

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Hieromartyr Joseph of Damascus & His Companions
And Third Sunday of Matthew
July 10, 2016

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.

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.

Our faithful are reminded that as you leave the sanctuary, to do so **reverently and quietly**. Properly, one should approach the celebrant to receive his blessings, kiss the cross, depart and **then greet neighbors and friends at fellowship hour**. We must never lose reverence for our church sanctuary as the house of God simply because services have ended. Also, please take the Sunday bulletins with you or return them to the Vestry Committee rather than leaving them in the pews or bookracks. Also, out of respect to your fellow parishioners and to God, **please turn off all electronic devices such as cell phones before entering** the church so as to not interrupt the solemnity of our prayers.

*Thank you,
+ Father Leonard*

Church Office Hours: If you would like to meet with the Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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.



Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thy-self unto death, O Thou Deathless and Immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power; and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ Thou Giver of Life, 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 2 (repeated)

Troparion of St. Joseph of Damascus, Tone 5

Come, ye faithful, let us honor the martyr of Christ, a priest of the Church of Antioch; who by the word of the Word, and by his blood and the blood of his companions, baptized the land of Syria, its Church and its people. Being immersed in the light of the Gospel from his youth, he worked and taught and defended the Church of Christ and her flock. O Father Joseph, of Damascus, be for us an example, defending us and interceding for us fervently before the Savior.

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.

Epistle: Paul 2:1-10

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy

Timothy, the son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eyes is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heave: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon, himself, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well".



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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!




ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the health and safety of Joe Prieto on the occasion of his Chrismation into the Orthodox Church. May God grant him many years of good health and happiness!

COFFEE HOUR

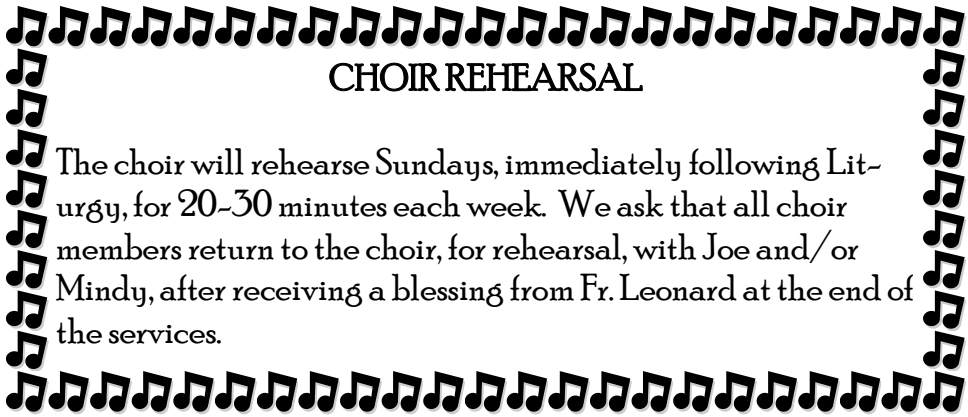
Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Our Choir for the health and safety of Joe Prieto on his Chrismation in to Orthodox Church. May God bless Joe and all the choir members with peace, good health and long life!

THIS WEEK

Thur. July 14 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT

ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE TOWARD THE DORMITION FLOWERS, FOR AUGUST 14TH, PLEASE SEE FR. LEONARD!



CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir will rehearse Sundays, immediately following Liturgy, for 20-30 minutes each week. We ask that all choir members return to the choir, for rehearsal, with Joe and/or Mindy, after receiving a blessing from Fr. Leonard at the end of the services.

SAVE THE DATE:



The Fifth Annual Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Night at the Lowell Spinner Baseball Game will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Please take a flyer in the back of the church for further details and see Alan Hamwey who will be coordinating this event.



COMING SOON

Let's Party

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

ANNUAL Raffle / Cocktail party

Friday, September 16, 2016

Andover Country Club

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm



THANK YOU

A special thanks to the following parishioners for their generous donation to defray the cost of the Lowell Folk Festival.

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**LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL
JULY 29, 30, AND 31, 2016**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

If you would like to donate this year, to the Lowell Folk Festival, please make your check payable to St. George Church. We appreciate your support and dedication.

Please send your donations to:

Saint George Antiochian Church – Folk Festival Donation
Attention: Hilda
44 Bower St.
Lowell, MA 01854

A copy of the Volunteer Schedule will be on the table as you enter the church hall. Please see the schedule to sign up.

Folk Festival Volunteers NEEDED

Shifts will be:	<u>Friday</u>	<u>4:30 pm - 10:30 pm</u>
	Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm 1:45 pm - 6:00 pm <u>5:30 pm - 10:30 pm</u>
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>10:00 am - 2:00 pm</u> 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please see Hilda Zananiri (978-328-7582)

You can also email Hilda at hzananiri@verizon.net or

August is The "Month of The Theotokos"

To Orthodox Christians, August is a sacred month, a month that brings an intense feeling of reverence and devotion to The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother-of-God. For on the Fifteenth of August, the Orthodox Church celebrates with great Solemnity the Greatest Feast of the Mother-of-God, Her Dormition (Falling-Asleep) and Assumption into Heaven.

Special Prayer Services are celebrated in Her Honor prior to the Feast. We also prepare ourselves for this Great Feast by fasting from August 2 to August 15. These Special Services are called Paraclesis Services (Prayers of Supplication) in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Who is our greatest Intercessor before God. It is a special period similar to Great Lent. Orthodox Families are encouraged to attend these beautiful Services and to participate in the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in honor of this Great Feast.

THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES HERE AT ST. GEORGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Monday,	August 1	6:00 p.m.	Paraclesis Service
Wednesday,	August 3	6:00 p.m.	Paraclesis Service
Friday,	August 5	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Saturday,	August 6	9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration at the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Monday,	August 8	6:00 p.m.	Paraclesis Service
Wednesday,	August 10	6:00 p.m.	Paraclesis Service
Friday,	August 12	6:00 p.m.	Paraclesis Services
Sunday,	August 14	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers and Lamentations and ' Procession with the Epitaphio of the Virgin Mary

LET US ALL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND THESE BEAUTIFUL SERVICES HONORING OUR MOST BLESSED MOTHER ON HER GREATEST FEAST DAY!!!

"Most Holy Theotokos Save Us!!"

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) 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, Lila Lorrey, Fred Simon, Lynne Wade
Venue Committee:	Joanne Doulames, Voula Manolis, Hilda Zananiri
Ticket Committee:	Gwen Noonan



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