



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

Rev. Deacon Stephen Mathewes, Seminarian
Rev. Deacon Luke Toumi
Subdeacon Gheorge Doros
Subdeacon Joseph Kouyoumjian

*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

<u>Today</u> -	Ladies Meeting in church following Liturgy Baptism, 1:00 pm Orthodox "Mardi Gras", 5:00 pm
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Arabic Class, 6:00 pm
<u>Saturday</u> -	<i>Correction to email: No morning service here</i> Diocesan meetings, Saint George, Lawrence, 10:00 am Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am Memorials for Samera (1 year) and Michael (6 months) Mike. Church School, 12:30 pm Forgiveness Vespers, 6:00 pm
Monday the 7th -	Great Compline and reception, 7:00 pm
<u>Fasting</u> -	<i>Today is the last day for meat products until Pascha. Fish, dairy, wine and oil are permitted each day this week.</i>

**27 February
2011**
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**Meatfare
Sunday**

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**MARCH IS
ANTIOCHIAN
WOMEN'S
MONTH
IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE.**



***Project 2011
is the Convent of
Saint Thekla
at
Antiochian Village***



***Find out more ...
The Ladies
of Saint George meet
today in the church
right after Liturgy.***

THE MOST REVEREND
METROPOLITAN PHILIP



ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND
METROPOLITAN OF ALL
NORTH AMERICA

The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
OF NORTH AMERICA

Beloved Hierarchs, Clergy and Faithful of our Archdiocese,

Greetings and blessings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The month of March is designated as Women's Month in our Archdiocese. I founded the Antiochian Women in 1973. Since its inception, the Ladies have raised over two million, four hundred thousand dollars toward the funding and support of many of our projects, such as Antiochian Village, Married Seminarians, Project Orphanages and the Katherine Ajar Endowment Fund, Retired Clergy Housing Fund, Children With Special Needs and currently The Convent of St. Thekla at Antiochian Village. Through their hard work, dedication and commitment, they have continued to find many ways to strengthen their ministry in the Orthodox Church.

Over the years, the Antiochian Women have always shown much concern for orphans throughout the world. Therefore, the first Sunday in March will continue to be designated as "Orphans Sunday". During the month of March, you will see our women in more active roles in the church, such as reading the Epistle, taking the collection, and addressing those attending Liturgy, regarding the role of the Antiochian Women in their parishes, diocese and Archdiocese, as well as their ongoing project, The Convent of St. Thekla at Antiochian Village.

For the second year, the Antiochian Women are raising funds for The Convent of St. Thekla - Project 2011. This worthwhile endeavor deserves our undivided attention. A nun's life is one that maintains a monastic prayer life, a presence not only to the many ministries at Antiochian Village but also to the local church communities.

The nuns must make a vow of obedience, poverty and chastity. The future of the Convent is bright with Mother Alexandra as the Acting Abbess of the Convent of St. Thekla. We are truly blessed to have her. The Convent will be a wonderful addition to the many ministries at the Antiochian Village. In order to see this project to fruition, please support this worthwhile cause so that all of our lives may be enriched by the presence of Mother Alexandra, the Convent of St. Thekla, the teachings of Christ and all the future holds with this wonderful endeavor.

Your Father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate
The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese
of North America

GREAT LENT BEGINS IN A WEEK

The season of the Fast is almost upon us. A schedule of services for Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha is available in the narthex and in the parish hall.

Note to those planning confession:

Why wait til the last minute in Holy Week, the beginning of Lent is a very good time to make your Confession. Father Joseph is available before and after Saturday Vespers, or by appointment.

Services during the First Week (Pure Week):

Next Sunday, March 6 - Forgiveness Sunday
 Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am
 Forgiveness Vespers, 6:00 pm

First Week of Great Lent

March 7 - Pure Monday
 Great Compline, 7:00 pm here in Norwood
followed by a light reception
 March 9 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm
followed by a Lenten potluck supper
 March 11 - Akathist / Madayeh Service, 7:00 pm
followed by coffee and refreshments
 March 12 - Confessions, 4:30 pm
 Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
 March 13 - Sunday of Orthodoxy
 Matins / Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am

SUMMER 2011 AT THE VILLAGE

Can you believe it? It's time to register for *Summer Camp and our Sacred Arts Camps*. That also means it is time for another AV Video. Watch it now at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZ_0b_rw6NE then register for camp or as a volunteer. (Scholarships from the Order are available, see Father Joseph today -- applications are being submitted on the 1st!)

CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION

Saint John of Damascus Church is hosting the diocesan *Parish Life Conference* June 17-19th, in Hyannis. They have a web-site with lots of information: www.stjohnd.org/conference2011/index.htm
 Flyers are in the parish hall.



The *Archdiocese Convention* is July 24-31 in Chicago. Details are on-line at www.archdioceseconvention2011.org/

The 2012 Parish Life Conference will be hosted by our church. Our Council / Committee is taking care of some preliminary details and will soon be looking for volunteers to begin planning.

TEEN SOYO RETREAT

Ooooooooo Eeeeeeeeeeee. What's Up With Lent

Dates: March 25-27

Arrive: Friday, 7:30 pm

Depart: Sunday, 11 am

Speakers: "Uncle Paul" and "Aunt Deborah" Finley

Uncle Paul serves as Executive Director of the Antiochian Village Conference Center and is a former Director of the Antiochian Village Camp and Camp Saint Thekla.

Cost: \$95 per teen/\$50 per advisor

Where: Saint Methodios Faith & Heritage Center Contoocook, NH

Who: All teens in grades 7-12

Applications are in the parish hall. See Father Joseph for more information.

HOLY BREAD - *There are several openings in the coming weeks to offer holy bread -- please sign up in the notebook in the parish hall.*

COFFEE HOUR - *We brewed some coffee this morning, but we really need folks to sign up to host coffee hour in the coming weeks.*

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE -

Emaline Eakle *for the health of Beverly DiFlaminies*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Janet, Noah, William, Kate (Melchert), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Tripp (Head), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathrynne (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Frederick (Howard), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Sam, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Marion, Sarah, Josephine, Sterling.

Council & Parish Leaders

Christine Byron (Secretary)
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 Teen President - Timothy Markatos
 Teen Treasurer - Nicholas Kimmitt
 Usher - Andrew Howard
 Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



Income February 20	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Sunday Tray	Special Collection
\$2180.00	\$1380.00	\$45.00	\$280.00	N.A.

Meatfare Sunday

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 7)

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

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 MEATFARE (TONE 1)

When thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Great is our Lord, and great is His power. O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praise.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

(8:8-9:2; Meatfare / The Last Judgement)

Brethren, Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia. O come, let us sing with joy unto the Lord. Alleluia. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (25:31-46, Meatfare / The Last Judgement)

Jesus said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered

all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."