

*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church*  
*Lowell, Massachusetts*



*Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*  
*Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*

*February 21, 2016*

# ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	Every other Sunday
	9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy	10:00 a.m.
Office hours: Tuesday—Friday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Important Notice:** The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends up with the receiving of Holy Communion. If you are on medication or a young child, you can have a light breakfast before coming to church. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Leonard.

*Thank you,  
+ Father Leonard*

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Tuesday**: emailed to Fr. Leonard at [fatherfaris@comcast.net](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone is in the hospital it is the duty of the family to inform the priest so that he can visit the patient. Also, if anyone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, he/she or a family member should contact Fr. Leonard to make arrangements to bring the Sacrament to the shut-in. Fr. Leonard is always happy to bring the Sacraments to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes or at home. Thank you and God bless!



**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

**Entrance Hymn**

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-jud, wa-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya  
bna l-lah, ya man qa-ma min bal-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-  
ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5 (repeated)**

**Troparion of St. George, Tone 4**

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

**Kontakion for the Pharisee and Publican, Tone 4**

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

## **Epistle: Paul 3:10-15**

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.  
In Judah God is known His Name is great in Israel.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy**

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel: Luke 18:10-14**

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke**

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get'. But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted".



***Prayers are being offered for  
the Health and Safety of:***

Nora Abdelahad  
Lorice Ansara  
William Ansara  
Ed & Lillian Betor  
David and Cindy Boragine  
Ida Boragine  
Jacque and Camilla Cloutier and  
Family  
Shake Der Apkarian  
George Ellis  
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Grivas  
Nicholas, Veronique, Annabelle  
& Chloe Groff  
Duayne Habib  
Rosalind Hajjar & Family  
Mary Howie  
Lloyd Jennings  
Joe Kadir  
Fr. Stephen, and Family  
Rose Lowe  
Nick Manolis  
Marcotte Family & Sgt. Peter Marcotte  
Thomas Marcotte  
Sami Morcos  
Paul Panagopoulos  
Freda Sadak & Family  
Amad Tayebi  
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Basil Xeros  
Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians  
& Family  
Genia Yeghiazarians  
Christian Yianopoulos  
Mary Ann Zaharias  
Nahil Zananiri

***Prayers are being offered in Memory of:***

Charles Abdelahad  
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Miriam Abodeely  
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T. Michael Skaff  
Elaine Viera  
Tony Yacoub  
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Charles Zaharias

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+ MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL! +  
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## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given for the health and safety of Saidna JOHN and for the Louh Family. May God bless them all with good health, happiness and long life!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Today, February 21st

A 40 Day Memorial is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Frances Ellis, requested by her husband, George Ellis. May her memory be eternal

## COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Today's Communion Breakfast is being sponsored by the Louh Family for the good health of their Family and in honor of the Pastoral Visit of Saidyna JOHN. May God continue to bless the Louh Family and Saidyna JOHN with good health and happiness!

## WELCOME

Saidyna John will be with us, today, to  
celebrate the Divine Liturgy

## Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God.

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank George Ellis and parishioners and friends who donated over \$1,000.00 to St. George Church, in memory of George's beloved wife, Frances Ellis. May Frances' memory be eternal and may God bless George and the parishioners and friends with good health and long life!

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

Those who are happiest are those who  
do the most for others.

## COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

We would like to encourage our parishioners to sign up to host a Coffee Hour after Sunday Church Services. If there is no sponsor on any given Sunday there will be no Coffee Hour. Anyone can sponsor a Coffee Hour either for the health and safety of their family or "in memory of" a loved one. They can be very simple, coffee, donuts and muffins. If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Hour please sign your name on the sign up sheet near the water bubbler.



*ICONS DONATED*

*Virgin Mary Icon on Iconostasis*  
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*St. Peter Icon*  
*St. James the Elder Icon*  
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*St. Luke*

*Christ Icon*  
*St. John the Baptist Icon*  
*Last Supper Icon*  
*St. Andrew Icon*  
*St. Matthew Icon*  
*St. Thomas*  
*St. Thaddeus*

*ICONS TO BE DONATED - \$200 EACH*

*St. Mark*  
*St. Bartholemew*

*St. Philip*

*LITURGICAL ITEMS TO BE DONATED*

*Holy Water Sprinkler - \$400*  
*Altar Boy Lanterns (2 sets) - \$250 / set*  
*Refurbish Altar Candle Sticks (6) - \$2000*  
*Presanctified Liturgy Box - DONATED*

*Zeon - \$225*  
*Refurbish Iconostas Lanterns (6) - \$2500*  
*Censer - DONATED*

*If you would like to donate any of these items, please see Father Leonard*

*For the Health & Safety of:*

*In Loving Memory of:*

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*Your name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Donation:* \_\_\_\_\_

*All donations should be made out to: St. George Antiochian Church*  
*In the Memo: 100th Anniversary Renovation Fund*

## Project Healthy Living

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your patience with my continual outreach for various nonprofit efforts. I will always put the request out there but of course there is no pressure.

As you may know one of my favorite organization is the Lowell Boys and Girls Club.

An informal program has been going on over the years to help boys and girls who may have personal hygiene needs/ education or may require supplies or resources. They have offered educational programs for girls on hygiene, puberty, etc. and for boys on hygiene, shaving, etc. Believe it or not, these basic skills or needs are sometimes taken for granted by others. The goal is to set up regular educational sessions with a health professionals from the community and give the “students” a bag of supplies as part of it. This is a discreet way to give them some things they may all need. We also want to have an inventory of toiletries, new socks (boys and girls, ages 10-18), new underwear (boys and girls, ages 10-18), that can be distributed as a need is identified.

If you are interested in supporting this cause, please gather your items and I will be happy to pick them up. If you prefer to make a cash donation, that is great as well. Make checks payable to LBGC and note “Project Healthy Living” in memo. Feel free to share this with friends and family.

I would like to get this in place by the end of February. If you have any questions, please, let me know.

Thank you so much,

Ellen Andre, 8 San Mateo Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824

### Items in need:

Feminine Hygiene products (tampons, pads, etc).

Deodorant

Shaving Cream

Razors

Anti bacterial soap

Face wash

Underwear

Socks

Travel Toothpaste

Body powder

Shampoo



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We're accepting advertisements to appear in our church bulletin (see last page). For \$250 you can advertise your business to our community weekly for one year. Our bulletin is distributed weekly in church in hard copies as well as electronically to approx. 250-300 people from the greater Lowell area.

Advertisements are approx. 3" wide x 2" high (business card size).

To submit your business card or if you have any questions please contact,  
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St. George's Church Parish Council



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