

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP, Primate

Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

Very Rev. Father Nifon Abraham, Pastor Emeritus



11 MAY 2008

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS JOSEPH & NICODEMOS

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

- Monday - Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Thursday - Matins, 9:00 am
- Saturday - Great Vespers and Footlamps Program, Saint John of Damascus, Dedham, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins - 9:00 am / Liturgy - 10:00 Bible Bowl Study Session follows Liturgy Ladies Meeting follows Coffee Hour Church School, 1:00 pm Theophany School Event at X & O, 4:00 pm

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

A Happy and blessed Mothers Day to all our moms, grandmothers and godmothers

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by Daniel and Elaine Bitar for the health of Diana Bitar Giampa.

COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs, for coffee and sign up to host a coffee hour in the coming weeks.

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SPIRITUAL STIMULUS

Has your government stimulus check arrived? Six months ago you never expected it, but now you're entitled? Okay, the economy may need a boost and you could sure use a little help filling up your tank. But when free money arrives at the door, what do you do? As responsible Orthodox stewards, one gives thanks by giving back to God (and blessings will be multiplied.) Here's what to do: 1. turn the check over and endorse it to Saint George Church, 2. give the church \$100 or \$200 and use the rest responsibly, or 3. give your spiritual home 10% off the top, that is the Biblical tithe (Gen 14:20)

YOUR SOYO WATER BOTTLES SUPPORT OUR YOUTH ... AND THEY'RE SAFE

For just ten bucks you can have a handsome, almost indestructible water bottle to be used over and over again -- in other words, they are environmentally friendly. And no worries, they are safe to use; the manufacturer writes: Nalgene is a brand name that uses the material "bisphenol A" or BPA in their water bottles. The polycarbonate water bottle Teen SOYO purchased is not a Nalgene product.



MEMORIAL DAY

Prayers for the departed will be offered on Monday the 26th in the chapel at Highland Cemetery at 9:00 am.



BBQ - NEW DATE

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

PLC geared for families: Many of the events and meals have been underwritten to make this year's Parish Life Conference easy on the pocket book. Make your hotel and conference reservations today. For info: http://worcesterdiocese.net/

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 Mr Don Khouri at St John of Damascus

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 Huffy • 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

For tickets or to make a donation, see Erin Kimmitt, Leeann Plouffe or Michele Markatos

| TOTAL DEPOSIT | PLEDGES | LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS) | TRAY | DONATIONS FOR PASCHA | COFFEE HOUR BASKET |
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| <i>27 APRIL 2008</i> | | | | | |
| \$1671.00 | \$210.00 | -- | \$516.00 | \$2470.00 | -- |



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Marie Coffinfor the health of Regina & Edmund Noonan and Charles Coffin
Ann Conroyin memory of Nicholas Palivios
David Franciosi, Donna Barron and Frances Giandomenicoin memory of Freda Franciosi

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, Stephanie, 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 Lupaczyk, Marwan Samman (Treasurer), Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

CHURCH LEADERS

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| 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.

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| 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!

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 the Resurrection (Tone 2)

*When thou, O immortal Life, didst humble thyself unto death, then didst thou destroy death by
the brightness of thy Godhead; and when thou didst raise the bowels of the earth, then all
the heavenly powers exclaimed, O Christ, thou art the Giver of life! Glory to thee, O our God!*

Troparion of Saint Joseph (Tone 2)

*The pious Joseph, having brought down thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen,
embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb.
But thou didst verily rise, after three days, O Lord, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

Troparion of the Myrrh-Bearers (Tone 2)

*Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women,
the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption.
But cry ye, The Lord is risen, granting the world the 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.*

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!*

Prokeimenon and Verse:

The Lord is my strength and praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-7, for the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch'orus, and Nica'nor, and Ti'mon, and Par'menas, and Nicola'us, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (15:43-16:8, for the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

Joseph of Arimathe'a, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Mag'dalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; --it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

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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-qām qam!

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

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