley.

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## CLASS SCHEDULE

A series of classes on **contemporary moral issues** continues Tuesday the 26th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

## 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. Registration forms and information sheets are in the parish hall.

## BIBLE BOWL

Every year at 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; Our group is led by Emily Shay and today's session will take place in the church after everyone has had their coffee.

## SOUPER BOWL AND WATER BOTTLES

While many were disappointed in the outcome of the Super Bowl, there is great reason for celebrating the Souper Bowl. The Teens of Saint George raised **\$270.00 for Souper Bowl of Caring**. These funds will be given to the Norwood Food Pantry. Last week our Teens began selling water bottles -- and guess what, thanks to your support, they are all gone. A new supply should be here in a week.

## LADIES NEWS

March is Antiochian Women's Month throughout our archdiocese. Here in Norwood, the **Coffee Hour Baskets** during March will benefit "The Project".

- Monday, March 10th, our Ladies will host a reception after the Compline Service at 7:00 pm.
- Tuesday, March 25th, the Ladies are sponsoring a Fish Dinner, which will also benefit "The Project".
- The **next meeting is February 24th**, after coffee hour; on the agenda is a pre-Lenten outing.

## ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

The FY 2007 Treasurer's Report has been updated for approval by the parish. Copies of this report are available today in the parish hall. A vote to accept will be taken on Sunday, March 9th, at the end of coffee hour.

## SAINTS OF THE DAY

Start your day with a podcast about the saints: Browse to [ancientfaith.com/podcasts/saintoftheday](http://ancientfaith.com/podcasts/saintoftheday) and listen to short recap of the holy men and women whose feasts we are celebrating.

## LENT IS COMING

- The pre-Lenten period begins next Sunday.
- Great Lent begins March 10th.
  - › Forgiveness Vespers is March 9th at 7:00 pm
  - › The Diocesan Great Compline service will be here at 7:00 pm on the 10th.
  - › Pre-Sanctified Liturgies will be served Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 12th at 6:00 pm, followed by a Lenten Potluck.
  - › Salutations on the Akathist will be served on Friday in Lent, beginning March 14th at 7:00 pm.
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be at Saint Sava Serbian Church in Cambridge, March, 16th.
- Western Easter is March 23rd.
- Palm Sunday is April 20th.
- **Pascha is April 27th.**

## ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMPERS:

Check [www.antiochianvillage.org/camp.html](http://www.antiochianvillage.org/camp.html)  
On-line registration begins soon!

There are camping scholarships available from the Order of Saint Ignatius. Just ask Father Joseph K.

The Diocese of Worcester & New England Fellowship of St. John the divine

# The FOOTLAMPS

## LECTURE SERIES



*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

*Psalms 119:105*

### A Year in the Company of Angels

February 23, 2008 at St George, Lowell, MA with Dr. Timothy Patitsas

After completing a doctorate in Systematic Theology, Dr. Timothy Patitsas felt called to undertake "field work" in Orthodox Christian theology, to test whether the theories about God he had been studying in books and libraries corresponded with the experience of those who seem to know God best - the contemporary saints and ascetics of the Orthodox Church. This talk will present anecdotes and stories from the fourteen months he spent living among those wearing the "angelic habit" at the Archangel Michael Monastery in Thari, Rhodes, and at the Monastery of St. George in Denver, Colorado.



Dr. Timothy Patitsas was raised in Kent, Ohio, and within the Greek Orthodox community of the Annunciation in nearby Akron. A meeting with Fr. Sophrony Sakharov in Essex, England, led him to abandon the career path for which he had been training at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and to devote his life to Orthodox Christian theology and to the Church. He currently teaches Ethics at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Mass.

**Open to everyone.** Vespers service begins at 5pm followed by lecture and light refreshments. Suggested Donation \$5.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

For more information and to RSVP please Contact Ghada Khouri :

March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 Dr. Philip Mamalakis at St. George Norwood. (raising a balanced family in an unbalanced world)

781.275.7244

April 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 Fr. John Heropoulos at St. George West Foxbury (the fulfillment of the law and the prophets).

or go

online:

May 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 Fr. Ed Hughes at St. John of Damascus (the Orthodox view about death).

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www.antiochian.org/footlamps

TOTAL DEPOSITS <i>JAN 27 &amp; FEB 2</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAYS	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR OUTREACH
\$8318.00	\$2995.00	\$265.00	\$377.00	N.A.	\$29.00



#### PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

The family of Monsour Laham ..... *in memory of John Shalbey*  
 Angela Sepulveda .....  
 Anthony and Sarah Grasso ..... *in memory of Richard Mike*  
 The Shapiro, Ferrante and Parks Families ..... *in memory of Barbara Deeb Gilbert*  
 Dolores Elias and Dianne Shalbey ..... *in memory of Lillian Khouri*  
 Richard Chown ..... *in memory of John Shalbey*  
 The Choir of Saint John of Damascus Church, Dedham ..... *in memory of Freda Franciosi*

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Pray** for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Deacon Elias, Khouriyee 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 Afghanistan 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

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

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SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2008 • SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND PUBLICAN

TONE 5 • EOTHINON 5 • GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE OF TYRE

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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 for Great-Martyr Theodore the Soldier (Tone 2)

*Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the martyred Saint Theodore rejoiced in the fount of flames as though in the waters of rest; for being burned by fire, he was offered as delicious bread to the Trinity. Wherefore, by his pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.*

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 Pharisee and Publican (Tone 4)

*Let us run away from the words of the boastful Pharisee, and learn the humility of the publican, crying with sighs to the saviour, Have mercy upon us, O thou alone of true reconciliation.*

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

**Prokeimenon and Verse:**

Vow, and pay to the Lord your God. In Judah is God known.

**The Reading is from Apostle Paul's Second Letter to Timothy**

*(3:10-15 for the Pharisee and Publican)*

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Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Ico'nium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke**

*(18:10-14; the Pharisee and Publican)*

**Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee**

Jesus said, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee**

*A Pharisee, overcome with vainglory,  
and a Publican, bowed down in repentance,  
came to Thee the only Master.  
The one boasted and was deprived of blessings,  
while the other kept silent and was counted worthy of gifts.  
Confirm me, O Christ our God,  
in these his cries of sorrow,  
for Thou lovest mankind.*

- From Vespers for the Publican and Pharisee

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