

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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



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

Tuesday - *Class on Orthodox Christianity, 7:00 pm*
Thursday - *Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Angels, 9:00 am*
Saturday - *Great Vespers, 5:00 pm*
Next Sunday - *Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9:00 / 10:00 am*
One-year Memorial for George Mike
Teens of Saint George meeting, 11:30
Church School, 1:00 -3:00 pm

There is fasting Wednesday and Friday this week.
The Advent Fast begins November 15th.

HOLY BREAD

The gifts are offered today by Michael & Samera Mike on the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary. They are also offered in memory of Mike's brother Carmen (Cammy) for whom a 40-day memorial will be served at the conclusion of the Liturgy. The gifts are also offered by Donald & Camille Florio for Olivia who is to be baptized this afternoon.

COFFEE HOUR

Please stop downstairs for refreshments after Liturgy, hosted today by Michael & Samera Mike.

FLOWERS

The bouquets before the Icon of Christ and the Icon of the Theotokos are given by Michael & Samera Mike in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.

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23RD
SUNDAY
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WHAT IS THE ORTHODOX CHURCH?

A series of classes on the basics of Orthodox Christianity continues this Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Whether you study religion, are inquiring about the Faith or need a refresher course -- this is for you. Our topic this week, *So What Do the Orthodox Believe?*

TEENS AND CHURCH SCHOOL

The next meeting of the Teens is Sunday November 11th, right after Liturgy. That same afternoon at 1:00 pm, our Church School will meet. If you would like to know more about either of these organizations, see Michele Markatos, the Teens advisor or Rich Plouffe, the Church School Superintendent.

LADIES HOLIDAY CARD

The Ladies of Saint George are producing a Christmas card for our parish family. To make sure you are included, complete a flyer and return it by next Sunday. See Doris Copoulos for details.

OUR SISTER PARISHES

The Ladies Society in Boston will have their annual Penny Sale on November 10th. Details are posted.

MEMORIAL CONCERT

Saint Michael Church in Cotuit is presenting a classical concert in honor of their late choir director, Arthur Peros. It will be Saturday, November 17th, at 8:00 pm with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra at the Duxbury Performing Arts Center. Ticket information is posted on the bulletin board.

ORDER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Diocese of Worcester & New England Order of Saint Ignatius will have their Christmas party on Sunday, December 2nd, at Saint John of Damascus Church in Dedham. The cost is \$20 and all your donation will benefit the Al-Kafaat Foundation. Reservation information is posted in the parish hall.

BERAM VETS

The Nicholas G. Beram Veterans Association will have their annual scholastic achievement awards banquet on November 24th, at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. For information, phone John Demerjian at 617-323-7068.

IOCC RELIEF IN GREECE & CALIFORNIA

The special committee overseeing the Greek Relief Fund of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America unanimously approved a \$252,853 grant to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to further its current work of aiding Greek farmers who were severely affected by the wildfires that began on August 24. Since September 8, IOCC has been on the ground in the Peloponnese distributing 170 metric tons of animal feed among the villages of the prefecture of Ileia, benefiting more than 800 farmers. This new grant from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese will allow IOCC to continue and expand this work to small-scale farmers.

IOCC is also present in California, following the devastating wildfires last week. Contributions may be sent to: IOCC/U.S. Program, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225. Please indicate "California Fire Aid" on the outside of the envelope and on the note line of your check.

LADIES OF SAINT GEORGE

It is that time of year once again: Will the Ladies please forward their annual dues to Camille Florio as soon as possible. They are \$10 per lady.

SHOPPING ON LINE

Are you thinking about Christmas shopping or simply need to stock up the home or office? Make the church's home page your first stop: From there, click on **Marketplace** icon and proceed to your favorite vendors. A percentage of each purchase is sent to our church. It is safe and easy!

AL-KAFAÀT (1957)

NADEEM & LILY SHWAYRI REHABILITATION FOUNDATION

POTENTIALS - NOT HANDICAPS



BEGINNINGS

In 1957, a young MBA-graduate while at this early beginnings in active life and enjoying a good position at a financial company, decides to renounce the stardom of businesses and stock exchanges, to devote his life and fortune to serving the poor and destitute. Born himself into a wealthy family, from a father who since age 14 forced into exile to the New world, thrived to fame and fortune in a story-telling epic of an "American-Dream", and a mother, linguist and relegious, proud and charismatic, whose presence bore unto the family a cast of strength and humility. The young Nadeem Shwayri aged 21 and the same year his father passed away, declined his lucrative work involvement, and started, by himself, a small-time leather factory in one of the ill-serviced slums of Beirut. For companions, he chose among the "rejects" of the Society a blind, a crippled and a deaf, a triumvirate who by 1972 will develop into a large working family of 170, all handicapped, delivering quality leather goods to 10 American and European destinations. The action undertaken will receive that same year, the highest of distinctions from the president of the Republic (Order of the Cedar).

Proof was made that any person with whichever handicap, if given the appropriate training and an adapted environment, can be productive and foster economic wealth to society. "Potentials, not Handicaps" became the mission statement of Al-Kafaat (read "Abilities" in Arabic).

Since, Al-Kafaat developed into a Foundation having earned the quasi-totality of the fortunes cumulated from the inheritances of both the

founder and his wife. Most of the centers of the Foundation (6 of 7) have ben erected on estates beheld from past family fortunes.

In 50 years, Al-Kafaat would have served over 25,000 handicapped and Socially disadvantaged, and brings, to our day, social, medical and educational rehabilitation, and fosters integration, to some 4.500 daily beneficiaries from all communities and walks of life.

The fund-raising dinner for **Al-Kafaat** in the Boston area is Sunday November 11th, 5:00 pm at Saint George of Boston. Purchase tickets *TODAY* from Father Joseph or Hellas Assad. See more at www.al-kafaat.org

MISSION STATEMENT

Any person with whichever disability, given the appropriate training and the necessary adapted environment, can be productive and foster economic wealth to society.

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In par with its mission, Al-Kafaat has set-up rehabilitation centers to provide medical and social care, education, technical and vocational training, employment (normal or sheltered for people with special needs) and assistance to any person suffering from any physical, mental, hearing and social ailment.

AIMS OF THE FOUNDATION

- Provide medical and social care, education, technical and vocational training, employment (normal or sheltered for people with special needs) and assistance to any person suffering from any physical, mental, hearing and/or social handicap.
- Train teachers and personnel, set-up centers and institutions that will help the foundation to achieve the above target and to guarantee the continuity of its sevicees.

| TOTAL DEPOSIT <i>28 OCTOBER</i> | PLEDGES | LONG-RANGE (MEMORIALS & DONATIONS) | TRAY | TRAY FOR SEMINARIANS | COFFEE HOUR OUTREACH |
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| \$2111.00 | \$370.00 | \$495.00 | \$ 155.00 | \$212.00 | \$ 19.00 |



VOTIVE CANDLE

A seven day candle burns before the icons in thanksgiving for Michael & Samera Mike on their 59th wedding anniversary, given by their children and grandchildren.

ROX - SOX CHALLENGE

Your Colorado born priest challenged Council members and parishioners to contribute to the church, based on runs scored and the World Series winner. The line score: His team didn't win, your's did but so did *our* church. The first check for Saint George is here:

From *Joe Eysie, in memory of his mother Josephine, who was a great Red Sox fan!*

FOOD PANTRY - Thanks for your help and generosity last month. We collected 219 pounds and \$270.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS - The Teens raised \$449.00 is their special collection. God bless all our donors.

PRAYERS OF OBLATION AND DONATIONS

Cleo Eysie *for the health of Michael & Samera Mike on their anniversary*
 Nick & Doris Copoulos *for the health of Angela Rodriguez*
 Regina Jennings, Elizabeth Bethoney, Judith Zahka and Nancy Haddad *for the health of Fred Howard*
 Sam & Beverly DiFlaminies, Tony & Sarah Grasso, Michael & Samera Mike, Jennie Mike, Stanley - Ida & Helen Rossetsky, George & Lovee Thomas, Sandy Thomas & Family and anonymous donors
 *in memory of Paul Pazareskis*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Deacon Elias, Khouriyee Joanne, Katrina, Elsa, John, Jeanne, Richard, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Helen, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, John, Lillie, Jennifer, Edward, Carrie, Sam, Camille, Michael, Angela, Mikayla, Jeanne, Christopher, Sonia, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Violet, Claudia, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Stanley, George, Frances, Marlene, Felecia, Catherine, Lana, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, George, Lovee, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Bryan, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, Freda, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, William, Mary.
Pray for David, Elsa, John, Paul and all the members of our armed forces and reserves.

THE PARISH COUNCIL - YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Leeann Plouffe - Chairwoman
 Barbara Campbell, Paul Eysie, Camille Florio, Andrew Howard,
 Marlene Lupaczyk, Marwan Samman, Linda Thomas and Sharon Weiskerger

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMEBR 2007 • 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 6 • EOTHINON 1 • VENERABLE IOANIKIOS THE GREAT

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 6)

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou that art risen from the dead! O Lord, glory to thee.

Troparion for Righteous Ioanikios (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou has given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou has become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O rigeous Father Ioanikios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O Undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honour thee.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

(2:4-10, for the 23rd Sunday)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God-- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke
(16:19-31 Fifth Sunday of Luke)

Glory to Thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

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