

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Sunday of the Paralytic

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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.

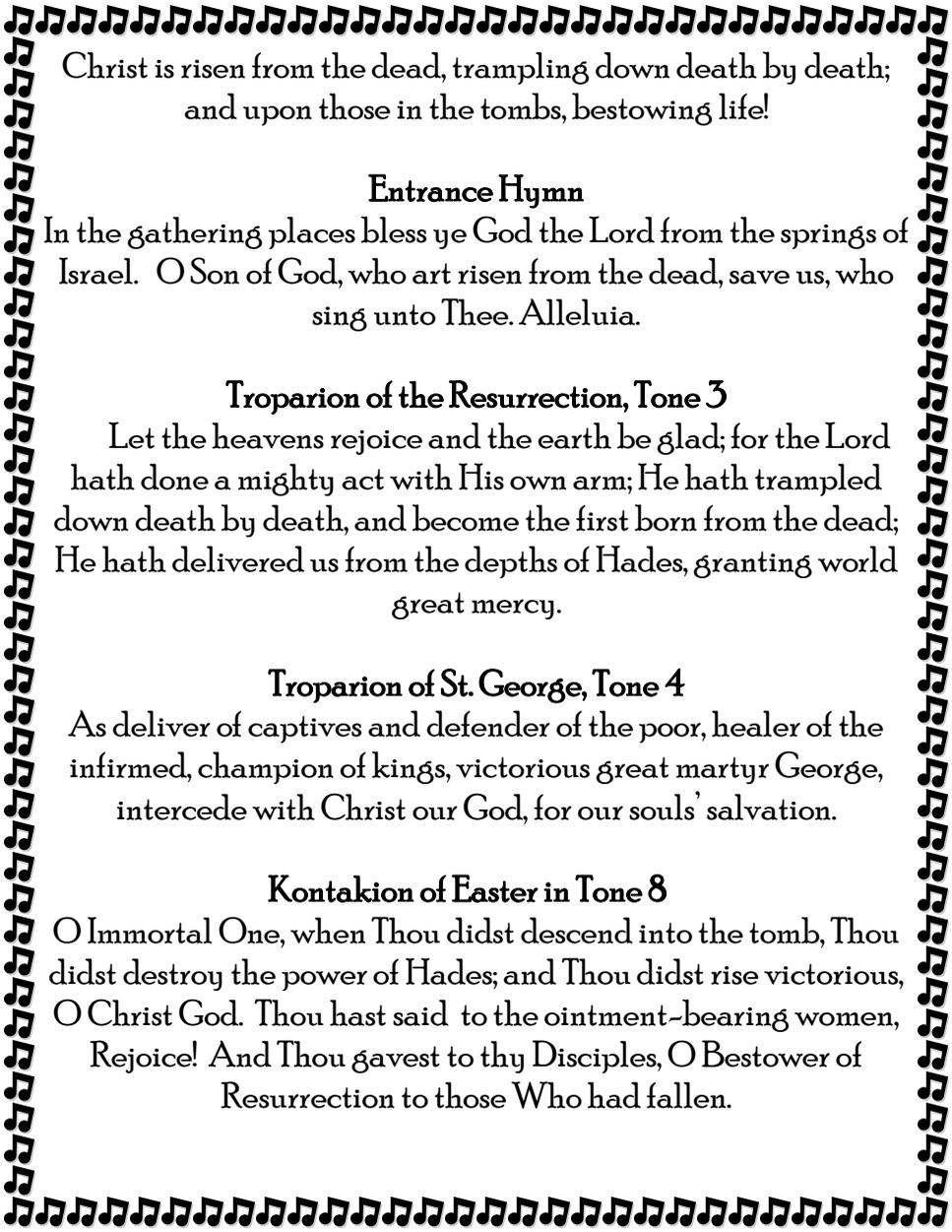
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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 or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.



Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death;
and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

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.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3

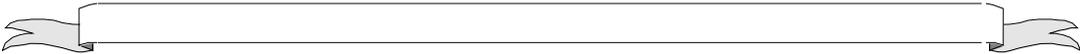
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord
hath done a mighty act with His own arm; He hath trampled
down death by death, and become the first born from the dead;
He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting world
great mercy.

Troparion of St. George, Tone 4

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

Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou
didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious,
O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women,
Rejoice! And Thou gavest to thy Disciples, O Bestower of
Resurrection to those Who had fallen.



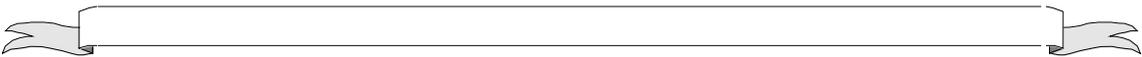
Epistle: Apostles 9:32 -42

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

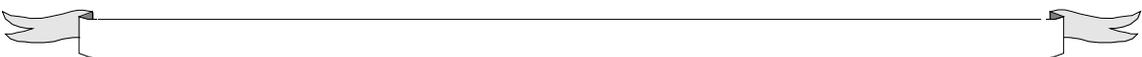




Gospel: John 5:1 - 15

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.



Andrew Ansara Memorial Scholarship

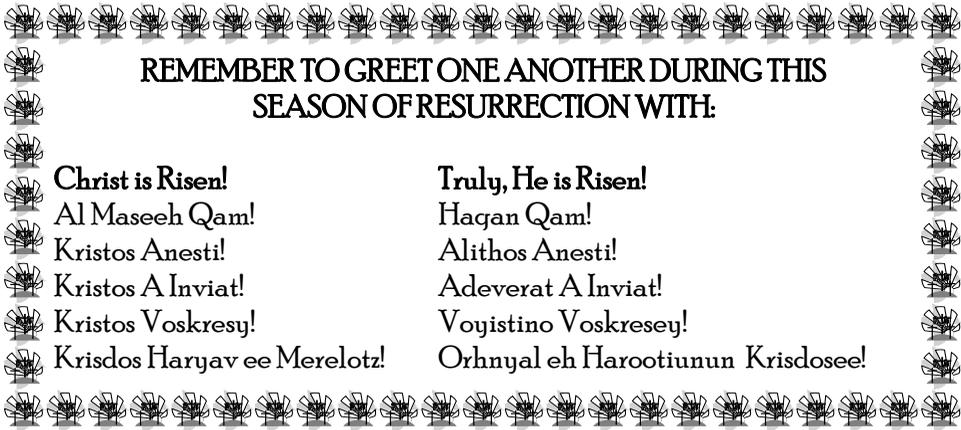
Applications are now being accepted for the Andrew W. Ansara Memorial Scholarship. First time applicants only. Eligible applicants must be a graduating senior in high school, continuing his/her education or a college student already in a degree program. The applicant must also be in good standing with St. George Church. See Fr. Leonard or any member of the Ansara family for further details. Application deadline is June 5th.

Food for Hungry People Drive

Today is the last day for the Food for Hungry People Drive. Please bring in your Mite Boxes and/or checks payable to **Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, earmarked Food for Hungry People Donation** and give them to Alan Hamwey, either after the Divine Liturgy or at a Coffee Hour, if there is one. If you are unable to be in church, please mail your check to:

Alan Hamwey
One Hugo Lane
Chelmsford, MA 01824

978 256 4944
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REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:

Christ is Risen!	Truly, He is Risen!
Al Maseeh Qam!	Haqan Qam!
Kristos Anesti!	Alithos Anesti!
Kristos A Inviat!	Adeverat A Inviat!
Kristos Voskresy!	Voyistino Voskresey!
Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!	Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Sunday School Children on their graduation day. May God continue to bless you throughout the summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Thank you to our dedicated Sunday School Teachers and our Superintendent, Marwan Sabbouh, for preparing and teaching our children about the Holy Orthodox Faith. May God bless you all with good health, happiness and long life.

Sunday School Teachers:

Hala Abou-Sekh	Carla Sabbouh
Reem Mikhael	Dalia Tayebi
Nancy Aiken	Haley Goguen
Denise Oujaimi	

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

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.

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)

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
Attention: Hilda
44 Bower St.
Lowell, MA 01854

A copy of the Volunteer Schedule will be on the table as you enter the church hall. Please see the schedule to sign up.

	Folk Festival Volunteers NEEDED	
Shifts will be:	Friday	<u>4:30 pm ~ 10:30 pm</u>
	Saturday	10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm 1:45 pm ~ 6:00 pm <u>5:30 pm ~ 10:30 pm</u>
	Sunday	10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm 1:30 pm ~ 6:30 pm

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please see Hilda Zananiri or Martha Stewart.

You can also email Hilda at hzananiri@verizon.net or
Martha at marthaestewart@gmail.com



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