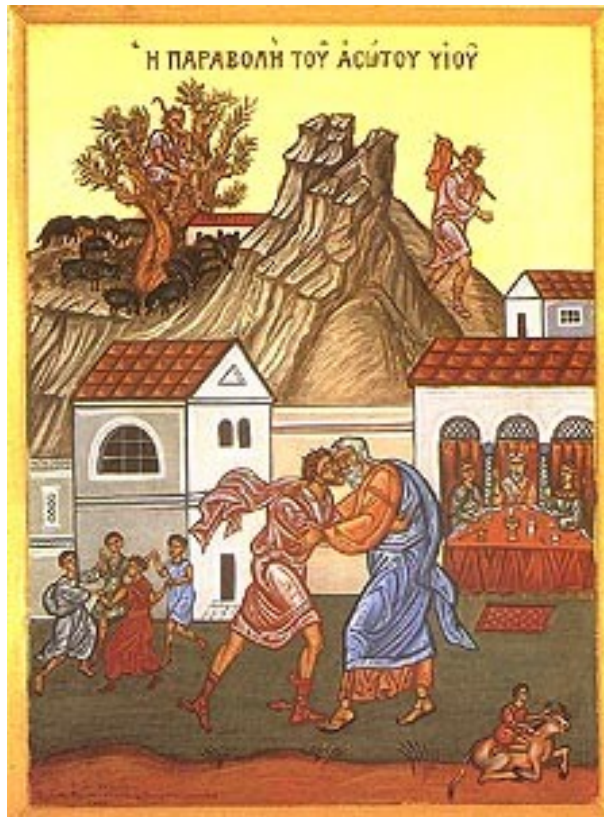


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

February 28, 2016

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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.
Office hours: Tuesday—Friday	9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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!

A decorative border consisting of a musical staff with a treble clef on the left and a bass clef on the right. The staff is filled with a continuous sequence of eighth notes, creating a rhythmic frame around the text.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-jud, wa-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya
bna l-lah, ya man ga-ma min bal-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-
ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6 (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 for the Prodigal Son

Foolishly I sprang away from Thy great fatherly glory, and dispersed in wicked deeds the riches that Thou didst give me. With the Prodigal I therefore cry unto Thee now. I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. But receive me in repentance; make me as one of Thy hired servants, O Lord.

Epistle: Paul 6:12-20

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Today, February 28th

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Charlotte Hughes, mother of Fr. Edward Hughes of St. George Lawrence, requested by Fr. Leonard. May Charlotte's memory be eternal!

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Servants of God, Naif Faris and Khalil Ead, the grandfathers of Fr. Leonard, requested by Fr. Leonard. May their memories be eternal!

A 4 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Ryan O'Malley, requested by Lisa Ansara and family. May Ryan's memory be eternal!

A 2 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Yaccoub Awad, requested by his son, Joseph, daughter-in-law, Hala and grandchildren. May Yaccoub's memory be eternal!

ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given for the health and safety of Fred and Gwen Noonan, requested by Fr. Leonard, in gratitude for Gwen making the Altar Bread each week. May God bless Fred, Gwen, and family with good health, happiness, and long life.

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of the Servant of God, Yaccoub Awad and for the health and safety of the Awad family, requested by Joseph and Hala Awad and family. May Yaccoub's memory be eternal and may God bless the Awad family with peace, good health, and happiness!

COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Bob Gendron and his granddaughter, Haley for the health and safety of their families. May God bless them all with good health and happiness!

THIS WEEK

Tue 3/1 5:30 Serving dinner at the Lowell Transitional Living Assistance. If you would like to help serve on one or any of these dates, please contact Lisa Ansara at 978-649-8797 or lisaansara@verizon.net
Donations are more than welcome!!!! Checks can be made out to LTLC.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Find a place inside where there's joy
And the joy will burn out the pain

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

We would like to encourage our parishioners to sign up to host a Coffee Hour after Sunday Church Services. If there is no sponsor on any given Sunday there will be no Coffee Hour. Anyone can sponsor a Coffee Hour either for the health and safety of their family or "in memory of" a loved one. They can be very simple, coffee, donuts and muffins. If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Hour please sign your name on the sign up sheet near the water bubbler.

ICONS DONATED

Virgin Mary Icon on Iconostasis
St. George Icon
Annunciation Icon
St. Peter Icon
St. James the Elder Icon
St. James the Younger Icon
St. Luke
St. Mark
St. Bartholemew

Christ Icon
St. John the Baptist Icon
Last Supper Icon
St. Andrew Icon
St. Matthew Icon
St. Thomas
St. Thaddeus
St. Philip

LITURGICAL ITEMS TO BE DONATED

Zeon - \$225
Refurbish Altar Candle Sticks (6) - \$2000
Presanctified Liturgy Box - DONATED

Refurbish Iconostas Lanterns (6) - \$2500
Censer - DONATED

If you would like to donate any of these items, please see Father Leonard

For the Health & Safety of:

In Loving Memory of:

Your name: _____

Donation: _____

All donations should be made out to: St. George Antiochian Church
In the Memo: 100th Anniversary Renovation Fund

Project Healthy Living

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your patience with my continual outreach for various nonprofit efforts. I will always put the request out there but of course there is no pressure.

As you may know one of my favorite organization is the Lowell Boys and Girls Club.

An informal program has been going on over the years to help boys and girls who may have personal hygiene needs/ education or may require supplies or resources. They have offered educational programs for girls on hygiene, puberty, etc. and for boys on hygiene, shaving, etc. Believe it or not, these basic skills or needs are sometimes taken for granted by others. The goal is to set up regular educational sessions with a health professionals from the community and give the “students” a bag of supplies as part of it. This is a discreet way to give them some things they may all need. We also want to have an inventory of toiletries, new socks (boys and girls, ages 10-18), new underwear (boys and girls, ages 10-18), that can be distributed as a need is identified.

If you are interested in supporting this cause, please gather your items and I will be happy to pick them up. If you prefer to make a cash donation, that is great as well. Make checks payable to LBGC and note “Project Healthy Living” in memo. Feel free to share this with friends and family.

I would like to get this in place by the end of February. If you have any questions, please, let me know.

Thank you so much,

Ellen Andre, 8 San Mateo Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824

Items in need:

Feminine Hygiene products (tampons, pads, etc).

Deodorant

Shaving Cream

Razors

Anti bacterial soap

Face wash

Underwear

Socks

Travel Toothpaste

Body powder

Shampoo



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Dear St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church parishioners and vendors:

We're accepting advertisements to appear in our church bulletin (see last page). For \$250 you can advertise your business to our community weekly for one year. Our bulletin is distributed weekly in church in hard copies as well as electronically to approx. 250-300 people from the greater Lowell area.

Advertisements are approx. 3" wide x 2" high (business card size).

To submit your business card or if you have any questions please contact,
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978.337.0843.

We look forward to your support,

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