

THE SPIRIT OF ST. GEORGE



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Mission of Orthodox Mothers

By Jennifer Baker

Christ is Risen!

The season of Lent and the Holy Resurrection in our home is as exciting a time

as that of Santa's arrival—that most special day we all know as Christmas. For our family, Easter has become a period of deep retrospection and a time of thanks for all of our blessings.

The season brings about an evaluation of how we choose to live our lives and how we interact with our fellow man. It is a time of regeneration and hope for the remainder of the year.

This rebirth is a wonderful occasion to revisit the blessings in our church as well. Our Mission of Orthodox Mothers group (MOM), at St. George is one of those wonderful blessings. Only two years new, our "family" of mothers has had an enthusiastic core group of people gathered in fellowship. Additionally, the MOMs group hosted the 1st Annual Christmas Tea, a great success enjoyed by all who attended.

We look to all members of our church to help bring more energy and ideas to our group. Increasing our participation will allow us a haven for mothers in the Orthodox faith. A place to feed our spiritual soul, a place to

discuss the vital role of motherhood; not only in our faith, but simply as human beings in the busy world in which we live.

The mission of MOM is: to promote fellowship and understanding between mothers in the Orthodox Church, to provide spiritual enlightenment, and to help mothers in their everyday trials and tribulations of being a mother, wife, career person and spiritual leader of her family.

There is an old proverb that says, "Give your son a fish and he will eat for one day; teach him how to fish and he will eat for a lifetime". This adage is the essence of our group. With educational guidance from Father Chris, our mothers are learning how to guide our children through spiritual life. Gaining a deeper understanding of the richness of our liturgy and scripture, as it pertains to parenthood, will help us make our next generation, truly, fishers of men.

As we continue to bring our children to church and attend Sunday school, let us make time for our mission and gift from God of parenthood. Coming to a MOM meeting provides children great fellowship with their young peers, and imparts the spiritual food that parents need in order to feed their children.

Our next few months of MOM will prove to be very busy. Please join our group as we

host a Summer at St. George, 1st Annual Vacation Bible School, June 12 and 14, 10:00am to noon. We will have sign up sheets each Sunday for volunteers and for registration, now through May 26.

Our group will be pairing with a local charity next month to allow our group "mission" to the community. The community outreach will benefit groups whose focus is on mothers and children. Volunteer opportunities will be available; please tell us at the next meeting how you would like to be involved.

Finally, we will be starting a new family library within the church bookstore. Book purchases will center on children and families. Principally, we will stock titles that relate specifically to parenting in the Orthodox faith. You may go to www.antiochian.org for a full listing of the books available. Let us know which book(s) are of interest to you, and we will gladly order the title for your purchase.

Our group is an integral part of our church. We look to our members for fellowship and prayer.

Our job as mothers, caregivers, and parents is singularly important in today's world. As we look to our faith to guide us in our decision making processes for our children, let us be mindful to live our life according to God's world and according to his will.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved – you and your household". ACTS 16:31

Your sister in Christ,

Jennifer Baker
Mission of Orthodox Mothers

House Blessing 2007

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Please complete below and Fr. Chris will call you to make an appointment

The most convenient Day and Time: Please Check one or more

Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

Morning (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon) Afternoon (1:00 p.m.-5:00 pm)

ORTHODOX YOUTH OUTREACH MISSION TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA - by Katrina Bitar

This past March, six teens from our parish traveled to Philadelphia, PA to be part of an Orthodox Youth Outreach mission trip. Orthodox Youth Outreach (OYO) is an organization which plans many weekend mission trips in metropolitan cities all over North America for Orthodox teens from all over to attend, and helps them literally be closer to Christ.

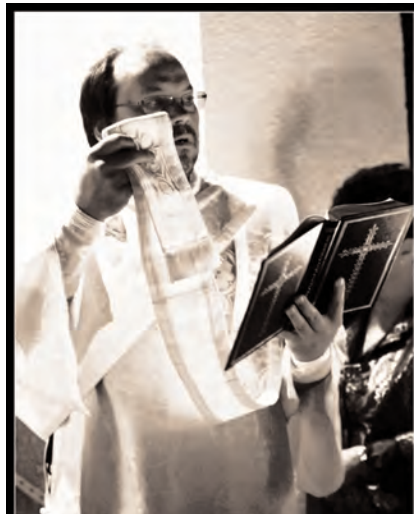
Every OYO trip is unique to its own city. Philadelphia is one of the cities most affected by poverty. On this particular trip we were affected by the cold snowy weather. Although some of our plans had changed, it had made a huge positive impact on the entire experience. Our day focused mainly on homeless ministry. In the morning, we helped at a center where they serve a warm meal to those who need it as well as feed them spiritually with songs and speech praising the Lord. In the evening when it was colder we took bagged lunches, socks, and toiletries down into a

subway station where many people who were homeless went to escape the brutally cold weather. There we were able to interact with many of the homeless and learn from them and how strong their faith in God was. An important thing we all recognized was that not one of them ever complained for a second about anything. Christ truly was present with us that entire trip.

Our trip couldn't have been successful without the help and prayers of many others. All the teens would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to all those who donated to our trip. From all the generous donations from our fellow parishioners, we were able to raise \$1,850. That amount paid most costs for the entire trip and all of your prayers helped us stay strong and walk in the way of Christ. Without the generosity of the entire parish we wouldn't have been able to have this rewarding experience and share it with all of you. Thank You!!



CHRIST IS RISEN



TRULY HE IS RISEN

BISHOP JOSEPH'S VISITATIONS:



May 11-14, 2007

St. Vincent of Lerins Church, Saskatoon, SK
Episcopal Visit

May 18-20, 2007

St. Paul Church, Lynwood, WA
Episcopal Visit

May 30 - June 4, 2007

St. Anthony Church, Bergenfield, NJ
Local Holy Synod and Archdiocesan Board of
Trustees Meetings

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Katherine Foster ~ February 24, 2007
Parents: Robert & Sarah Foster

Benjamin Brian Nichols ~ February 24, 2007
Parents: Brian & Janee Nichols

Samuel Jonathan Kenneth Korinek ~ March 3, 2007
Parents: Kreg & Kristin Korinek

Victor Benyout Khoury ~ March 3, 2007
Parents: Dr. Victor & Rebeca Khoury

Brandon Joseph Sola ~ March 24, 2007
Parents: David & Susana Sola

Elina Morduch ~ March 31, 2007
Sponsors: Nicholas & Eyphemia Theodore

Amelia Claire Salamy ~ April 14, 2007
Parents: Fr. Christopher & Allyson Salamy

Chrismations

William Wier ~ April 7, 2007
Sponsor: Joseph Macoule

GIVING - By Louis Hasbany

In gratitude for God's gift of life to us, we should share that gift with others.

The gifts of things are never as precious as the gift of thought.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the heart: love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, tolerance, forgiveness ...

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the mind: ideas, dreams, purpose, ideals, principles, plans, inventions, projects, etc...

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the spirit: prayer, vision, beauty, aspiration, peace, faith ...

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of time when called on us to give.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of words: encouragement, inspiration, guidance ...

We should give to our community and to our church a helpful hand when we are needed.

We should give our home a devoted mother and father.

We should give ourselves to help others in time of need.



MAY 2007 SERVERS

Sunday May 6

Epistle Reader	John Doumani, Nasreen Karraz
Greeters	Michael & Mario Abukhader
Ushers	Krystal Saigh, Kathy Sayegh, Abeer Sayegh, Richard Saba, Hani Farah, Aziz Haddad
Altar Servers	Rick Khoury, Jacob Sayegh, Abanoob Sayegh, Odeh Sayegh, Gergey Mousa, Stephen Skuba
Hall Lock-up	Aziz Haddad
Coffee Hour	Sameeh & Janette Sweis

Sunday May 13

Epistle Reader	Sam Herron
Greeters	Buzz & Rima Iacovelli
Ushers	Amanda Haddad, Lama Mousa, Anna Bronnenkant, Majed Sayegh, Bob Foster, Jamal Sayegh
Altar Servers	Joseph Hasou, Joseph Salem, Ramy Khoury, Issa Sayegh, Ronnie Sayegh
Hall Lock-up	Rima Iacovelli
Coffee Hour	Ghasson & May Sayegh

Sunday May 20

Epistle Reader	James Saliba, Jr.
Greeters	Jim Bogues & Elia Najim
Ushers	Miriam Hasou, Sarah Foster, Marion Saba, Mario Abukhader, Jim Bogues, Elias Mousa
Altar Servers	Mathew Saliba, Jared Blackwell, Freddy Dahdal, Gus Sahawneh, Joseph Sayegh, Christopher Stokich
Hall Lock-up	Elias Mousa
Coffee Hour	Salem & Noha Salman

Sunday May 27

Epistle Reader	Marion Saba
Greeters	Elias & Lama Mousa
Ushers	Tess Bronnenkant, Enaam Hweimel, Margaret Raymond, Louis Hasbany, James Saliba, Jr. Spirio Doku
Altar Servers	Chris Doumani, Andrew Stokich, Anthony Sahawneh, Butros Sayegh, James Sayegh, Chase McBride
Hall Lock-up	Issa Sweilem
Coffee Hour	Open

May 2007 - Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Bible Study, PATHWAYS and Chanting 6:30pm	2	3 Ladies Aux. Lunch/ Mtg11:30am	4	5 Great Vespers 5pm
6 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10am Sunday School 11am FELLOWSHIP Raffle/Party	7	8 Bible Study, PATHWAYS and Chanting 6:30pm	9	10 Parish Council Mtg6:30pm	11	12 Great Vespers 5pm
13 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10am Sunday School 11am Hospitalers	14	15 Bible Study, PATHWAYS and Chanting 6:30pm	16	17 MOM's Group 10am	18	19 Great Vespers 5pm
20 Orthros 8:50am Divine Liturgy 10am Sunday School Graduation	21	22 Bible Study, PATHWAYS and Chanting 6:30pm	23	24	25	26 NO Vespers
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Church Services	
Saturday Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Matins	8:50 a.m.
Sunday Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	After Communion until 12:15 p.m.
Evening Feast Days	6:30 p.m.

Just a reminder ... Confessions are heard on Saturday evenings before Great Vespers, Sunday mornings until the Orthros Gospel (9:25 a.m.), or by making an appointment with Fr. Christopher.

Parishioners are encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

Please note the deadline for submitting articles for approval is the 10th of each month before issue date.