



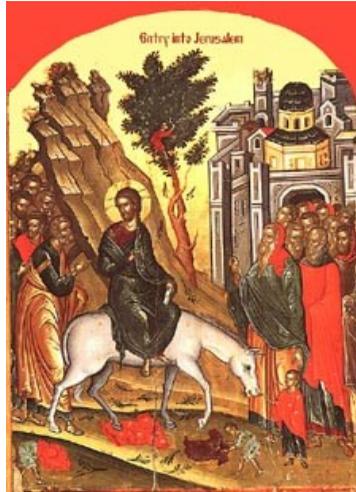
Celebrating our
100th Anniversary
St. George
Antiochian Orthodox Church of Lowell

*Remember Our Past, Celebrate Our Present,
Secure Our Future*

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Lowell, Massachusetts



Hosanna!

PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

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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.

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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.

*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 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!

Entrance Hymn of Palm Sunday

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: the Lord is God and hath revealed himself unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foals of a donkey, who sing to Thee. Alleluia

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday in Tone 1

O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone 4

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday in Tone 6

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.



Gospel: John 12:1-18

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.



*Prayers are being offered for
the Health and Safety of:*

Nora Abdelahad
 Connie Abodeely
 Lorice Ansara
 Yvette Ansara
 Ed & Lillian Betor
 David and Cindy Boragine
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 & Chloe Groff
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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!

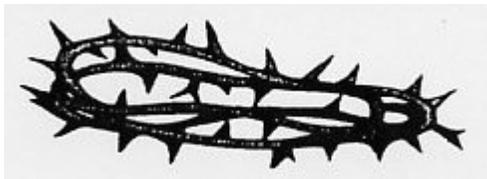


PALMS

The palms are given in memory of the Servants of God, Victor and Eleanor Shalhoup, requested by Elias and Victoria Hatem and daughters. May Victor and Eleanor's memory be eternal and may God bless Elias and Victoria and their daughters with good health and happiness.



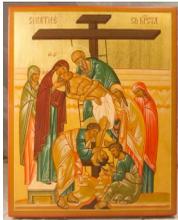
Important



For those who have not had their Confessions heard, Confessions will be heard before or after the Services on Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, and Holy Tuesday.

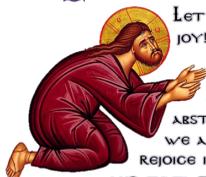
THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS HEARD AFTER HOLY TUESDAY DURING HOLY WEEK!!!

THIS WEEK

Tonight	4/9	6:30 pm	Bridegroom Matins	
Mon.	4/10	6:30 pm	Bridegroom Matins	
Tue.	4/11	6:30 pm	Bridegroom Matins	
Wed.	4/12	6:30 pm	Holy Unction Service	
Thu.	4/13	9:00 am 6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper Service of the 12 Passion Gospels with Procession with the Cross	
Fri.	4/14	3:00 pm 6:30 pm	Service of the Descent from the Cross Great and Holy Friday Lamentation Service	
Sat.	4/15	9:00 am 10:00 am	Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Communion breakfast and Children's Easter Service: Coffee Hour & Egg Hunt	

GREAT LENT

THE JOURNEY TO PASCHA



LET US BEGIN THE FAST WITH JOY! LET US PREPARE OURSELVES FOR SPIRITUAL EFFORTS! LET US PURIFY OUR SOULS AND CLEANSE OUR FLESH! LET US ABSTAIN FROM EVERY PASSION AS WE ABSTAIN FROM FOOD! LET US REJOICE IN VIRTUES OF THE SPIRIT AND FULFIL THEM IN LOVE! THAT WE MAY ALL SEE THE HOLY PASSION OF CHRIST OUR GOD! AND REJOICE IN SPIRIT AT THE HOLY PASCHA!

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass".

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.



The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

*Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!*

These words of praise and adoration, spoken by the people of Jerusalem and Palestine almost 2000 years ago still echo today in Orthodox Churches throughout the world, as we usher in another Great and Holy Week in which we relive the suffering, passion and death of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, who died so that we may live. This day we carry in procession the palm branches in much the same way as the Jews of old, as they greeted the Man whom they considered to be "the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." On this holy and awesome feast of the entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem, we Christians begin the journey, the pilgrimage that leads us through what one Orthodox theologian calls "bright sadness." For we see not too far away our destination. It is the joy of Pascha, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, the entrance into the Glory of the kingdom of God. Because of this week, Christ has transformed death itself making it a passage, a Passover, a pascha into the eternal Kingdom. That is why we can say as followers of Christ: "Christ is risen and life reigneth! Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the grave!" (Matins of Easter).



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, as we are entering the Holiest week of the Christian year, let us make that special effort and follow the footsteps of Christ from Jerusalem to Calvary by attending the beautiful and moving Services of Holy Week. Come and participate in the suffering, death, and resurrection do Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

What a REMARKABLE WEEKEND it was! Two highlights in the life of Jesus before that final week of tragedy and ultimate triumph.

On Saturday, the Lord came to the grave of His friend Lazarus, who had died several days before. Summoned by the sisters Mary and Martha, Jesus wept for him and then called out to Lazarus and raised him from the dead. Amazement swept through the crowd as Christ bid the men to “loose him and let him go” from the funeral garments that entwined him. What joy and gladness filled the souls of the family in Bethany, and what faith was kindled in all that witnessed the miracle of resurrection.



No wonder the next day, Palm Sunday, the crowd came out to greet Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem for the awesome events of the fateful week. An amazing sight it was: Christ riding on a colt towards the Holy City, as young and old waved branches and flowers and shed their coats along his path, proclaiming: “Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel”.

St. Luke tells us that as the procession wound its way and came into view of Jerusalem, the Lord paused and wept. Perhaps He saw what would happen to the site in the years to come, perhaps He was the rejection that would greet him there, the pain and suffering He would bear for the sins of mankind. . . .

But Jesus is still riding on! After nearly two thousand years, believers in Him still proclaim, “Hosanna to the Son of David. . . Hosanna in the highest!” He is still King to whom we pledge love and loyalty. We still rejoice in bearing His name. We join today in that chorus that hails Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the long hope in a lost world.

A Reminder on Palm Sunday

Enter into His Sanctuary with thanksgiving and into His Courts with praise... (Psalm 100)

We respectfully request that there be no unnecessary talking or noise during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If children become excessively noisy or distracting for others, it is perfectly permissible to take them to the Marida area or the hall, if necessary. This is the House of God and it is incumbent upon everyone of us to show all due respect to the One we have gathered to worship and for whom the Church exists. Please turn off cell phones and other devices when in God's House.

Please make an effort to clean up. Do not leave palms, bulletins, or bread in your seat or on the floor.

Confessions During the Lenten Season Important!

Confessions during the Lenten Season will be heard before or after all Lenten Services as well as before and after Sunday Divine Liturgy. Remember the rule of the Church is to have your confession heard at least once a year during Easter. If you are planning on receiving Holy Unction on Holy Wednesday, April 12th and Holy Communion on either Holy Thursday, April 13th, Holy Saturday morning, April 15th, or Easter Midnight Liturgy, April 16th, you must come to Confession before Holy Wednesday, April 12th.



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THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS HEARD AFTER HOLY WEDNESDAY, DURING HOLY WEEK!!!

This Week

Beloved in Christ, beginning tonight and continuing until next Saturday evening, Services will be held each evening commemorating the betrayal, suffering, and death of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please look at the Holy Week Services for the particular Services and times. I urge all our faithful to come and walk with Christ as He journeys to Calvary this week for our salvation. Come and experience the immense pain and suffering that He endured for us. Experience the love and compassion He showed for all mankind. Make this Holy Pascha a special Resurrection for all of us!!!

+Fr. Leonard



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank all the Ladies who donated their time and energy to make our annual Fish Dinner a great success once again. Our Ladies are the backbone of our Church and they develop a spirit of leadership, awareness, and commitment among women. They foster a genuine expression of love and service and instill a sense of fellowship and deep understanding of traditions. Thank you for always being there when we are in need.

Martha Stewart
Ladies President

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Teen SOYO**



Where: Parish Hall

When: Saturday, April 29, 2017

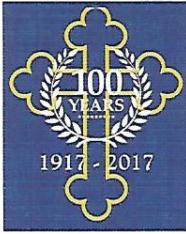
Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Cost: \$12.00 per person
\$6.00 for children 12 and under

Tickets will be sold every Sunday through April 22nd and at the door the night of the dinner. See Denise Oujaimi or Teen SOYO members for tickets.

We will have spaghetti, eggplant parmesan, meat and vegetarian sauce, salad, bread, beverages and dessert.

Come join us for a fun evening out with the family for fellowship and delicious food, while supporting the teens, of our Parish, for their one and only fundraiser of the year!



*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
44 Bowers St., Lowell, MA 01854*

Annual Raffle/Cocktail Party

*Friday, May 19, 2017 at the Andover Country Club
60 Canterbury Road Andover, MA 01810
from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.*

*First Prize ----- \$2,000
Second Prize ----- \$1,000
Third Prize ----- \$500*

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Checks are payable to St. George Orthodox Church
Please present ticket at door*

COMING SOON

Let's Party

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! FUN EVENING, MUSIC, RAFFLE

This year we will be celebrating our 34th annual Cocktail Raffle fundraiser on May 19th at the Andover Country Club. Please help us make this a joyous and successful evening as we continue our year-long celebration in commemoration of our 100th year anniversary.

If you need additional tickets, please feel free to contact Hilda Zananiri at 978-328-7582. Please mail all ticket returns and checks no later than May 6, 2017 to Hilda at 16 Dover Street, Lowell, MA 01851 or you can see her in church.

Hilda Zananiri
Chairwoman



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