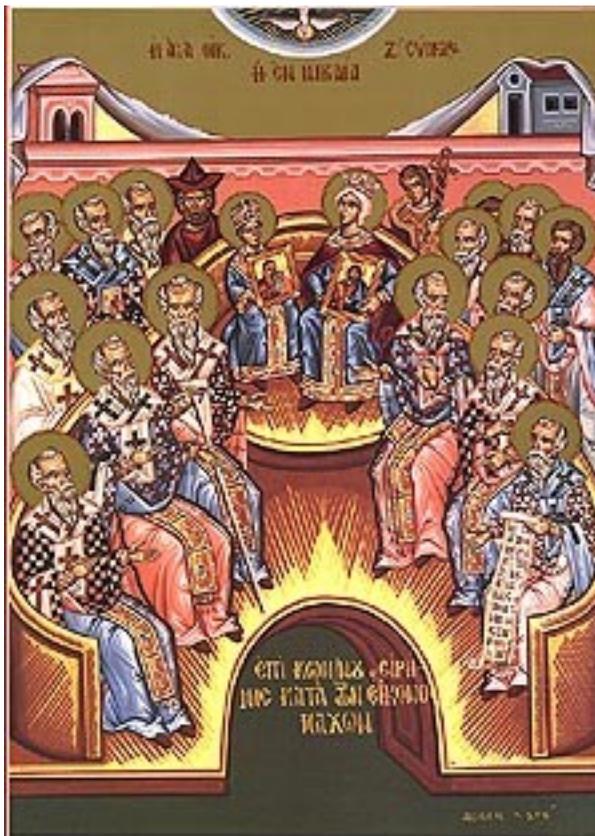


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*Lowell, Massachusetts*



*Sunday of Holy Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council*  
*& 4th Sunday of Luke*

*October 16, 2016*

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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.



**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 the Holy Fathers, Tone 8**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst  
establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and  
through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most  
merciful One, glory to Thee.

**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 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 3:8-15

*Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.*

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

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

### The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



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the Health and Safety of:*

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**MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!**
  




## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of the Handmaid of God, Mary Ann Zaharias, requested by her daughters and their Families. May Mary Ann's memory be eternal and may God bless her Family with peace, good health and happiness!

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Today, October 16th

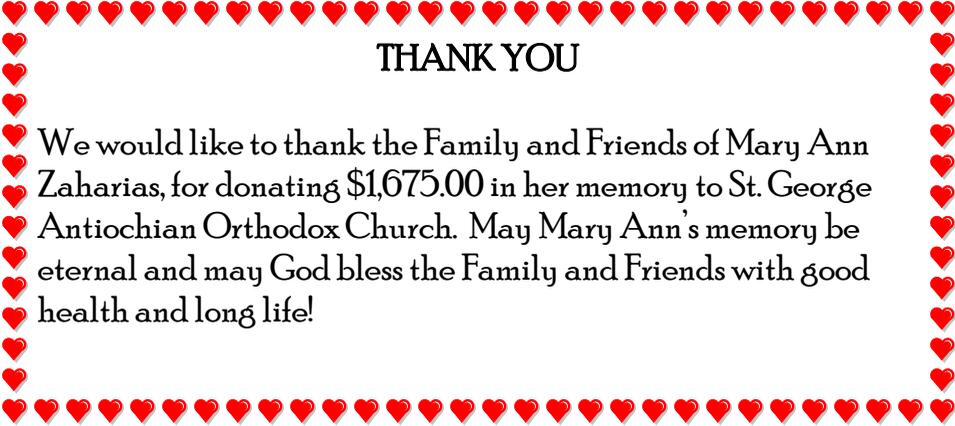
A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Mary Ann Zaharias, requested by her daughters and their families! May Mary Ann's memory be eternal!

## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is Husson, Beaudry, Saad lies, in loving memory of er, Mary Ann Zaharias. memory be eternal and Husson, Beaudry, Saad and Zaharias families with good



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## THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Family and Friends of Mary Ann Zaharias, for donating \$1,675.00 in her memory to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church. May Mary Ann's memory be eternal and may God bless the Family and Friends with good health and long life!

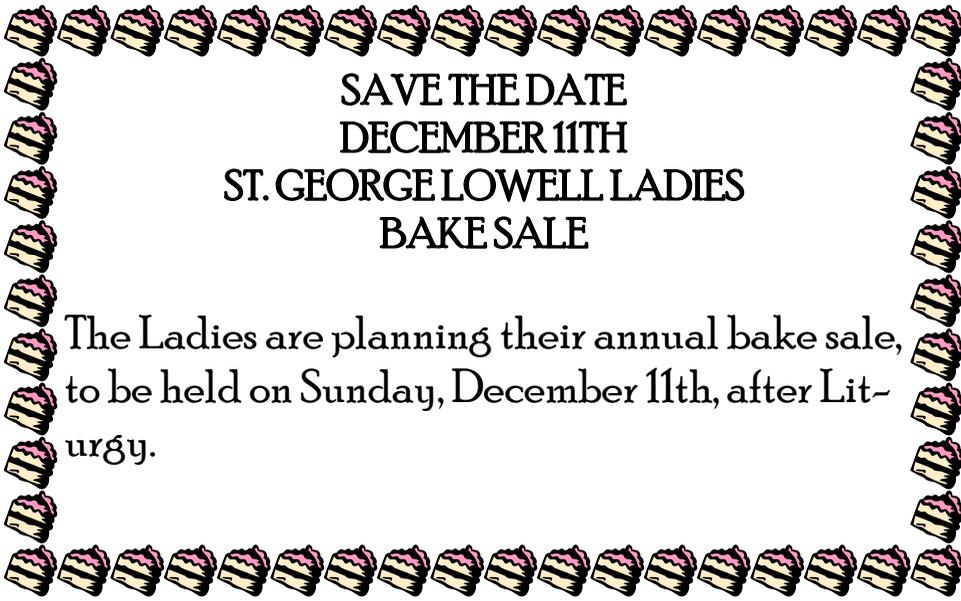
## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Sunday, October 23rd, His Grace, Bishop John will join us and celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. I invite all our parishioners and friends to join us in welcoming Saidyna John and receiving His blessing next Sunday.



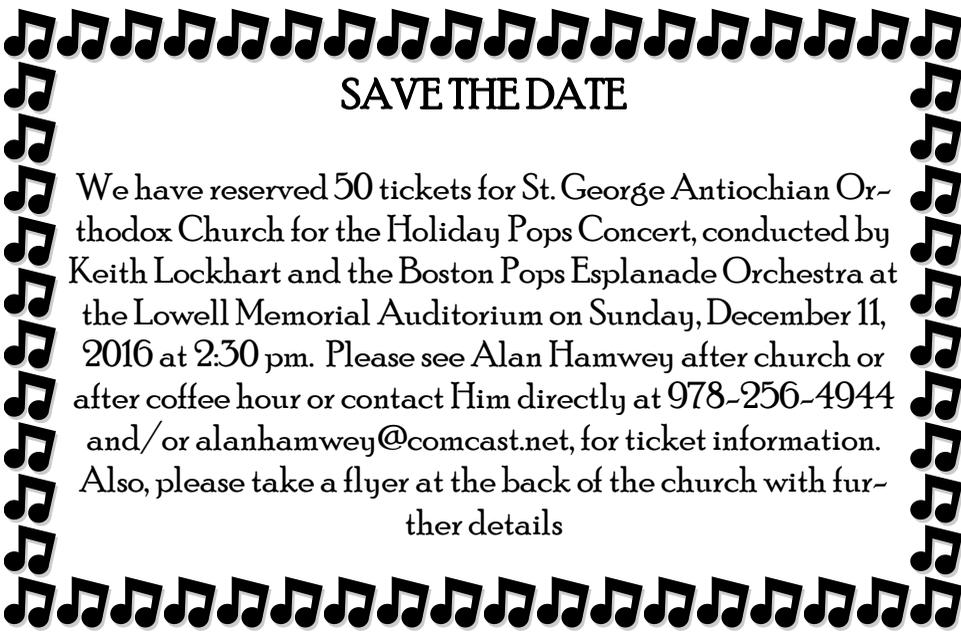
## TEEN MONTH

Epistle:	Sabeen Bahou	Collector:	Gabby Sabbouh
Collector:	Chantal Oujaimi	2nd Collector:	Haley Dionne
2nd Collector:	Sabeen Bahou	Usher:	Gabby Sabbouh
Usher:	Chantal Oujaimi		



SAVE THE DATE  
DECEMBER 11TH  
ST. GEORGE LOWELL LADIES  
BAKE SALE

The Ladies are planning their annual bake sale, to be held on Sunday, December 11th, after Liturgy.



SAVE THE DATE

We have reserved 50 tickets for St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church for the Holiday Pops Concert, conducted by Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Please see Alan Hamwey after church or after coffee hour or contact Him directly at 978-256-4944 and/or [alanhamwey@comcast.net](mailto:alanhamwey@comcast.net), for ticket information. Also, please take a flyer at the back of the church with further details

# *Special Olympics* AWARENESS DAY



**Saint Paisios**  
(Kontakion)

The most-famed ascetic of the Holy Mountain, and the newly-shining luminary of the Church, let us praise him with hymns with all our heart, for he leads the faithful towards a life of excellence, filling them with rivers of gifts, therefore we cry out: Rejoice, Father Paisios.



Thank you for supporting  
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As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to sponsor the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Approximately 327 athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Special Olympics Awareness Day is your opportunity to support this ministry and enrich the lives of our teens who participate in helping others. Your generosity makes this ministry possible.

Today, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in the summer of 2017. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$72,000 to run this worthwhile program.

As an expression of our teens' gratitude for your support of this important ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint Paisios of Mount Athos. Saint Paisios of Mount Athos (1924–1994) was respected for his spiritual guidance and ascetic life and many people worldwide highly venerate Elder Paisios, Venerable Elder Paisios was canonized on January 13, 2015. His Feast Day is July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your assistance. Please make checks payable to your local teen group.

**For more information:**

<https://www.antiochianevents.org/donate/TeenSOYO>



## Commemorated on October 18th Apostle and Evangelist Luke

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself.

As one of the Seventy Apostles, St Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Sts Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes. Tradition credits St Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), St Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work.

St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of St Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of St Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of St Vico in Prague. The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skeleton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull. Bishop Mattiazzo sent a rib from the relics to Metropolitan Hieronymus to be venerated in St Luke's original tomb in the Orthodox cathedral at Thebes.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Lowell

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**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



Please reserve the following dates so that you may join us  
in our celebrations.

**100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration *Dinner & Dance***  
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Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 6:00pm

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Tickets \$100 per person.\*

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**Hierarchical Liturgy *with Bishop John***

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 10:00am

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

**Fellowship *Reception***

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - 12:30pm

*University Crossing, Lowell, MA*

Tickets \$10 per person.\*

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