

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



*Christ is Risen*

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# ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School, Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please **REMAIN** in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour". We should leave the Church in silence.

**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.

Our faithful are reminded that as you leave the sanctuary, to do so **reverently and quietly**. Properly, one should approach the celebrant to receive his blessings, kiss the cross, depart and **then greet neighbors and friends at fellowship hour**. We must never lose reverence for our church sanctuary as the house of God simply because services have ended. Also, please take the Sunday bulletins with you or return them to the Vestry Committee rather than leaving them in the pews or bookracks. Also, out of respect to your fellow parishioners and to God, **please turn off all electronic devices such as cell phones before entering** the church so as to not interrupt the solemnity of our prayers.

*Thank you,  
+ Father Leonard*

**Church Office Hours:** If you would like to meet with the Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**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 [frfaris@verizon.net](mailto:frfaris@verizon.net) or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

## Entrance Hymn

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

## Easter Troparion, Tone 5

Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death  
And upon those in the tombs, Bestowing life.

Al-masih gama min bain il-amwat wa wa ti-al-mout a bil-  
mout, wa wa-ha-bal-ha-yat-a lil-lathina fil - gu bour.

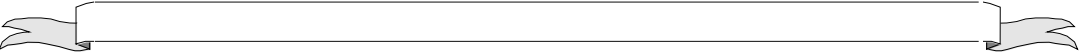
Christos anestee ek nekron, Thanato thanaton pateesas, keh  
tees en tees mneemasi zo-een, Khareesamehnos.

## Hypakoe of Easter in Tone 4

They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled  
away from the sepulchre, and heard the angels say unto them, Why seek ye  
him as man with the dead, who dwells in light eternal?  
Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the  
Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the  
Savior of mankind.

## Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst  
destroy the power of hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our  
God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou  
didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those that are  
fallen..



## Epistle

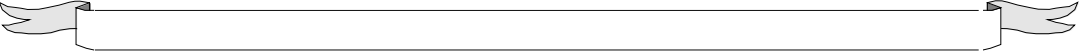
### Acts 1:1 -8

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."





## Gospel

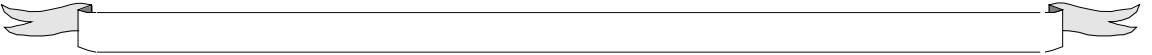
### John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but was to bear witness to the Light.

The true Light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but the will of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. [John bore witness to him, and cried, "This is He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.'"] And from his Fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.





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

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Ed & Lillian Betor  
David and Cindy Boragine  
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Jacque and Camilla Cloutier and Family  
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Thomas Marcotte  
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Toula Anasoulis  
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Ricky Skaff  
Stephen Skaff  
T. Michael Skaff  
George B. Stewart  
Elaine Viera  
Tony Yacoub  
Leon Yeghiazarians  
Charles Zaharias

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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!  
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## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the Health and Safety of the parishioners of St. George and their families. May Our Risen Lord Bless them with good health and happiness.

**REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS  
SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:**

**Christ is Risen!**

**Al Maseeh Qam!**

**Kristos Anesti!**

**Kristos A Inviat!**

**Kristos Voskresy!**

**Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!**

**Truly, He is Risen!**

**Hagan Qam!**

**Alithos Anesti!**

**Adeverat A Inviat!**

**Voyistino Voskresey!**

**Orhnyal eh Harootiunun**

**Krisdosee!**



## PASCHAL BREAKFAST

Immediately following the Midnight Paschal Divine Liturgy, you are invited to the Paschal Breakfast, sponsored by the Parish Council, for the health and safety of the parishioners of St. George and their families and friends.

May Our Risen Lord bless them with good health and happiness!



### THIS WEEK

Sat. 5/7 4:00-7:00 pm Teens Spaghetti Supper

Please see one of the Teens or Pierre Oujami for tickets. Let us support our Teens who are the Future of our Church.



## Easter Sunday: The Holy Pascha

A little before midnight on the Blessed Sabbath the **Nocturne** service is chanted. The celebrant goes to the tomb and removes the winding-sheet. He carries it through the royal doors and places it on the altar table where it remains for forty days until the day of Ascension.

At midnight the Easter procession begins. The people leave the church building singing: The angels in heaven, O Christ our Savior, sing of Thy resurrection. Make us on earth also worthy to hymn Thee with a pure heart.

The procession circles the church building and returns to the closed doors of the front of the church. This procession of the Christians on Easter night recalls the original **baptismal procession** from the darkness and death of this world to the night and the life of the Kingdom of God. It is the procession of the **holy passover**, from death unto life, from earth unto heaven, from this age to the age to come which will never end. Before the closed doors of the church building, the resurrection of Christ is announced. Sometimes the Gospel is read which tells of the empty tomb. The celebrant intones the blessing to the “holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity.” The **Easter troparion** is sung for the first time, together with the verses of Psalm 68 which will begin all of the Church services during the Easter season.

The people re-enter the church building and continue the service of **Easter Matins** which is entirely sung.

The **canon hymns** of Christ’s resurrection, ascribed to St John of Damascus, are chanted with the Troparion of the feast as the constantly recurring refrain. The building is decorated with flowers and lights. The vestments are the bright robes of the resurrection. The Easter icon stands in the center of the church showing Christ destroying the gates of hell and freeing Adam and Eve from the captivity of death. It is the image of the Victor “trampling down death by his own death.” There is the continual singing and censuring of the icons and the people, with the constant proclamation of the celebrant: **Christ is risen!** The faithful continually respond: **Indeed he is risen!**

It is the day of resurrection! Let us be illumined for the feast! Pascha! The Pascha of the Lord! From death unto life, and from earth unto heaven has Christ our God led us! Singing the song of victory: Christ is risen from the dead! (First Ode of the Easter Canon)

Following the canon, the paschal verses are sung, and at the conclusion of the Easter Matins, the **Easter Hours** are also sung. In general, nothing is simply read in the Church services of Easter: everything is fully sung with the joyful melodies of the feast.

# Christ is Risen

Every Divine Liturgy of the year commemorates Christ's "saving passion and life giving cross, His three days' burial and resurrection from the dead". Beyond this, every first day of the week throughout the year is a Day of Resurrection, for we hear the words at the Matins of Sunday's: "Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection."

Yet a special Sunday is designated by the Orthodox Church to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. As we sing on this day, "This is the chosen and Holy day the Feast of Feasts, and the Triumph of Triumphs."

Obviously, Pascha or Easter is not a one shot or a one day affair in the calendar of the Church. Rather it permeates the whole calendar, it fills the whole year. And not only does it fill the year, it fills the theology, the worship, the very life of the Church.

St. Paul put his finger on the "If Christ has not been raised, preaching is in vain and your "That is to say—without the there is nothing.

The Resurrection of Christ all that Jesus said and did. It But that is not all.

Christ's resurrection means resurrection! This is what the fact of Pascha.

Again, St. Paul put it so is Christ risen from the dead, first fruits of them that have For as in Adam all die, so also all live."



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faith is in vain.  
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gives power to

clearly: "Now  
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We do not talk very often about the resurrection of the body. We usually speak of the soul as surviving death, as living on in the other world, and we hesitate to speak of the restoration of that flesh that we lay to rest in the earth.

But it is precisely to this point that the Resurrection of Christ addresses itself. Man is unity of body and soul; these are not separate entities. If there is survival and life in eternity, then it must be of total man: body and soul.

St. John Damascene, in his "Exposition of the Orthodox Faith," speaks on this matter. "If the soul alone exerted itself in the battle for virtue then it alone should be crowned. If it alone was defiled with sensual pleasures, in justice it alone should be punished. But since neither soul nor body had existence apart from the other, they both are to receive their due reward or damnation together."

And so we rightly glory in the Resurrection of Christ, and how wonderful and inspiring is that glorification! Who can describe the sadness and the solemnity of the Great Fast? And who can put into words what we feel in the night of Easter as the procession winds its way in the darkness about the Church, and then comes to the closed door where we cry "Christ is Risen"! Quickly we repeat this beautiful hymn over and over.

This world knows no greater glorification than that of Pascha. St. John Chrysostom, in his beautiful Easter homily says, "The table is fully laden; feast sumptuously everyone, let no one weep for his iniquities, let no one fear death. Christ is Risen, and the Angels rejoice. Christ is Risen, and life reigns, Christ is Risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be Glory, now and ever and unto ages of ages!"

This, then is Christ's great gift: our resurrection, "this is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

**Christ is Risen!**  
**Truly He has Risen!**

## VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU'S"

To St. George Choir, Chanters, Altar Servers and Ushers for a great job during Holy Week!

To Phyllis and Nel Arsenault for donating the Crown of Thorns placed on the Cross on Holy Thursday in memory of Arthur & Mildred Skaff and Nafie, Al & Dickie Moses. And thanking our Lord for the health and safety of the Arsenault, Andersson & Behrakis Families!

To Nick and Voula Manolis and Joanne Doulames who donated the flowers and decorated the Tomb on Holy Friday for the health and safety of their families!

To Gwen Noonan who faithfully bake the Altar Bread each week!

To Bob and Elaine Maria for donating the flowers adorning the Icon of the Empty Tomb.

To the Teens and their parents who donated the eggs for coloring and for all of them for coloring them!

To Fr. Leonard for donating the Sacrament table flowers!

To Fr. Leonard for donating the Altar flower arrangements for the health and safety of Michael & Anne Marie Faris, Paula & Brad Brooks, Erika, Jason & Brooke Benjamin, Andrea, Rocky & Addison Leavitt, Duayne Habib & Nora Abdelahad & Family and in loving memory of George and Elsie Faris, Naif and Fred Faris, Kalil and Mary Ead, George Habib, Charles Abdelahad and Charles Agaty!

To Fred and Gwen Noonan for donating the Flowers adorning the Icons of the Holy Resurrection in memory of Joseph & Elizabeth Ghareeb and Frederick & Matilda Noonan, and for the continued health and safety of the Noonan, Steele, Kett & Ghareeb Families!

To Marwan and Carla Sabbouh for donating the flowers for the Icon of the Myrrh bearing women!

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO MADE THIS HOLY AND PASCHA SO SPECIAL!!!! MAY OUR RISEN LORD BLESS YOU ALL WITH JOY AND GLADNESS DURING THIS HOLY AND GLORIOUS SEASON!!!!



*ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND  
ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, OF  
LOWELL,*

*Cordially invite all the Greek and Antiochian  
Communities to join us I celebrating our  
PATRONAL FEAST DAY ON BRIGHT MONDAY,  
May 2nd at*

*St. George Greek Orthodox Church  
Princeton Boulevard  
Lowell, MA*

*Orthos will begin at 9:30 am with the  
Festal Divine Liturgy  
Beginning at 10:00 am.  
There will be a Feast Day breakfast  
following the Divine Services*

*ALL ORTHODOX CLERGY ARE INVITED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE FEAST DAY  
CELEBRATION!!!*



## *2016 Easter Flower Fund*



# Easter Flower Fund

## Donated by:

Nora Abdelahad

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## For the Health & Safety of:

Fr. Leonard Faris

The Abodeely Family

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The Arsenault, Andersson,  
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Our Family

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Our Departed Loved Ones

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My Father, John Husson



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## For the Health & Safety of:

My Family

Noonan, Steele, Kett,  
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Our Parents,  
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Our Family Members

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## THE TRADITION OF THE EGG

*The most important feast day of the Orthodox Church is Pascha (Easter). Traditionally, on this day the faithful exchange red colored eggs and greet one another with the Paschal greeting "Christ is Risen!" "Truly He is Risen!" and three kisses.*

*According to Tradition, the association of the egg with Pascha goes back to St. Mary Magdalene. Some time after the Day of Pentecost, St. Mary Magdalene appeared before the Roman Emperor to preach to him the Resurrection of Christ. According to custom, one could not appear before the Emperor without bringing some gift. Being poor, all St. Mary could afford was a basket of eggs. Although the Emperor at first listened attentively to the grace-filled words of the Saint, when she began to speak of the Resurrection, he interrupted her saying, "It is no more possible for a man to rise from the dead than for those eggs to turn red."*



*At that moment, by the miraculous power of God, all the eggs in St. Mary's basket turned red. She took one of the red eggs and presented it to the Emperor saying, "Christ is Risen!"*

## A MIRACLE

*As some of you may know, the Orthodox Church is celebrating Pascha/Easter today, April 27th. Thousands of Orthodox Christians gathered in Church of the Holy Resurrection in Jerusalem yesterday as they have since the 12th century to wait for the appearance of the holy light, which enters the Tomb of Christ and passes through the crowd.*

*The patriarch entered the sealed tomb which has been inspected by the civil authorities to be sure that there is no substance present which can produce a light. He enters the tomb carrying unlighted candles. After praying, he hold sup the candles and in a split second, they are lighted and the light is spread throughout the thousands of candles in the church.*

*There are reports from people who were skeptics that their candles caught fire spontaneously and others reported seeing candles lighted at the top of the church at the same instant the light passes from the tomb. "There was a faint bluish light, that is not hot, which swept through the church and in an instant, all the candles were lighted".*



*In the Orthodox Churches here in America, just before a procession at midnight, the priest appears at the royal doors in white or light colored vestments, carrying a lighted candle. He proclaims, "Come ye, take the light from the light, that is never overtaken by night. Come glorify Christ, Risen from the dead". And the light is then passed from candle to candle as those in attendance sing, "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life".*



# *JOIN US FOR ST. GEORGE WEEKEND*

*Saturday & Sunday , May 14-15, 2016*

## *Saturday, May 14*

*Family Picnic 11am- 3pm*

*Church Tour, Games, BBQ and Music - \$5 per person*

## *Sunday, May 15*

*8:45am Matins Service*

*10am Hierarchal Liturgy presided by His Grace*

*Bishop JOHN*

*Family Luncheon to follow*

*Adults: \$20 Under 17: \$10*



*For reservations and questions please contact Rassem at 617-  
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## Saint George Weekend



**Saturday and Sunday**

**MAY 14-15, 2016**

### RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return to the **Reservation Table** in the Church Hall on Sunday or **mail** immediately to the **Church Office** or **Phone** Amal Hourani -781.793.0219 or the Church Office 617.323.0323.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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### NUMBER of RESERVATIONS

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