

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts



4th Sunday of Great Lent: St. John Climacus

April 10, 2016

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Rt. Rev. Fr. Leonard Faris, Pastor

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 4

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel,
the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental
condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying:
Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting 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 4 (repeated)

Troparion of St. John Climacus, Tone 8

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy
tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles
a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe,
sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus,
intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 Annunciation, Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos,
thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power
invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of
danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride
without Bridegroom.

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.



Gospel: Mark 9:16-30

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."





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

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William Ansara
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Nahil Zananiri

Joanne Stanway requested by Alan
Hamwey and family

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

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George P. Habib	

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!

ALTAR BREAD



Today's Altar Bread is given for the health and safety of Emma Steele and Gwen Noonan on their birthdays, requested by the Noonan, Kett, and Steele families. May God bless Emma and Gwen with good health and long life and bless their families with good health, long life, and happiness.

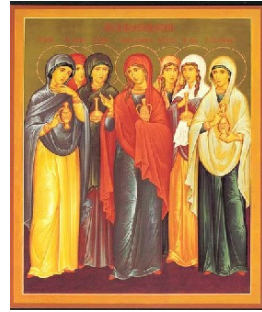
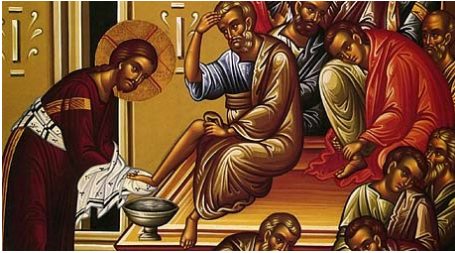
COFFEE HOUR



Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the Noonan, Kett, and Steele families, for the health and safety of Emma Steele and Gwen Noonan, on their birthdays. May God bless them with good health, happiness and long life!

THIS WEEK

Tonight	4/10	6:00 pm	Lenten Vespers at St. George Greek Church
Wed	4/13	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
		7:00 pm	Parish Council meeting
Fri	4/15	6:00 pm	Lenten Supper
		7:00 pm	Final Madayeh Service
		8:00 pm	Lenten speaker
Sun	4/17	6:00 pm	Lenten Vespers



For holy week, Fr. Leonard is looking for 12 young boys to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday and 8 young girls to be the myrrh bearing women on Holy Friday.

Please give the names to Fr. Leonard

ICON FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the fourth Madayeh Service have been given in memory of Stephen Skaff by Sharkey and Laurence Skaff. May Stephen's memory be eternal and may God bless Sharkey and Laurence with peace, good health and happiness!

LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL JULY 29, 30, AND 31, 2016

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 29-31, 2016. The Folk Festival is great way to exhibit our ethnic pride by selling our natural homemade ethnic food to the Lowell community. The Folk Festival is St. George's biggest fundraiser each year. Last year's Folk Festival expenses were approximately \$6,500. We welcome all donations from our parishioners and friends to defray these expenses. Our goal is to defray all expenses and make this a very successful event with a huge profit. Please help us to achieve this goal.

If you would like to donate this year, please make your check payable to St. George Church. We appreciate your support and dedication.

Thank you,

Hilda Zananiri, Chairwoman

Please send your donations to:

Saint George Antiochian Church – Folk Festival Donation
44 Bower St.
Lowell, MA 01854
Attention: Hilda



Sunday, April 17, 2016

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Get your tickets!

Adults – \$18.00 Children – \$6.00

Available through April 10th

Sunday, April 17th, our Ladies will be sponsoring their Annual Lenten Fish Dinner. Please help us make this dinner a success by your participation and/or donation toward the dinner. To purchase tickets please see any member of the Ladies Society of St. George.

***Fish... and*

*Pizza or Fish for the kids***

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If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, you can see any of the Ladies from the Society after Church.

Today is the last day to purchase tickets.

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of St Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved"

SAVE THE DATE:



The Fifth Annual Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Night at the Lowell Spinner Baseball Game will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Please take a flyer in the back of the church for further details and see Alan Hamwey who will be coordinating this event.



2016 Easter Flower Fund

Please make a donation to help decorate the Church for Easter

For the Health & Safety of:

In Loving Memory of:

Your name:

Donation:

*All donations should be received by Sunday, April 17, 2016
Thank you.*

*Gwen Noonan
8 Santa Fe Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824*

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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

100th Anniversary Help Needed!

The Historical Committee is gathering pictures, letters, documents, etc. for the historical presentation during our anniversary celebration. Your families are important to us and we are looking for information from all 10 decades. Please submit copies or originals, labeled with your name, address and phone number on the back and any relevant information that would tell us about your submission.

Historical Committee Members: Lisa Ansara, Azar Louh, Chakeep Skaff, Nicole Skaff, Amad Tayebi

Chairperson: Laurie Andersson

100th Year Anniversary Mailing Addresses Needed

We are in need of home addresses of past and present patrons of our church ~ anyone that has had something to do with our church! Think about children, grandchildren, or even people that may have drifted away for awhile. All our people have a place in the history of our church and we would like to include them in our 100th Year Anniversary Celebration.

Please send addresses to chairperson: Laurie Andersson

LaurieAndersson@comcast.net

12 Stonebridge Drive

Dracut, MA 01826

(If you receive home mailings from our church, we already have your address)

LITURGICAL ITEMS TO BE DONATED

Zeon - \$225

Refurbish Iconostas Lanterns (6) - \$425 each

Refurbish Altar Candle Sticks (6) - \$340 each

If you wish, you may donate any amount toward any of these items.

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

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