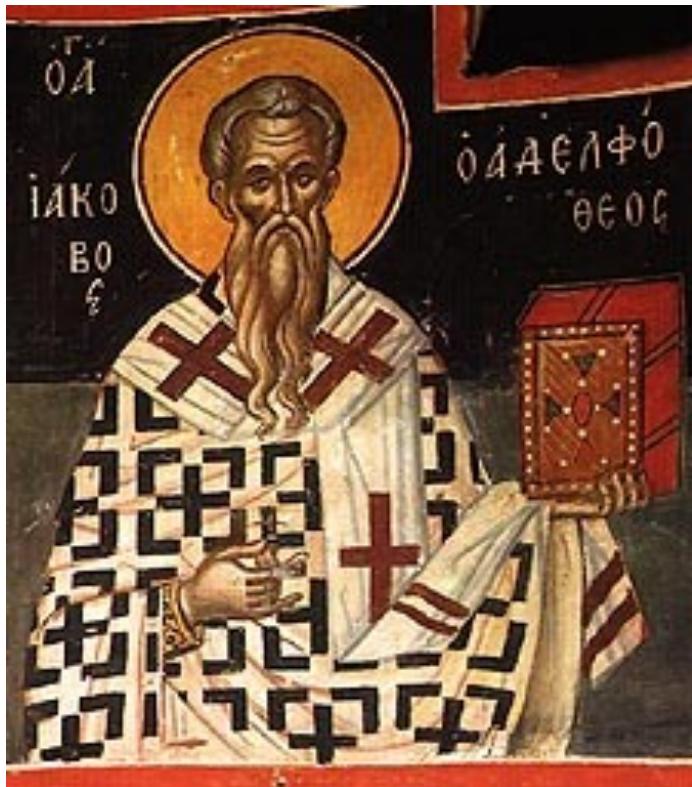


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



*Apostle James, Brother of the Lord **
6th Sunday of Luke

October 23, 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.

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 **RE-MAIN** 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.

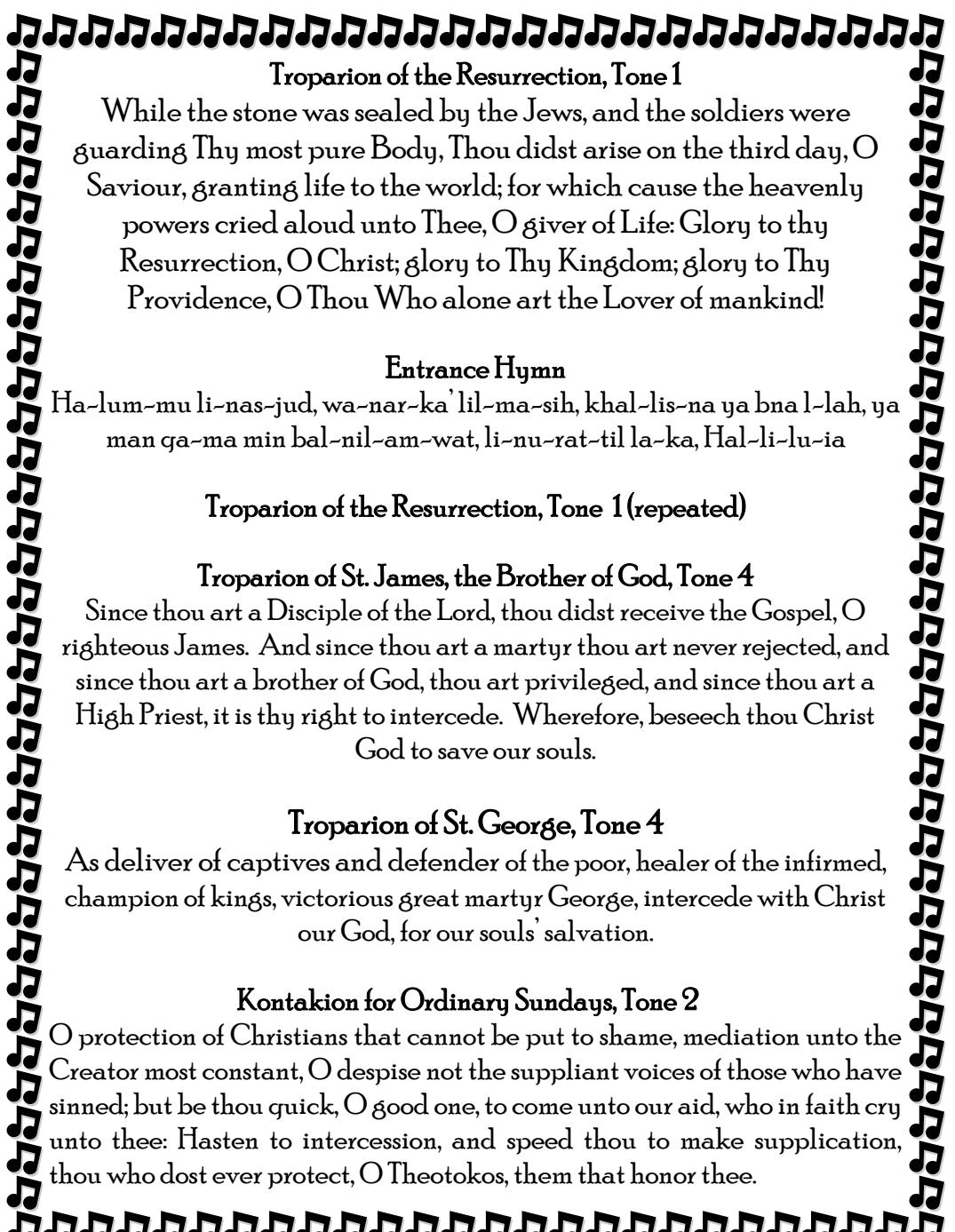
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday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



Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world; for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of Life: Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy Kingdom; glory to Thy Providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind!

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 1 (repeated)

Troparion of St. James, the Brother of God, Tone 4

Since thou art a Disciple of the Lord, thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James. And since thou art a martyr thou art never rejected, and since thou art a brother of God, thou art privileged, and since thou art a High Priest, it is thy right to intercede. Wherefore, beseech thou 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 Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11 - 19

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke 8:26 - 39

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.



**Prayers are being offered for
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Ed & Lillian Betor
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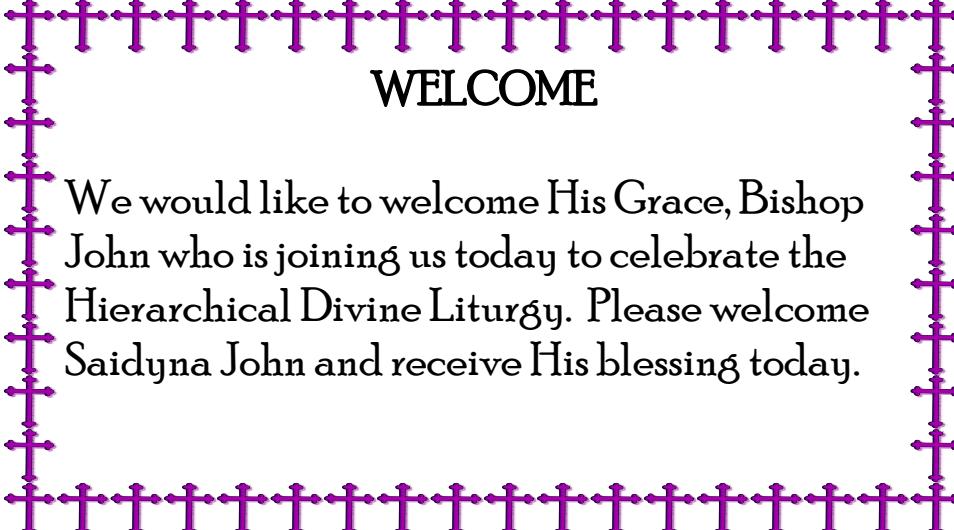
ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given for the health and safety of Saidyna John and his Family, requested by Fr. Leonard and the Parish Council. May God bless Saidyna John with peace, good health and long life!
Eis Pola Eti Despota!!!



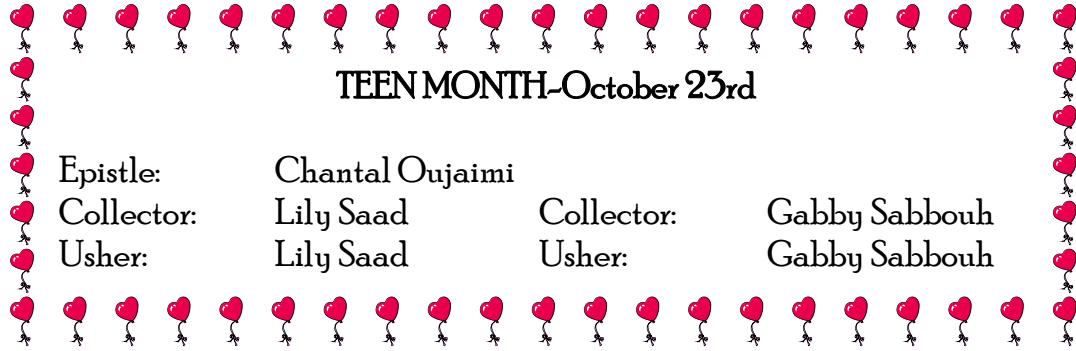
COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council in honor of His Grace, Bishop John's visit. May God bless Saidyna John with good health, happiness and long life and may God bless the Parish Council with health and happiness always!



WELCOME

We would like to welcome His Grace, Bishop John who is joining us today to celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Please welcome Saidyna John and receive His blessing today.



TEEN MONTH-October 23rd

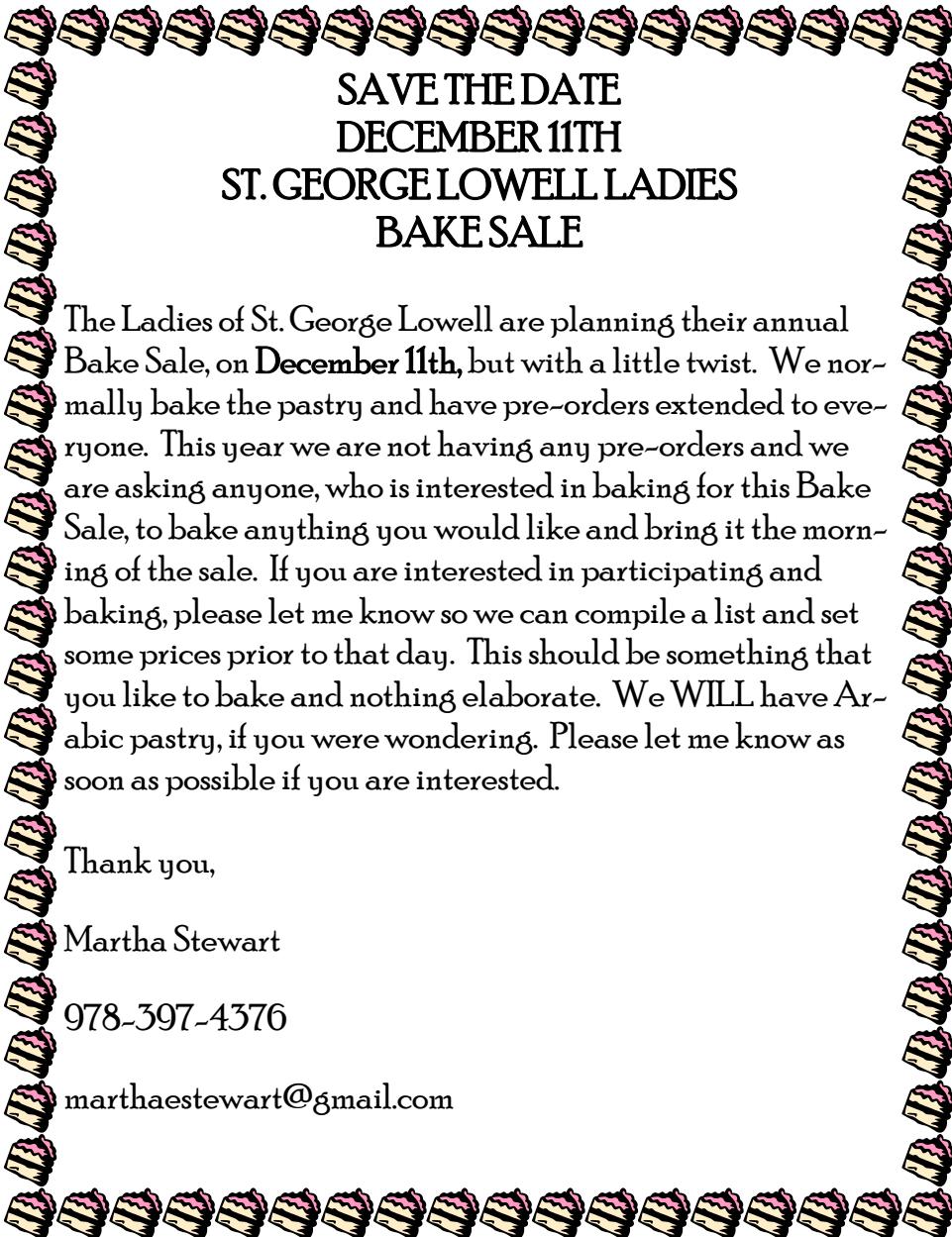
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SAVE THE DATE DECEMBER 11TH ST. GEORGE LOWELL LADIES BAKE SALE

The Ladies of St. George Lowell are planning their annual Bake Sale, on **December 11th**, but with a little twist. We normally bake the pastry and have pre-orders extended to everyone. This year we are not having any pre-orders and we are asking anyone, who is interested in baking for this Bake Sale, to bake anything you would like and bring it the morning of the sale. If you are interested in participating and baking, please let me know so we can compile a list and set some prices prior to that day. This should be something that you like to bake and nothing elaborate. We WILL have Arabic pastry, if you were wondering. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Thank you,

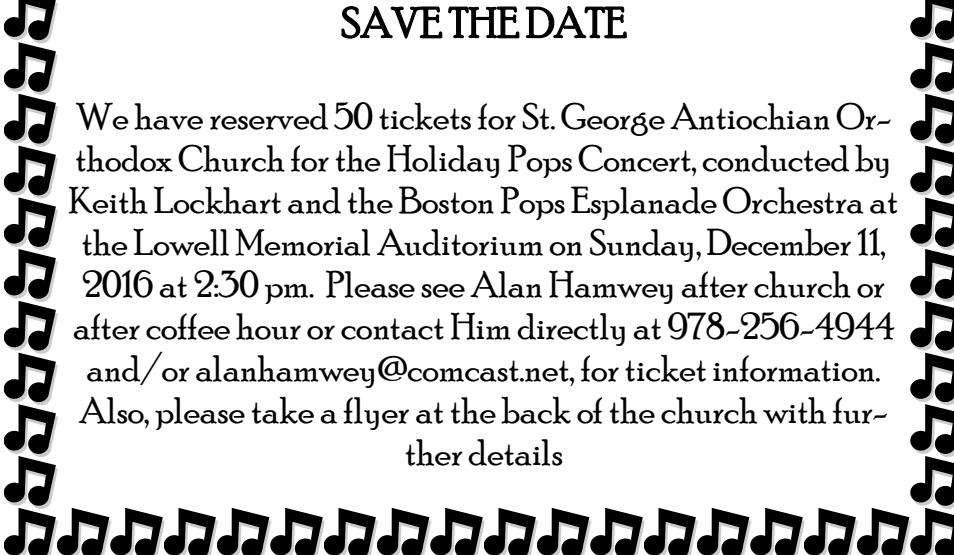
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SAVE THE DATE



We have reserved 50 tickets for St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church for the Holiday Pops Concert, conducted by Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Please see Alan Hamwey after church or after coffee hour or contact Him directly at 978-256-4944 and/or alanhamwey@comcast.net, for ticket information. Also, please take a flyer at the back of the church with further details

2016 PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Once again the Ladies Society is sponsoring a Parish Christmas Card to send your Christmas greetings to your parish family and friends. It is a way of helping to raise money.

Here's how it works. For a donation of \$15.00 (or more):

We will purchase a beautiful Icon Christmas Card.

We will have your name printed on the card in the manner of your choosing.

We will address all the cards.

We will mail the cards to all who gave a donation.

If you would like your name to appear on this year's Christmas card, please complete this form (please print names – include your address so that we may mail the card to you!) and return the form to Gwen Noonan by December 4th. Checks should be made to St George Ladies Society.

Name _____

Address _____

Name(s)* as you wish them to appear on the Christmas card.

***Follow the format below:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe and family

The Doe family, John, Mary, Laura and Elias

John, Mary, Laura and Elias Doe

John and Mary Doe, Laura and Elias

John Doe

Mary Doe

**Please return this form to Gwen Noonan
by Sunday, Dec 4, 2014**

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Lowell

Celebrating our 100th Anniversary

Please reserve the following dates so that you may join us
in our celebrations.



100th Year Celebration *Dinner & Dance* (featuring Mitch Kaltsunas)

Saturday, September 30th, 2017 - 6:00pm
Four Oaks Country Club, Dracut, MA

Tickets \$100 per person.*

Hierarchical Liturgy with Bishop John

Sunday, October 1st, 2017 - 10:00am
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Lowell, MA

Fellowship Reception

Sunday, October 1st, 2017 - 12:30pm
University Crossing, Lowell, MA

Tickets \$10 per person.*

Tickets for both events on sale now!

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