



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Rt. Rev. John Abdalah, Bishop-elect
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

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, who and have
prepared themselves by fasting and who have been present from
the beginning of the Liturgy are invited to receive Communion.*

CALENDAR

- Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm
- Saturday - Great Vespers, 5:00 pm
- Next Sunday - Matins, 9:00 am / Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
40-Day Memorial for Madeline Joseph
Stewardship presentation
Ladies Meeting, after Coffee Hour
Church School Hay Ride, 1:30 pm

The Advent fast began last week and continues through Christmas Eve.

27 November
2011
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24th Sunday
after
Pentecost

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Saint Nicholas Day Celebration

Each year we look forward to the
Feast of one of our favorite saints.

Our celebration this year begins with
a Hay Ride



That's right,
on Sunday the 4th of
December, we're headed to
Ward's Barry Farm in
Sharon at 1:30



We'll take a ride, make muffins, eat popcorn & have all sorts of fun.
The cost is \$9 each. You are welcome to bring friends.
We'll be there until 3:00 (avoiding football traffic.)

Parents **must RSVP** in advance to Rich Plouffe for important details
about the day: Chat at church or email: richplouffe@gmail.com

HOLIDAY OUTREACH

- Last month we collected over 400 pounds for the **Norwood Food Pantry**. Since they have a shortage of food, and with the winter months approaching, we will continue to collect and deliver items through the holidays. Drop off items in the back of the parish hall.
- Our parish has once again teamed with **Cambridge Family Childrens Service** to provide gifts for underprivileged children and their families. "Shopping lists" are available today during coffee hour. Please return gifts by the 11th of December.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Thanks to all the bakers and buyers who helped with the **Church School Bake Sale** last week. The proceeds are going to International Orthodox Christian Charities.

Next week after Liturgy, the Church School will be rehearsing their carols. Then at 1:30 they are taking a **Hay Ride** at Ward's Berry Farm, to which friends are welcome to come along. Make sure you RSVP to Rich by Thursday.

On the 11th, they will again rehearse their Christmas carols, starting at 9:30.

On the 18th, right after Liturgy, we will get a sneak preview of the Choir concert as well as hear from our fabulous young people.

CHOIR

Orders for the **Kibee sale** are due next week. Pick-up will be during coffee hour on the 18th of December.

That same day, the 18th, is the **Choir Christmas Concert** at 4:00 pm. Remember last year? ... we know it will be spectacular again this year. Cards are available for you to take to your friends or drop off at a local business. (If you have children who enjoy music, bring them to Liturgy that day because our choir and Church School will be singing right after the service.)

DECEMBER 11TH

• **The Rt. Rev. John Abdalab will be consecrated as bishop** on December 11th at the Patriarchal cathedral at the Balamand in Lebanon. Our new bishop will be in the diocese for Christmas. We will welcome him to Norwood in the new year.

• Our parish, along with the other churches of the diocese, will be offering **gifts to our new bishop** after his consecration. Saint George will give him an omophorion (a bishop's vestment.) The cost is \$650. Everyone is welcome to contribute toward our gift (use a "Special Offering" envelope and mark it for the bishop.)

• Also on that wonderful day, our parish will gather for a **90th Anniversary Luncheon** at Byblos. Make a pre-paid reservation with Linda Thomas or Joe Eysie asap.

FEAST DAYS

• In preparation for Christmas, the Advent Paraklesis will be served on Tuesday the 13th & 20th at 7:00 pm. The Royal Hours will be December 23rd at 9:00 am. Matins and Liturgy for the Nativity will be on the 24th at 5:00 pm (no services on the morning of the 25th.)

• For the Feast of Theophany on January 5th, we will welcome our new bishop to the diocese. Liturgy, the Blessing of Water and a reception will take place at the cathedral in Worcester, at 6:30 pm.

STEWARDSHIP

Packets for those who participated in this year's stewardship campaign are available in the parish hall. If you are new to Saint George, or haven't been "in the records" for a few years, we encourage you to pick up a form. If you have questions, see Father Joseph or a Council member.

PLC 2012

Have you circled June 21-24 yet? It is the **Parish Life Conference in Ogunquit** which we are hosting.



COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for a cup of coffee after Liturgy today.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

- Brian & Marlene Lupaczyk and Stephen & Claire Tolia
-in memory of Edward & Loretta Thomas
- Ernest & Sally Peterin memory of Malbina & Easa Assim
- Frances Giandomenico and David Franciosifor Helen Abril on her "special" birthday

REMEMBER IN PRAYER -

Pray for the servants of God: Archpriest Michael and the Abdelahad Family; Archpriest Alexander (Atty), Archpriest Elias and Kh. Joanne (Bitar), Sheila (Bennett), Debbie (Braun), Patrick (Marshall), Margaret (Domet), Effie (Kalliel), Anne (Krekis), Marion (Redonnet,) Sarah (Kelley), Nicolae (Daniela's father), Jack (Lucine's father), Karen, Charles, Mahasen Yacoub (Ibti's mother), David (Rediker), Beverly (DiFlaminies), Pamela (Manikas), Deacon Elias (Hamaty), Fred (Tomm), John (Howard), Nicole (Tourigney), Darcey, David (Knipe and family), Alan (Andrew), Lana (Joseph), Christina (Adams), Emaline (Eakle), Cleo (Eysie), Timothy (Wright), Kathryne (Howard), Nicholas, Claudia (Eysie), Najlae (Solomon), Lovee (Thomas), Sandy (Thomas), Charles (Howard), Mary, Catherine, Josephine, Sterling.

Pray for the handmaid of God Rezanne (Toumi) who is with child.

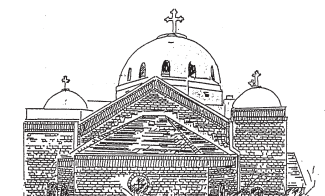
Nov. 20 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Seminaries Tray
\$1680.00	\$1025 .00	\$185.00	\$280.00	\$344.00

Council & Parish Leaders

- Christine Byron
- Joan Cassidy (Chair)
- Joseph Eysie (Vice Chair)
- Gheorghe Doros (Treasurer)
- Anthony Grasso
- Katia Oleinik (Secretary)
- Richard Plouffe
- Ibtisam Samman
- Linda Thomas

Assistant Treasurers:
 Beverly DiFlaminies
 Leeann Plouffe

- Building Committee - Andrew Howard
- Chanter - Erik Potter
- Choir Director - David Franciosi
- Christmas Card - Doris Copoulos
- Church Custodian - Gerry Mullen
- Epistle Readers - Lovee Thomas
- Food Pantry Rep. - Kay Moseley
- Holy Bread - Catherine Keches
- Hospitality -
- IOCC Rep. - Emily Pappas
- Ladies President - Katie Birtwell
- Order of St Ignatius Liason - Erin K.
- Sacristan - Subdn. Gheorghe Doros
- Scholarship Committee - Helen Abril
- School Superintendent - Rich Plouffe
- Seminarian - Jason Falcone
- Teen Advisor -
- Teen President - Alex Oleinik
- Usher - Andrew Howard
- Web-Master - Ekaterina Oleinik



24th Sunday after Pentecost
Great-Martyr Jacob (James) of Persia

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 7)

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the mourning of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF JAMES THE PERSIAN (TONE 4)

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For, since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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.

PREPARATORY KONTAKION FOR THE NATIVITY (TONE 3)

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams; bring unto the Lord glory and honor.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14 - end, 24th Sunday)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia. I waited patiently for the Lord. *Alleluia.* He set my feet upon a rock. *Alleluia.*

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (118:18-27; 13th Luke)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."