

# ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



24  
FEBRUARY  
2008

SUNDAY OF  
THE  
PRODIGAL  
SON

**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, during coffee hour*  
*Ladies Meeting, after coffee hour*
- Tuesday - *Class on Contemporary Moral Issues, 7:00 pm*
- Thursday - *Matins, 9:00 am*
- Saturday - *Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am*  
*Pre-Lenten Retreat with Deacon Seraphim Solof*  
*Great Vespers, 5:00 pm*
- Next Sunday - *Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am*  
*40-day memorial for Richard Mike, John Shalbey*  
*and Violet Farha*

***There is fasting on Wednesday or Friday. Meatfare Sunday is March 2nd.***

## HOLY BREAD

The holy bread for today was to have been offered in memory of Violet Farha. The offering and 40-day memorial for Kh. Erin's Sitey has been moved to next week.

## COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs for coffee and fellowship.

## VOTIVE CANDLES

A seven-day candle burns before the Icon of the Theotokos in memory of Sonia Belcher.  
Memory eternal.

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## CLASS SCHEDULE

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

## PRE-LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday, 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; and a group led by Emily Shay. Today's session will take place in the church after everyone has had a cup of coffee.

## 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 today**, 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.
  - › Salutation on the Akathist will be served on Fridays 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.

Antiochian Women  
Diocese of Worcester and New  
England

PRE LENTEN RETREAT - SATURDAY - MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>  
2008

St. George Church – 6 Atwood Ave. Norwood, MA.

AN ORTHODOX PERSPECTIVE ON CONTEMPORARY BIOETHICAL  
ISSUES



[Church teaching and stem cell research, cloning, organ transplants and other current bioethical issues]

Presented by **Deacon Seraphim Solof**

Deacon Seraphim received his Bachelor of Science Degree from MIT and his Master of Divinity Degree, from Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Deacon Seraphim serves as Deacon of Saint George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester, MA.

9:00 DIVINE LITURGY followed by Registration  
10:30 FIRST SESSION  
NOON Luncheon  
1:00 SECOND SESSION  
2:30 Closing

RETREAT REGISTRATION

Registration and Luncheon \$15 – *Deadline is Sunday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>* – make checks payable to 'Antiochian Women' – return to Kh. Louise Ferguson, 10 Brahm's St. Boston, MA 02131.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DEPOSITS <i>FEB 10 &amp; 17</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAYS	SPECIAL TRAY	COFFEE HOUR OUTREACH
\$4623.00	\$2593.00	–	\$417.00	N.A.	–



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Madeline Eysie ..... for the good health of Cleo on her birthday

The gifts and donations received the past two weeks will be updated in the bulletin for 2 March.

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 Afghanistan and all those in the armed forces.

Pray for the newly departed handmaiden of God Sonia (Daly - Belcher), wife of Deacon Nicholas.

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 24 FEBRUARY 2008 • SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

TONE 6 • EOTHINON 6 • DISCOVERY OF THE HEAD OF THE FORERUNNER JOHN

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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 6)

*When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou that art risen from the dead! O Lord, glory to thee.*

Troparion of the Forerunner and Baptist John (Tone 4)

*Verily, from the earth rose the head of the Forerunner, bequeathing to believers incorruptible rays of healing, gathering the crowds of angels from above and calling below the races of mankind to address their voices in unison in glory to Christ God.*

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 Prodigal Son (Tone 3)

*When I disobeyed in ignorance thy fatherly glory, I wasted in iniquities the riches that thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to thee with the voice of the prodigal son, saying, I have sinned before thee, O compassionate Father, receive me repentant, and make me as one of thy hired servants.*

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

**Prokeimenon and Verse:**

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice In the Lord, O you righteous.

**The Reading is from Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians** (6:12-20, for the Prodigal Son)

Brethren, "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" --and God will

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destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

**The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke** (15:11-32; the Prodigal Son)

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

Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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

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