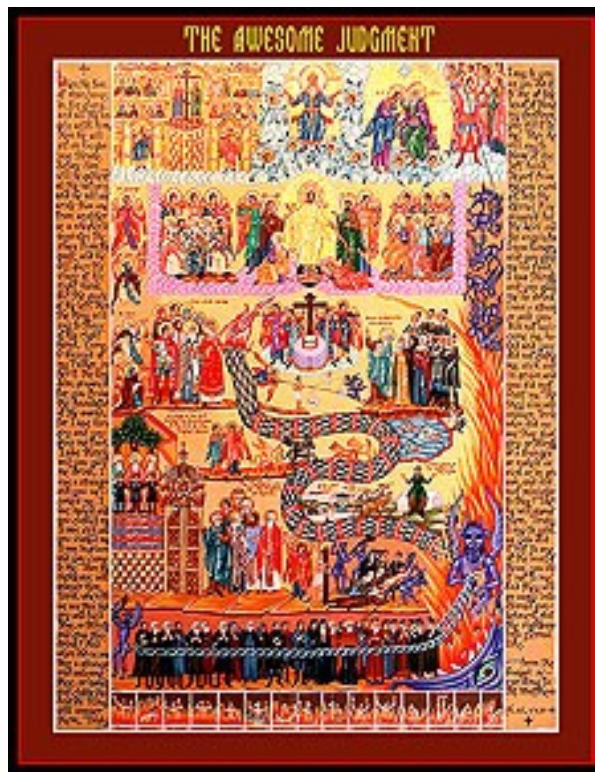


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

March 6, 2016

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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

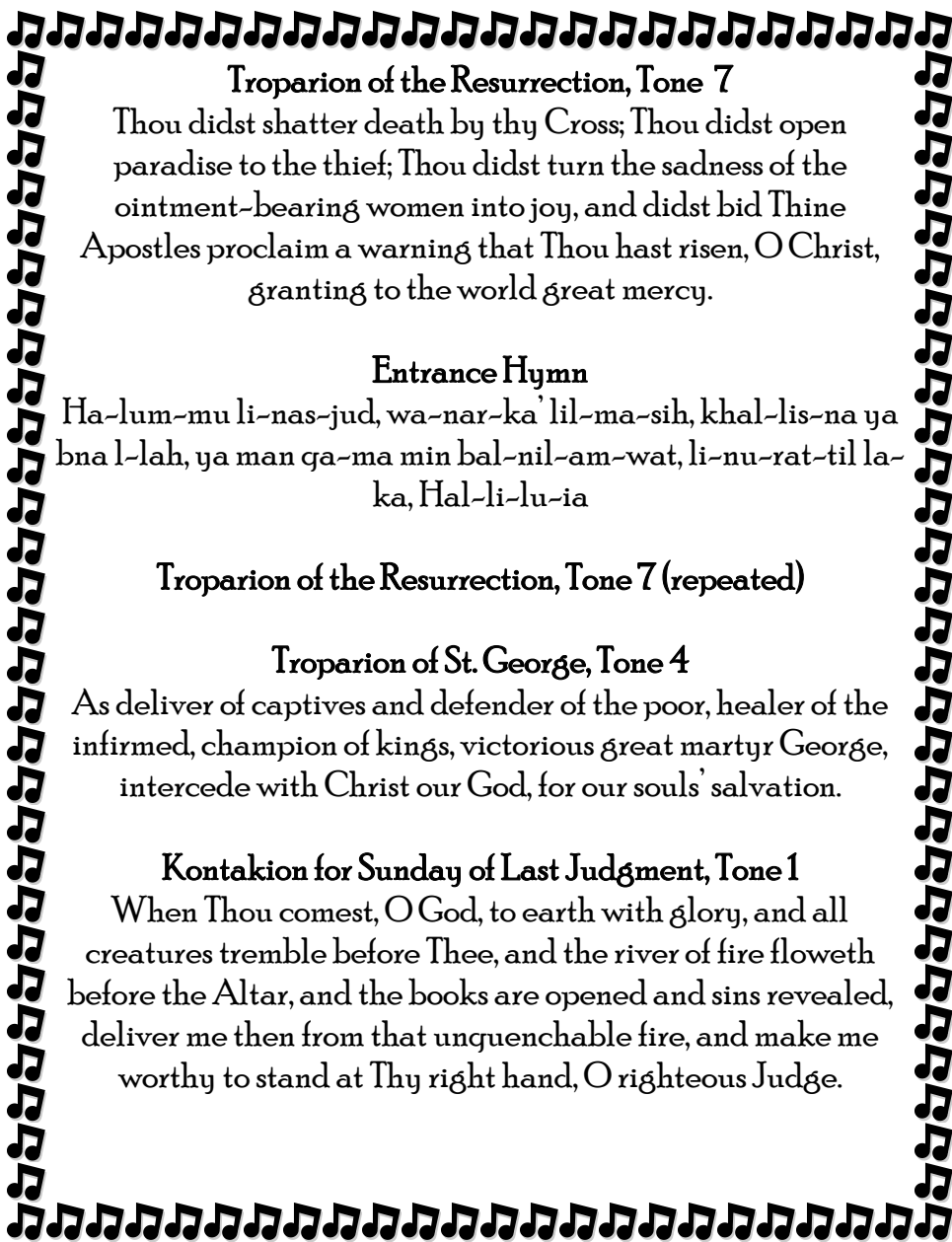
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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 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 7

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world great mercy.

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 7 (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 Sunday of Last Judgment, Tone 1

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

Epistle: Paul 8:8-9:2

The Lord is my strength and my praise. The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



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

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

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 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
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 Marcotte Family & Sgt. Peter Marcotte
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 Charles Zaharias

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 + MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL! +
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Next Sunday, March 13th

A 10 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Charles Hamwey and a 9 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Annie Hamwey, request by their son, Alan and daughter-in-law Elaine Hamwey and family. May Charles' and Annie's memories be eternal.

ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given for the health and safety of Yvette Ansara on her birthday and for Great-Grandson, Sam Stachowski on his birthday, requested by the Ansara Family. May God bless Yvette and Sam with good health, happiness and long life.

The Altar Bread is given for the health and safety of Joanne Doulames and Family. May God bless Joanne and Family with peace, good health and happiness.

COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Joanne Doulames for the health and safety of her family. May God bless Joanne and her family with peace, good health and happiness!

THIS WEEK

Today after Liturgy Ladies Meeting

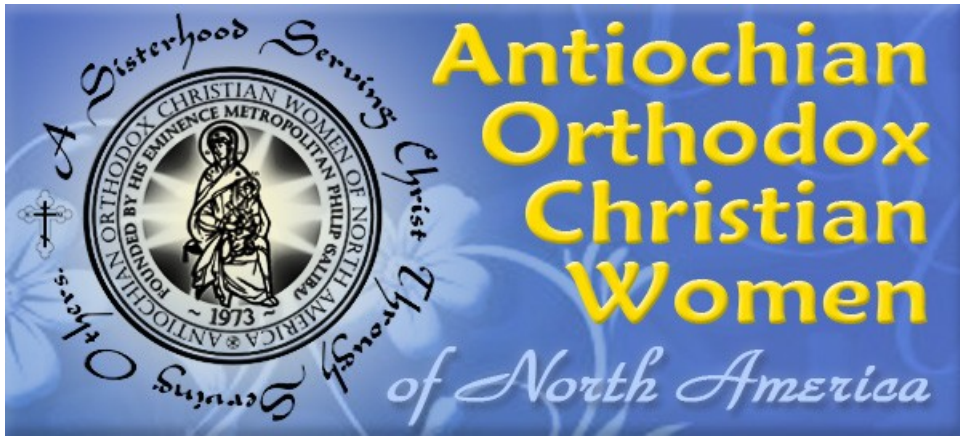
Wed 3/9 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

We would like to thank Gladys Tracanna and Lila Lorrey for the wonderful Valentine's Party that they chaired for our church and for all those who attended and supported the event in any way. All those who attended had a wonderful time and the proceeds for the church were over \$8,000. May God bless Gladys, Lila and all who helped make this event so successful with peace, good health and happiness. LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S EVENT!!!

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.



March is Antiochian Women's Month

We would like to welcome the Ladies of St. George who will be ushering and collecting the trays during this month. We would also like to thank the Ladies who have volunteered to usher and collect as well as read the Epistle.

May God Bless all our Ladies with health and happiness for all the work they do for the "Glory of God" and St. George Church.

March 6th

Epistle-Arabic

Tylda Bahou

Epistle-English

Alexa Tayebi

Trays/Ushers

Stephanie Swistak / Ines Saad

100th Year Celebration (1917-2017) - October 2017

We are in the very early stages of planning our 100th Year Celebration. The committees listed below have been formed so that we can start to get organized. Although we do not have an exact date, we do know it will take place October 2017. As it stands now, this will be a two day celebration: Saturday night, the Historical Committee will do a presentation, many details on this evening need to be worked out, including which venue it will be held at. On Sunday, following church services, there will be a luncheon held at a venue that will be determined. Please note that this is an entire parish endeavor and we need the assistance of everyone. If you have any thoughts please share your ideas with the appropriate committee members. There are two areas in which we need your help now:

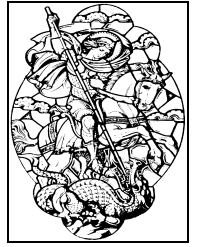
1. **The Historical Committee** will be asking parishioners for pictures, newspaper clippings, documents, letters etc. reflecting our 100 years. Anything that you have that will help to enhance their Saturday evening presentation is needed. In addition, it is possible that the committee may be interviewing parishioners for additional information.
2. **The Publicity Committee** will need your help when it is time to promote our celebration. But starting now, a mass mailing list is needed with names extending further than our regular parishioners. If you have anyone that you would like added to the mass mailing list please forward those names and addresses to Laurie Andersson as soon as possible, (LaurieAndersson@comcast.net) or call 978-441-1322

100 Year Anniversary Committee Members

Chairperson:	Laurie Andersson (Joseph Awad, Fr. Lenny)
Historical Committee:	Lisa Ansara, Azar Louh, Chakeep Skaff, Nicole Skaff, Amad Tayebi
Publicity Committee:	Mindy Abodeely, Nicole Awad, Fred Simon, Lynne Wade
Venue Committee:	Joanne Doulames, Voula Manolis, Hilda Zananiri
Ticket Committee:	Gwen Noonan



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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,
 Ron Tayebi
 978.337.0843.

We look forward to your support,
 St. George's Church Parish Council

LITURGICAL ITEMS TO BE DONATED

Zeon - \$225

Refurbish Iconostas Lanterns (6) - \$2500

Refurbish Altar Candle Sticks (6) - \$2000

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

For the Health & Safety of:

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