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Lowell, Massachusetts



**PROTO-MARTYR THEKLA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES &
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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 7

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world great mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu lu 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 7 (repeated)

Troparion of St. Thekla, the Proto-Martyr, Tone 3

O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, thou wast enflamed with the love of thy Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. Thou didst despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered thyself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. Silouan the Athonite, Tone 4

By prayer thou didst receive Christ for thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of 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.

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous among His saints. Bless ye God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all, who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

Let Us Attend: At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.



Prayers are being offered for
the Health and Safety of:

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

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 Connie Abodeely
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 MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!
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MEMORIAL SERVICE Today ~ September 24th

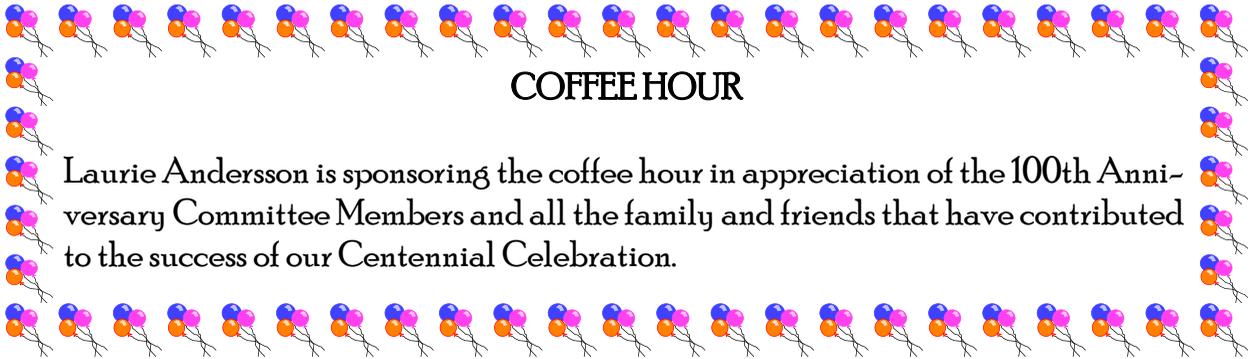
A 9 day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Mary Faris, aunt of Fr. Leonard.

A 9 day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Walter Kalil Jr., requested by Fr. Leonard.

A 40 day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God Edmond Solomon, cousin of Fr. Leonard.

A 40 day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, James Demetri Sarantos, son of Presvetera Nikki Sarantos, requested by Fr. Leonard.

May all their memories be eternal.



COFFEE HOUR

Laurie Andersson is sponsoring the coffee hour in appreciation of the 100th Anniversary Committee Members and all the family and friends that have contributed to the success of our Centennial Celebration.

PLEASE JOIN US SEMINARIAN WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday September 24 Vespers 4:00 pm
Coffee & Pastry Reception to Follow
St. George Church ~ 55 Emmonsdale Road ~ West Roxbury

Sponsored by the Antiochian Women of the Diocese of Worcester and New England in honor of our Seminarians attending Holy Cross and serving in our local Antiochian parishes.

SPECIAL AND VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Sat.	9/30	4:00pm	Vespers celebrated by Saidyna JOHN and Fr. Leonard in honor of our 100th Anniversary.
		6:00pm	The Grand Banquet will be held at THE FOUR OAKS COUNTRY CLUB IN DRACUT.
Sun	10/1	10:00am	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Saidyna JOHN and Fr. Leonard in honor of our 100th Anniversary. Immediately following the Divine Liturgy a FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION WILL BE HELD AT CROSSROADS CAFÉ, UMASS LOWELL

As per our General Meeting at the Miami Archdiocese Convention last month, we are asking every Parish to commit to this Archdiocese Awards program. This is a program our Metropolitan has endorsed strongly and it will generate extra funds for both the church and the Priests Retirement fund. A percentage of each sale has already been allotted to the retirement fund and the remaining percentage will be funded to the Parish of each of your choice. Over 4000 retailers participate. From Hotels, Best Buy, Walmart, Barnes and Noble, Neiman Marcus, Gas Stations, The Gap, Grocery, Gifts and many, many more. It is VERY easy to register. Go on the website, choose your diocese then choose your Parish, put in your email and a password its that easy!

Here is an easy "HOW TO" video - <https://vimeo.com/193822498>

Here is an easy link to sign up on - <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram>

Install the "SUPPORT BUTTON" on Chrome, Safari or Firefox and you're set!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours in Christ,
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