

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



*1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy*

*March 20, 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!

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### 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 1st Sunday of Great Lent, Tone 2

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

### 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 Annunciation, Tone 8

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

**Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40**

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.  
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews**

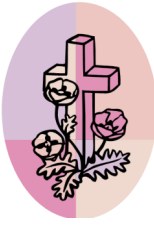
Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

## **Gospel: John 1:43-51**

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."





## MEMORIAL SERVICE Next Sunday, March 27th

A 40 Day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Tony Yaccoub, who passed away in Lebanon, at the age of 24. This Memorial is being requested by his cousin, Delia and Ron Tayebi. May his memory be eternal.

A Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Freda Faris, the grandmother of Fr. Leonard, requested by Fr. Leonard. May her memory be eternal.

## ALTAR BREAD



Today's Altar Bread is being given for the Health and Safety of Patrick and Lindsay Kett. May God bless them with peace, good health and happiness.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank Alan and Elaine Hamwey for their generous donation to St. George Church, in memory of their beloved parents, Charles and Annie Hamwey. May Charles and Annie's memory be eternal and may God bless Alan and Elaine with peace, good health and happiness.



## THE VIRGIN MARY ICON FLOWERS

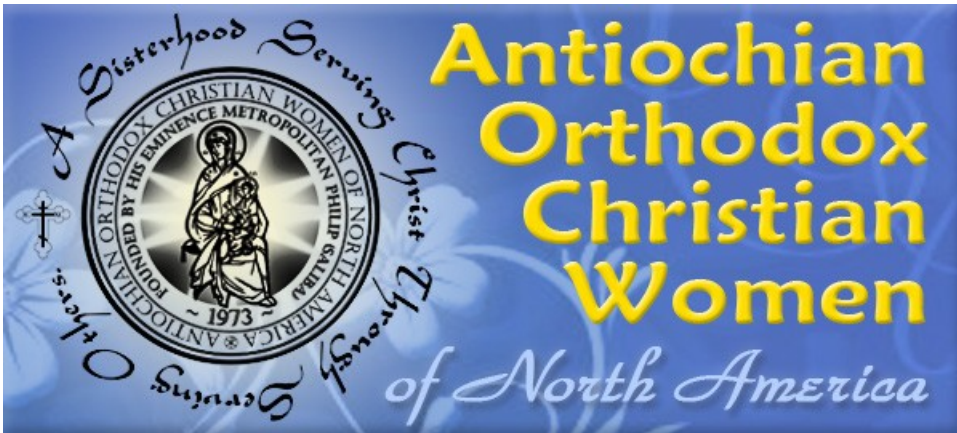
The Flowers, adorning the Icon of the Virgin Mary, for the First Madafeh Service, are given in memory of George and Elsie Faris and for the health and safety of the Faris, Brooks, Benjamin and Leavitt Families, by Fr. Leonard. May George and Elsie's memory be eternal and may God bless their Families with peace, good health and happiness.

The Flowers adorning the Icon of the Virgin Mary, for the Second Madafeh Service, on Friday, March 25th, are given for the health and safety of Azar and Stephanie Louh and their Family, by Azar and Stephanie Louh. May God bless Azar and Stephanie and their Family with peace, good health and happiness.

## THIS WEEK

|         |      |         |   |
|---------|------|---------|---|
| Tonight | 3/20 | 6:00 pm | Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at the Transfiguration Greek Church             |
| Mon.    | 3/21 | 7:00 pm | Regional Compline Serve here at St. George                                  |
| Wed.    | 3/23 | 7:00 pm | Great Compline  |
| Thu.    | 3/24 | 6:00 pm | Divine Liturgy for the Feast of The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Fri.    | 3/25 | 5:30 pm | Lenten Supper   |
|         |      | 7:00 pm | 2nd Madafeh Service   |
| Sun.    | 3/27 | 6:00 pm | Lenten Vespers at Holy Trinity Greek Church                                 |





### 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 20th

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Epistle-Arabic    | Alexa Tayebi              |
| Epistle-English   | Phyllis Arsenault         |
| Collectors/Ushers | Dalia Tayebi, Nancy Aiken |

### EASTER CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard before and after all Lenten Services as well as during Matins and after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. Please make time to come to Confession during these times. NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD AFTER HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 26. Remember, it is our sacred duty to come for Confession during this Lenten Period!!!

# 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.

## 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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