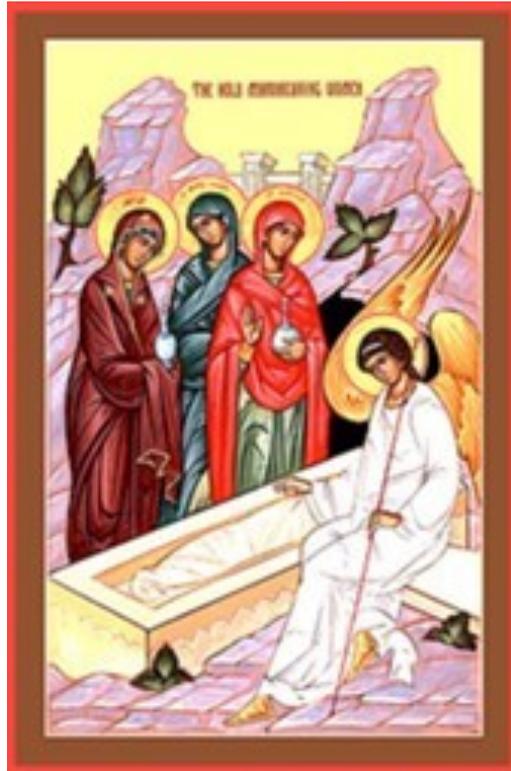


*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church*  
*Lowell, Massachusetts*



*Sunday of the Holy Myrr-Bearing  
Women with the Noble Joseph*

*April 30, 2017*

# 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.

**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](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!

### **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 qa-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 Joseph of Arimathea, Ton 2**

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

### **Troparion of Myrrh-Bearing Women, Tone 2**

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the ointment-bearing women, the ointment is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### **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 Easter in Tone 8**

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen..

## **Epistle: Apostles: 6:1-7**

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles**

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

## **Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8**

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

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.





## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Holy Bread is given by Alan and Elaine Hamwey in memory of the Servants of God, Charles & Annie Hamwey and Henry & Charlotte Connoly. May Charles, Annie, Henry, & Charlotte's memories be eternal!



## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Alan Hamwey for the health and safety of his Alan and Elaine Hamwey and their families. May God bless Alan and Elaine and their families with peace, good health, and happiness!

**REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:**

**Christ is Risen!**

Al Maseeh Qam!

Kristos Anesti!

Kristos A Inviat!

Kristos Voskresy!

Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!

**Truly, He is Risen!**

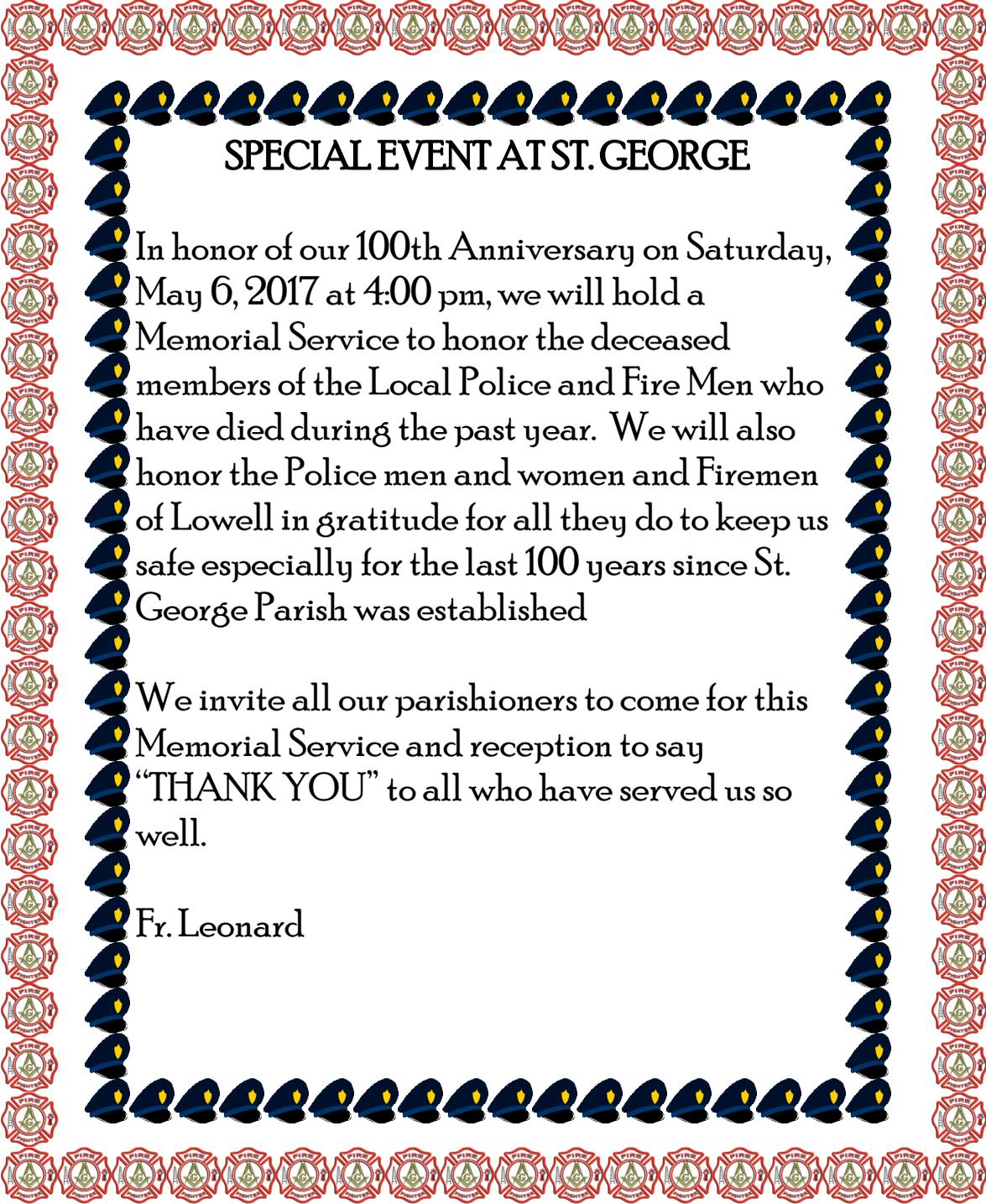
Haçan Qam!

Alithos Anesti!

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## SPECIAL EVENT AT ST. GEORGE

In honor of our 100th Anniversary on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 4:00 pm, we will hold a Memorial Service to honor the deceased members of the Local Police and Fire Men who have died during the past year. We will also honor the Police men and women and Firemen of Lowell in gratitude for all they do to keep us safe especially for the last 100 years since St. George Parish was established

We invite all our parishioners to come for this Memorial Service and reception to say "THANK YOU" to all who have served us so well.

Fr. Leonard

## COMING UP

Sun. 5/7 Sunday School Graduation

### PARISHIONER APPRECIATION-5/7

Current and Former Choir Directors and Choir Members  
Current and Former Chanters

### FOOD FOR HUNGRY CAMPAIGN

Please bring your Mite boxes and/or checks for the Food for Hungry Campaign and give them to me after church or at a coffee hour. Please make your checks payable to **Saint George Antiochian Church** and in the memo write: **Food for Hungry Campaign**. Or if you prefer, mail your check to:

Alan Hamwey  
One Hugo Lane  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

The deadline for turning in your donations to the **Food for Hungry Campaign** is **Sunday, April 30, 2017**. Any questions, please contact me.

Alan Hamwey  
Chairman

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# Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the Andrew W. Ansara Memorial Scholarship. First time applicants only. Eligible applicants must be a graduating senior in high school, continuing his/her education or a college student already in a degree program. The applicant must also be in good standing with St. George Church. See Fr. Leonard or any member of the Ansara family for further details. Application deadline is June 5th.

Applications are now being accepted for the "St. George Ladies Society" Scholarship. Eligible applicants must be female, 22 years of age or older, be a member in good standing in the church, be actively involved in the worship, service, and social life of the church, be applying for, or registered in, an academic or trade study program, and demonstrate financial need. See Fr. Leonard or Martha Stewart for further details and an application. Application deadline is June 18th.

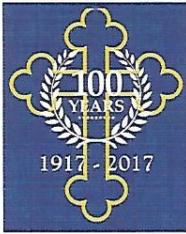
## SAVE THE DATE

The Sixth Annual Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Night At The Lowell Spinners Baseball Game will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 5:30 PM at LeLacheur Park in Lowell MA. Further details will follow.

Andrew Saati  
Chairman

## SAVE THE DATES Lowell Folk Festival July 28, 29 and 30, 2017

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2017. Please save these dates as we all depend on your help that weekend. If you would like make a donation towards the Folk Festival expenses please see Azar Louh, Mack Louh, or Ron Tayebi.



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## *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*

*Donation  
\$65.00 Dollars*

*Live Music, Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar, Coffee and Pastry  
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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