

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



25 MAY 2008
SUNDAY
OF THE
SAMARITAN
WOMAN
& THIRD
DISCOVERY
OF THE HEAD
OF JOHN

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 - Prayers for the Departed, Cemetery Chapel, 9:00am
Thursday - Matins, 9:00 am
Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
Next Sunday - Matins - 9:00 am / Liturgy - 10:00
40-Day Memorial for Stanley Rossestky
Bible Bowl Study Session follows Liturgy

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by the family of Helen Abdallah. A forty-day memorial will be served at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs after Liturgy today for coffee and refreshments; hosted by the family of Helen Abdallah, in her memory.

FLOWERS

The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Icon of the Theotokos are given for the health of Frederick Howard and in thanksgiving for Emily on the occasion of her graduation.

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MEMORIAL DAY

Prayers for the departed will be offered tomorrow in the chapel at Highland Cemetery at 9:00 am; everyone is welcome and encouraged to be a part of the service. A list of the faithful who have passed away is available in the narthex.



FAMILY NIGHT BBQ

The final Family Night of the season is also the **Church School BBQ**. It is June 15th, the Feast of Pentecost, beginning at 5:00 pm.

PLC GEARED FOR FAMILIES: Many 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. Registration form and schedules are in the parish hall. For more info, see: <http://worcesterdiocese.net/>

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 Hula • 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 Oms Street, Providence, RI
Special Conference Rate of \$119
For reservations call:
866-807-2171
Reference "Parish Life Conference"

As the beginning he made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh. - Genesis 1:27

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

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 are your options: 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, which is the Biblical **tithe** (Gen 14:20)



IOCC EMERGENCY APPEAL

MYANMAR CYCLONE

The 120 mph cyclone that tore through Myanmar's heavily populated Irrawaddy Delta has left up to 128,000 people dead or missing. IOCC has launched an Emergency Appeal, with the aim of channeling donations to our ecumenical partners who are on the ground distributing water, food, and life-saving medical supplies.

CHINA EARTHQUAKE

The massive earthquake that devastated China's southwestern Sichuan province on May 12 has taken almost 20,000 lives with tens of thousands still buried beneath rubble. IOCC has launched an Emergency Appeal and contributed funds to our ecumenical partners who are on the ground and distributing emergency supplies to survivors.

Contributions can be made online (www.iocc.org), by calling IOCC's donation hotline toll-free at 1-877-803-4622, or by mailing a check or money order payable to "IOCC" (include "Myanmar Cyclone" or "China Earthquake" in memo line) to:
IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, Md. 21263-0225.

International Orthodox Christian Charities

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (4:5-42)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

Jesus came to a city of Samar'ia, called Sy'char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samar'ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar'ia?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has any one brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee

TOTAL DEPOSIT <i>MAY 11 & 18</i>	PLEDGES	LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS)	TRAY	DONATIONS FOR PASCHA	FFHP (TO DATE)
\$3292.00	\$3113.00	\$110.00	\$378.00	\$2505.00	\$410.00



PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Ekaterina Olenik, Nadia and Alex *in memory of Vladmimir Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies* *in memory of Bernadette Hamlen*
 Kay Mike *for the health of Zena Mike*
 George & Lovee Thomas, Sandy & Linda Thomas *in memory of John Stanhewicz*
 Julia Phillips *for all her loved ones*
 Ken & Barbara Nashawaty *Pascha donation*
 Helen Abril . . . *in memory of Helen Abdallah, Mary Hamas, Jean Baker, Despina Hamas and Freda Franciosi*
 Robert & Nancy Deeb, Sandy & Linda Thomas, Kay Mike, George & Lovee Thomas
 *for the health of Kh Elizabeth Bethoney*
 The Saint George Choir, Frances Giandomenico, Donna Barron & David Franciosi and the Cawley Family
 *in memory of Helen Abdallah*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Archpriest Edward, Priest Robert, Khouriyee Elizabeth, 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 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	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 the Resurrection (Tone 4)

*Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women Disciples
cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples,
saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.*

Troparion for Mid-Pentecost (Tone 8)

*In the midst of this Feast, O Saviour, give thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters
of true worship; for thou didst call out to all, saying, Whosoever is thirsty, let him come
to me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to thee.*

Troparion for the Discovery of the Head of the Forerunner John (Tone 4)

*As a divine treasure hidden in the earth, Christ hath revealed thy head to us, O Prophet and
Forerunner. Wherefore, as we all gather on the occasion of its discovery, with divinely inspired hymns
we praise the Savior, Who saveth us from corruption by thy prayers.*

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:

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hear my voice, O God.

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

(4:6-15 for the Forerunner and the 15th Sunday after Pentecost)

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Alleluia

The Gospel is printed on the next page

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: Hristus A Inviat! Adevrat a Inviat!

Priest: Glory to His Holy Third-day Resurrection.

People: We adore His Holy Third-day Resurrection.
