

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Sunday of the Paralytic

May 7, 2017

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.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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.

*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 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.

Entrance Hymn for Pascha

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

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3 (repeated)

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

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: Apostles 9:32-41

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

The Reading 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 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.



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

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Connie Abodeely
Lorice Ansara
Yvette Ansara
Ed & Lillian Betor
David and Cindy Boragine
Ida Boragine
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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!
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ALTAR BREAD

Today's Holy Bread is given in memory of the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Anisse Saad, requested by her daughter, Ines, and Family. May Anisse's memory be eternal.



MEMORIALS ~ Today, May 7th

A 10 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, George Saba and a One Year Memorial Service is being offered for his son, David Saba, requested by the Saba Family. May their memories be eternal.



COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Saba Family, in loving memory of their beloved father, George, and their brother, David. May George and David's memory be eternal and may God bless the Saba Family with peace, good health and happiness.

TODAY
Sunday School Graduation

PARISHIONER APPRECIATION

Current and Former Choir Directors and Choir Members

Current and Former Chanters

Wed. 5/10 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Thu. 5/11 6:30pm Council of Churches meeting here at St. George

Fri. 5/12 6:30pm Ask Abouna Night with the Teen Soyo

Sat. 5/13 10:00am Diocesan Ladies Meeting here at St. George

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Bob and Elaine Maria for their donation, to St. George, for the health and safety of Betty Gavriel. May God bless Bob, Elaine, and Betty with peace, 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

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MOTHER'S DAY

On Sunday, May 14th we will observe "MOTHER'S DAY". In honor of our Mothers, those living and those deceased, please write their names of the sheets of paper on the window sill in the Merida, to have them remembered during the Divine Liturgy. What better way to remember our beloved mothers than by offering prayers for their health and safety or in their memory. All I need is their first names.
Thank you and God bless
+Fr. Leonard

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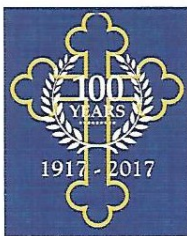
RAFFLE TICKET ANNOUNCEMENT

For all those who still have raffle tickets, please return all sold, unsold tickets and monies from sold tickets to Hilda Zananiri, 16 Dover St, Lowell, MA 01851, or see her in church on Sunday, May 7th. Everything must be returned by May 7th. If you have any question, please call Hilda at [978-328-7582](tel:978-328-7582). We appreciate your support and hope you will join us at the raffle on May 19th.

Scholarships

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

Applications are now being accepted for the "St. George Ladies Society" Scholarship. Eligible applicants must be female, 22 years of age or older, be a member in good standing in the church, be actively involved in the worship, service, and social life of the church, be applying for, or registered in, an academic or trade study program, and demonstrate financial need. See Fr. Leonard or Martha Stewart for further details and an application. Application deadline is June 18th.



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
44 Bowers St., Lowell, MA 01854
Annual Raffle/Cocktail Party

Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Andover Country Club
60 Canterbury Road Andover, MA 01810
from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

First Prize ----- \$2,000
Second Prize ----- \$1,000
Third Prize ----- \$500

Donation
\$65.00 Dollars

Live Music, Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar, Coffee and Pastry
Checks are payable to St. George Orthodox Church
Please present ticket at door

COMING SOON

Let's Party

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! FUN EVENING, MUSIC, RAFFLE

This year we will be celebrating our 34th annual Cocktail Raffle fundraiser on May 19th at the Andover Country Club. Please help us make this a joyous and successful evening as we continue our year-long celebration in commemoration of our 100th year anniversary.

If you need additional tickets, please feel free to contact Hilda Zananiri at 978-328-7582. Please mail all ticket returns and checks no later than May 6, 2017 to Hilda at 16 Dover Street, Lowell, MA 01851 or you can see her in church.

Hilda Zananiri
Chairwoman

SAVE THE DATES
Lowell Folk Festival
July 28, 29 and 30, 2017

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2017. Please save these dates as we all depend on your help that weekend. If you would like make a donation towards the Folk Festival expenses please see Azar Louh, Mack Louh, or Ron Tayebi.

SAVE THE DATE

The Sixth Annual Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Night At The Lowell Spinners Baseball Game will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 5:30 PM at LeLacheur Park in Lowell MA. Further details will follow.

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