

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



4 MAY
2008

SUNDAY
OF
THOMAS

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

Thursday - *Matins, 9:00 am*
Saturday - *Great Vespers, 5:00 pm*
followed by Wine Reception
Teen SOYO "Taboo Night", Boston, 5:30 pm
VonHolzhausen Lecture, Cambridge, 6:00 pm
Next Sunday - *Matins - 9:00 am / Liturgy - 10:00*
Bible Bowl Study Session follows Liturgy

Parish calendars for May & June are available in the narthex.

We are looking for people to offer holy bread and sponsor coffee hour.

Please check the notebook in the parish hall and sign up today. Offering the gifts for Divine Liturgy is a privilege for Orthodox Christians and their families. It is also a beautiful way to remember your loved ones in prayer.

Following our Sunday service, we enjoy fellowship with our friends and visitors, and everyone should have a part in hosting this time together. Coffee hour need not be complicated or fancy -- unless you personally decide to offer a meal (for instance at the time of a memorial,) some drinks and simple eats are perfect. Let us know if you have any questions.

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The Fellowship of
St. John the Divine
at St. Mary Church,
8 Inman St., Cambridge, MA
cordially invites you to its
Fifth Annual



Fr. John vonHolzhausen memorial lecture

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Time: Vespers at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Lecture at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Brett Grainger
author of the recently published book
In the World but Not of It
One Family's Militant Faith and the History of Fundamentalism in America

Cost: Freewill donation

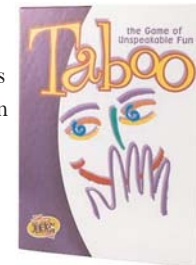


VESPERS & WINE RECEPTION

The concept just evolved: one night, not too long ago after Saturday Vespers, a group of parishioners were relaxing and enjoying a few sips of wine, when the idea came that perhaps this could be a regular thing. Okay, we'll give it a try: Come to Vespers this Saturday (and again on June 7th) and afterward we'll relax, enjoy fellowship and taste some fruit of the vine. (If you want to bring your kids, that's great, but bring along some grape juice!)

TEEN SOYO TABOO NIGHT

Vespers - Dinner - Games: It begins this Saturday at Saint George, Boston at 5:30 pm; \$5 each. Email Khalil Samara with your reservation: khalil@stgeorgeofboston.org



BBQ - NEW DATE

The Church School BBQ scheduled for May 18th is now a Family Night on June 15th, the Feast of Pentecost.

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

The FOOTLAMPS
07.08
LECTURE SERIES



"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Are you using God's time wisely?

Come and learn how to clear your mind and reproduce your productive state; feeling in control, relaxed, focused, inspired, and making progress towards meaningful outcomes. We have all had those productive days, now you can learn how to reproduce it at will. To accomplish God's work in God's time, we must use each moment wisely. We will provide a few simple tools to help you capture anything and everything that has your attention, define actionable things discretely into outcomes and concrete next steps, and organize them in appropriate renewable and retrievable categories.



Mr. Don Khouri graduated from Babson college with a B.S. and earned his MBA from Boston University School of Management. He is a Vice President of Technology at Fidelity Investments where he has worked since 1987. He is a member of St. John of Damascus Church in Dedham, where he is a member of the Parish Council, Recording Secretary, Finance Committee, Church School Teacher, and Choir. He and his wife, Ghada, live in Bedford MA.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 17th 2008
Dan Arcus

For more information and to RSVP

please Contact Ghada Khouri:
781.275.7244

Come to our kind of town... come to Providence!
Come to the 70th Annual Parish Life Conference!
June 26-29, 2008

Join us for family fun, heart-warming fellowship and wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth.
Hosted by St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church Pawtucket, RI

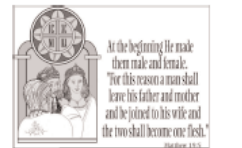
Highlights include:

Keynote on the Sacrament of Marriage by Rev. Dr. Emanuel S. Chris
Bible bowl • Game Night • Grand Huffli • First Ever Waterfire Reception
Picnic in the Park • Low Ticket Rates & so much more!

Registration Giveaway! Register for the conference before June 1st to be entered in a drawing to win a Ticket Book for the 2009 National Convention in Palm Desert, CA!

Book your room:

There are a limited number of rooms, so book early!
The Providence Marriott
1 Orms Street, Providence, RI
Special Conference Rate of \$119
For reservations call:
866-807-2171
Reference "Parish Life Conference"



Go to www.worcesterdiocese.net
to register and for more information!





BUILDING ON A DREAM

A Firm Foundation

Theophany School, which began as a dream in her heart, is now in its eleventh year thanks to Sonia's faithful leadership. Sonia's last wish for the School was to build a permanent home for Theophany, a goal that she intended to announce at this year's spring fundraiser.

It is with deep admiration and love for our dear Sonia, and our devotion and commitment to her beautiful Theophany School, that we ask you to please join us as we carry out her wishes and take the next steps toward fulfilling her dream.

The Theophany School family
along with the Belcher and Daly families,
invite you to attend a special event to honor the memory of our beloved

Sonia Daly Belcher

Join us as we celebrate Sonia's life and carry out her wishes by taking the next steps toward fulfilling her dream for Theophany School.

Sunday, May 18th, 2008

4:00 - 5:30 pm Wine Reception / 5:30 pm Dinner Event
X&O Restaurant / 217 Washington Street / Stoughton, Massachusetts

TOTAL DEPOSIT <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAY	TRAY FOR THE PATRIARCH	LADIES PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE
\$3682.00	\$1528.00	\$305.00	\$3673.00	\$227.00	\$900.00 +



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Don & Camille Florio *in memory of Abigail Lynch*
 Carol Wartenberg *in memory of Freda Franciosi*
 Sandy, Linda & Bob Thomas *in memory of Edward Thomas*
 Joseph & Loretta Eysie *in memory of Josephine Eysie*
 Mary Picerelli and Katie Birtwell *Pascha donation*

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Please return the FFHP box which you have filled during the Lenten season to the church as soon as possible, so that we may forward the funds.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman
Barbara Campbell, Paul Eysie, Camille Florio (Secretary), Andrew Howard (Vice Chairman),
Marlene Lupacyk, 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	Scholarship Committee Chair - Helen Abril
Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen	

HYMNS OF PASCHA

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

المسيح قام من بين الأموات و وطى الموت بالموت و وهب الحياة للذين في القبور	Χριστός ανέστη εκ νεκρών, θανάτω θάνατον πατήσας, και τοις εν τοις μνήμασι, ζωήν χαρισάμενος!	Христос воскрес из мертвых, смертию смерть поправ, и сущим во гробех живот даровав!
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Hristos a înviat din morți, Cu moartea pre moarte
călcând, Și celor din morminte Viață dăruindu-le!

Eisodikon

*In the gathering places, bless ye the Lord God from the springs of Israel,
O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Troparion of Saint Thomas (Tone 7)

*While the tomb was sealed, thou didst shine forth from it, O Light. While the doors
were closed, thou didst come in to thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all,
renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of thy 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.*

Paschal Kontakion (Tone 8)

*Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal! Thou didst destroy the power of Death!
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, Rejoice! to the myrrhbearing women,
granting peace to Thine apostles and bestowing resurrection on the fallen!*

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Great is our Lord, and great is His strength, and of his understanding there is no measure. Praise ye the Lord, for
a psalm is a good thing; let praise be sweet unto our God.

The Reading is from The Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20, Thomas Sunday)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all
together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And
more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried
out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall

on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflict-
ed with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is,
the party of the Sad'ducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common
prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand
in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (20:19-31 Thomas Sunday)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of
the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he
showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them
again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he
breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if
you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them
when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in
his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will
not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were
shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your
finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."
Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the dis-
ciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the
Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

PASCHAL GREETING

English: Christ is risen! Truly, He is Risen!

Greek: Kris-tos a-nes-tee! A-lee-thos a-nes-tee!

Arabic: Al ma-seeh qām! Ha-qān qam!

Slavonic: Kris-tos vos-kres-se! Vo-ee-stee-nu vos-kres-se!

Romanian (Vlkah): Hristus A Inviat! Adevrat a Inviat!

Spanish: Christo ha Resuscitado! En verdad ha Resuscitado!

Albanian: Krishti Ungjall! Vertet Unghall!

Priest: Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection.

People: We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection.
