

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



*Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross*

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# 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](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

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**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**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 4 (repeated)**

**Troparion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, Tone 1**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, an by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

**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 of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, Tone 4**

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

## Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

### **The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark**

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."



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 + MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!! +  
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## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Nabil Bahou and Family for the health and safety of the Bahou Family.

May God bless Nabil and his Family with good health, happiness, and long life!

### COMING UP

Fri.	9/23	6:00 pm	Altar Boy Training and pizza afterwards
		7:00 pm	Ladies of St. George meeting in the church hall

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Now that Summer is over and we are all rested from vacations and relaxing days, we welcome you all back to the church to praise and glorify Almighty God. I would like to remind our parishioners and friends that the Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 am. And that we should make every effort to arrive on time. If for any reason that is not possible please remember the following:

Entrance to the church, proper, during the reading of the Epistle, Gospel, Homily, and Great Entrance is forbidden. You should remain in the Merida until that part of the Liturgy is finished. There should be no talking during the Divine Liturgy or at the end as one approaches to receive the priest's blessing. Hold your conversations for the Coffee Hour. If you haven't been in church for a long period of time (several weeks or months) before receiving Holy Communion you should come for Confession during Matins to have the Prayer of Absolution read over you. This is the rule of the Church and we must abide by it. To all the parents, with Sunday School age children, please have your children here no later than 9:20 as Sunday School begins at 9:30 and the teachers have prepared a lesson based on that time frame. Remember, when we come to church, we are in the presence of God and we must be reverent in all our ways. Wishing you all the blessings of peace, good health, and happiness, always, I remain.



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