



St. George Antiochian  
Orthodox Church  
Lowell, Massachusetts



Sunday of Cheesefare:  
Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

*February 18, 2018*

**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 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 lu 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 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 Forgiveness Sunday, Tone 6**

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.



### **ALTAR BREAD**

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the health and safety of the Parishioners of St. George, as we begin Great Lent.

## THE EPISTLE

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.*

*O clap your hands, all ye nations.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.



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

Nora Abdelahad  
Najeeb Abeaad  
Connie Abodeely  
Lorice Ansara  
Phyllis Arsenault  
Siham Bahou  
June Behrakis  
Ed & Lillian Betor  
David and Cindy Boragine  
Ida Boragine  
Miriam Calache  
George Ellis  
Mr. & Mrs. Elias Grivas  
Veronique, Annabelle & Chloe  
Groff  
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Thomas Marcotte  
Robert Maria  
Fred Noonan  
Lillian Panagopoulos  
Eric Soucy  
Amad Tayebi  
Jack Trottier  
Dr. Vartan & Lisa  
Yeghiazarians & Family  
Genia Yeghiazarians  
Nahil Zananiri  
Bob Maria, Request by Ken and  
Joan George

*Prayers are being offered in Memory of:*

Charles Abdelahad	Eleanor Husson
George Abodeely	N. Mary Husson
Miriam Abodeely	Terry Husson Kadir
Mazen Alwarad	Emtisal & Musalam Kazmeh
Toula Anasoulis	Siham Khadij
Andrew Ansara	George Lowe
Elias Ansara	Efthymios & Paraskevi Manolis
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Mary Bogosian	Freda Sadak
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Sal Boragine	James Demetri Sarantos
Cleopatra Bouras	Eleanor Shalhoup
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George P. Habib	Charles Zaharias
Philip Hajjar	Mary Ann Zaharias

**MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!!**



## MEMORIALS

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the Souls of the Servants of God, Naif Faris and Kalil Ead, grandfathers of Fr. Leonard. May their memories be eternal.

## FLOWERS

The Flowers adorning the icon of the Virgin Mary, during Great Lent, for Friday night Services, continue to be \$70 each:

February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23

If you would like to donate one of the week, please see Fr. Leonard

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank Laurie & Robert Andersson, Fred & Gwen Noonan, and Jonathan and Kerri Noonan Steele for their generous donations to St. George Church, in memory of the Repose of the Soul of the Servant of God, Paul Panagopoulos, Sr. May Paul's memory be eternal.

## COFFEE HOURS

For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please put your name and the reason your are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 2/21 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Fri. 2/23 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper  
7:00 p.m. 1st Madafeh Service

Sun. 2/25 10:00 a.m. His Grace, Bishop John and Deacon Nicholas will be at our Church to celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the First Sunday of Great Lent, Sunday of Orthodoxy. Please make an effort to be with us on that day and receive Sayidna John's blessing.

6:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodox Vespers at  
Transfiguration Greek Church

Mon. 2/26 7:00 p.m. Great Compline with the region here at  
St. George

Wed. 2/28 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Fri. 3/2 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper  
7:00 p.m. 2nd Madafeh Service

## SAVE THE DATE

Transfiguration Greek Church Lenten Camp

Saturday, March 3, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ~ Young people, grades K to grade 8 are invited to attend for a free will offering. Please join us for fun, fellowship and faith. A wonderful way to begin your journey through Great and Holy Lent.

Hope to see you!



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