

*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church*  
*Lowell, Massachusetts*



*Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise*

*March 13, 2016*

# ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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](mailto: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 8**

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One,  
and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might  
deliver us from passion; Thou art our Life and our resurrection:  
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 qa-ma min bal-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-  
ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 8 (repeated)**

**Troparion of St. George, Tone 4**

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the  
infirm, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George,  
intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

**Kontakion for Forgiveness Sunday, Tone 6**

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and  
intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the  
poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O  
Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall  
not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have  
mercy upon me who am fallen.

## **Epistle: Paul 13:11-14:4**

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises. O clap your hands, all ye nations*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

## **Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21**

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew**

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Today, March 13th

A 10 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Charles Hamwey and a 9 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Annie Hamwey, request by Alan and Elaine Hamwey and family. May their memories be eternal.

## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of the Servants of God, Charles and Annie Hamwey and for the Health and Safety of Alan and Elaine Hamwey and family. May Charles' and Annie's memory be eternal.

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of Robert Sweet. May his memory be eternal.

## COFFEE HOUR

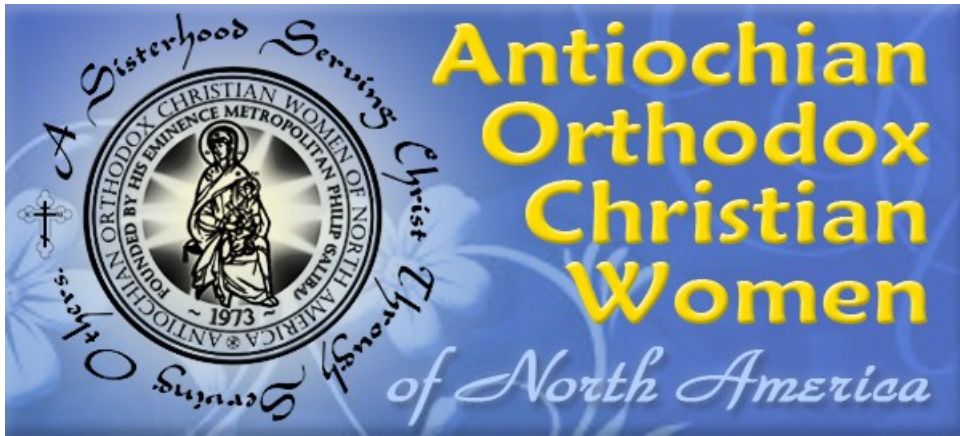
Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Alan and Elaine Hamwey in memory of Charles and Annie Hamwey and for the good health and safety of their family. May God bless the Hamwey family with peace, good health and happiness.

## THIS WEEK

Wed.	3/16	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Fri.	3/18	6:00 pm	Lenten Supper
		7:00 pm	1st Madayeh Service
Sun.	3/20	6:00 pm	Sunday of Orthodoxy
			Vespers at Transfiguration
			Greek Church

**GREAT LENT** begins on Monday, March 14th with Orthodox Pascha on Sunday, May 1st.

As is the custom, we will hold Madayeh Services to the Blessed Virgin on Friday, March 18th, Friday, March 25th, Friday, April 1st, Friday, April 8th, and Friday, April 15th at 7:00 pm.



## March is Antiochian Women's Month

We would like to welcome the Ladies of St. George who will be ushering and collecting the trays during this month. We would also like to thank the Ladies who have volunteered to usher and collect as well as read the Epistle.

May God Bless all our Ladies with health and happiness for all the work they do for the "Glory of God" and St. George Church.

### March 6th

Epistle-Arabic

Tylda Bahou

Epistle-English

Denise Oujaimi

Trays/Ushers

Henrietta Zananiri / Hilda Zananiri



# Sunday, April 17, 2016

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

## Get your tickets!

Adults - \$18.00    Children - \$6.00

*Available through April 10th*

Sunday, April 17th, our Ladies will be sponsoring their Annual Lenten Fish Dinner. Please help us make this dinner a success by your participation and/or donation toward the dinner. To purchase tickets please see any member of the Ladies Society of St. George.

*\*\*Fish... and*

*Pizza or Fish for the kids\*\**

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If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, you can see any of the Ladies from the Society after Church.

## 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](mailto: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

## HOLY WEEK NEEDS

1 bottle of Olive Oil

15 dozen brown eggs

Icons to be decorated for Pascha:

Icon of Resurrection

\$70.00

Icon of the Myrrh Bearing Women

\$70.00

Icon of the Blessed Virgin for Friday night Service

March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15

\$70.00 each

Palms for Palm Sunday

\$100.00

Please see Fr. Leonard if you would like to donate any of these items

## LITURGICAL ITEMS TO BE DONATED

*Zeon - \$225*

*Refurbish Iconostas Lanterns (6) - \$2500*

*Refurbish Altar Candle Sticks (6) - \$2000*

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

*For the Health & Safety of:*

*In Loving Memory of:*

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