



# 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**  
**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

- Today - 40-Day Memorial for Richard Esper  
and 10-Years for Janet Farha (Kh. Erin's mother)
- Monday - Parish Council, 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Ascension Day Liturgy, 6:00 pm at Saint John of Damascus
- Saturday - Holy Cross Seminary Graduation (including Rabee Toumi!)  
Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am  
Deacon Michael Razook to be ordained priest in Canada.

9 May 2010



Sunday of the  
Man Born  
Blind



Prophet Isaiah

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## The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (9:1-38, Blindman)

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Silo'am" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Silo'am and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

**PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE**



The earth is the Lord's, and its fullness, the world and all who dwell therein.  
Psalm 24 (121)

The Parish Life Conference is being hosted by Saint George Cathedral Worcester June 18-20. Rooms start at only \$98. Phone the **Sturbridge**

**Host Hotel** to book your room, 508-347-7393 or at [sturbridgehosthotel.com](http://sturbridgehosthotel.com). On-line registration is at [stgeorgeworcester.org/2010plc.html](http://stgeorgeworcester.org/2010plc.html) There are flyers in the parish hall for you to take home.

The Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch annual meeting will take place in conjunction with the Parish Council dinner on Saturday, June 19, following Vespers. (The formal invitation with dinner selections will be mailed out shortly.) For information, see the website or contact Elaine Saliba at [salwa64@aol.com](mailto:salwa64@aol.com)

**MAY DATES**

Pick up a copy of the August calendar before you leave today. Please note we are joining the parish of Saint John of Damascus for the **Feast of Ascension** (6:00pm Liturgy Wednesday). Also, Bishop ANTOUN will be at Saint George of Boston May 29th & 30th.

**AUCTION IN DEDHAM**

Saint John of Damascus Church is having a Spring Auction on May 15th. Admission is \$10. Preview at 6:30 and auction at 7:30 pm. Items include art, rugs and sports memorabilia.

**AABA SENIOR TRIPS**

The **Social Committee** has put together four trips. Thanks to AABA's Board of Directors, they are offering discounted prices on three trips.

Trip #1 is May 20th, departing at 8:45 and returning at 6:00 p.m. It is to Dock & Dine in Saybrook, CT. "It's All About the 50's Show "Big John Hartman" will entertain you with the many styles and sounds of the 50's. For details, email Paulette at [pmabardy1@verizon.net](mailto:pmabardy1@verizon.net)

**CONNECT 2010**

The University of Balamand is sponsoring CONNECT, its popular **cultural and academic exchange program**. CONNECT aims at offering youth (17 to 25 years old) a unique learning experience to enrich their mind and soul, and connect them with their land of ancestry and rich heritage. The program runs from July 1 to July 28, 2010 at the University's campus in North Lebanon. Deadline for application is June 1. For information, visit [www.balamand.edu.lb/connect](http://www.balamand.edu.lb/connect).

**SHOP SHOP SHOP**

While on the home page for our parish web-site, you can click the **Marketplace** logo, do all your on-line shopping as usual and have it make a difference. That's right, simply for making [www.StGeorgeNorwood.org](http://www.StGeorgeNorwood.org) your first stop, our parish gets a percentage of the sale.

*No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother,*  
-- Saint Cyprian of Carthage



**HAPPY Mothers Day**

**TO ALL OUR MOMS, GRANDMOTHERS, SITTUS, VIAYIAS, GODMOTHERS & SPIRITUAL MOTHERS**

**Prayers of Oblation and Donations**

**HOLY BREAD** - The gifts are offered today by the Family of Richard Esper in his memory; a 40-day memorial will be served. Gifts are also offered by Father Joseph & Erin Kimmett in memory of Janet Farha; a ten-year memorial will be served for Erin's mother.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Please join us after Liturgy for refreshments, hosted today by the Family of Richard Esper and by the Kimmetts.

**FLOWERS** - The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Theotokos are given by the Kimmett family in memory of Janet Farha and by the family of Richard Esper in his memory.

**GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE**

Florence Esper, Alice Kelley, Kay Moseley, Jennie Mike, the Fallon & Corcoran Families and Linda Barletta .....  
.....to the Esper Memorial in memory of Richard Esper  
Andrew Howard .....in memory of William Whelan  
James & Arlene Kimmett .....general donation

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER -**

**Pray** for the servants of God: Archpriest Nicholas and Pamela (Manikas), Archpriest Michael (Lewis), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Jamil (Samara), Atallah (Amirhom), David (Elliott, serving in Iraq), Michael (Eysie), Janis, Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Edward (Arees), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Frances (Giandomenico), Frederick (Howard), Lillie (Kelley), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Loretta (Thomas), George (Fares), Charles (Howard), Eliana, Anne, Grace, Mary, Ioana, Nicolae, Carrie, Sam, Nicholas, Barbara, John, Helen, Felecia, Catherine, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Linda, Carrie, Sarah, Josephine, Dean, David, Sterling.

May 02 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$2593.00			\$343.00	N.A.

**Council & Parish Leaders**

Christine Byron  
Joseph Eysie  
Barbara Campbell (Secretary)  
Subdeacon Gheorghe Doros  
Andrew Howard (Chairman)  
Richard Plouffe  
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Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



## Sunday of the Blind Man

### EISODIKON

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

### PASCHAL TROPARION

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 وطئ 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!

### 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 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!

### MEGALYNARION

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace, "Rejoice! Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say, Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead!" Rejoice! Rejoice, O ye people! Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, exalt and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

### EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

*Prokeimenon and Verse:* Thou, O Lord shalt preserve us, and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord; for the godly man there is no more.

### The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (16:16-34, Blindman)

As they were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters

were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

*Alleluia.* Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. Unto generation and generation will I declare Thy truth with my mouth. *Alleluia.* For thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever. In the heavens shall Thy truth be established. *Alleluia.*

### 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 qām!  
Slavonic: Kristos voskresse! Voeesteenu voskresse!  
Romanian: Hristus A Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!  
Spanish: Christo ha Resuscitado!  
En verdad ha Resuscitado!  
Armenian: Christos harjav i merelotz!  
Orhniale harutjun Christosi!

Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection.  
We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection.