

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

May 29, 2016

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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 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.

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost, Tone 8

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the
waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is
thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain
of life, glory to Thee.

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 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 11:19-30

How great are Thy work, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days, the Disciples, who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen, traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the Word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, upon coming to Antioch, spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the Disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the Disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that

I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."



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 Fr. Leonard, requested by
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 +++ MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!! +++
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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!

Haqan Qam!

Alithos Anesti!

Adeverat A Inviat!

Voyistino Voskresey!

Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee!

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.

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.



DIOCESE OF WORCESTER PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE
 Hosted by: St. George Church, Lawrence, MA June 11 & 25, 2016

Registration Form

Register On-line:

www.antiochianevents.com/worcester.html

Please mail completed form to:

Diocese of Worcester PLC 2016

St. George Orthodox Church

8 Lowell St, Lawrence, MA 01840

Church Office Phone: 978-685-4052

PLC2016@staeoraelawrence.org

Deadline: June 1, 2016

Please write your name as you would like it to appear on your badge.

Anyone under the age of 18 **MUST** submit completed and signed Parent Consent Form and Teen Code of Conduct (Teens only) in order to receive their Badge.

Place an X in the appropriate boxes for each listed person.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Pre-Conference Events
(Saturday, June 11, 2016)

Conference Events
(Saturday, June 25, 2016)

FEES

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	Male	Female	Child (12 & under)	Teen (13-19)	Adult	Clergy/Clergy Wife	Young Adults	Order of St. Ignatius	Antiochian Women	Teen SOYO		Creative Arts Festival (included with registration)	Oratorical Festival (included with registration)	Luncheon (included with registration)	Organizational Meetings (included with registration)	Awards Lunch (Child \$10, All Others \$15)	Keynote Address (included with registration)	Workshop Session (included with registration)	Bible Bowl (included with registration)	Family Dinner/Dance (Child \$15, All Others \$30)	Mandatory Registration Fee (Ages 12 & older) Pay \$10 fee once, for June 11 and/or June 25
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Parish City: _____ State: _____			Teens (Ages 13-19)		-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	30	\$10	\$		
Diocese: _____ Phone: _____			Adults/Clergy		-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	30	\$10	\$		
Name: _____ Email: _____																					
Address: _____ Date: _____																					
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____																					

We encourage everyone to pre-register in order for us to prepare for meal and facilities requirements.

Make checks payable to: "St. George Orthodox Church" and mail to the above address. For credit card payments, please register online (link above).

I acknowledge and understand that all Charges and/or Donations are non-refundable.

Refer to policy statement: www.antiochianevents.org/privacy/132

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

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