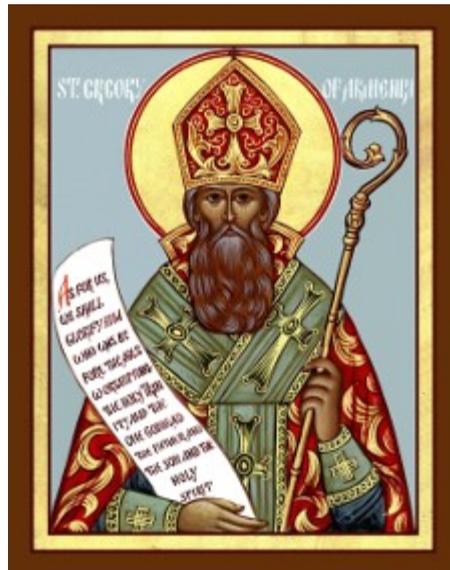


St. George Antiochian
Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &
SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE**
HIEROMARTYR GREGORY,
ENLIGHTENER OF GREATER ARMENIA

September 30, 2018

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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!

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world; for which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of Life: Glory to thy Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Thy Kingdom; glory to Thy Providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind!

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 1 (repeated)

Troparion of St. Gregory of Armenia, Tone 4

Thou hast become like the Apostles in their states, a successor to their throne, finding indeed the intelligential ladder, O thou God-inspired. Therefore, thou hast followed the Word of God in righteousness, and striven unto blood for the Faith. O Hieromartyr Gregory, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2

O Undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us, in time, with aid as we cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Servants of God, Zaven Bogosian, Jack Sleiman, Mary Faris and Edmond Solomon, requested by Fr. Leonard. May their memories be eternal and may God grant long life to their families!



MEMORIAL SERVICE - Next Sunday, September 30

A 40 Day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the Soul of the Servant of God, Jack Sleiman, Uncle of Elias Saad, requested by Elias Saad and Family. May Jack's memory be eternal.

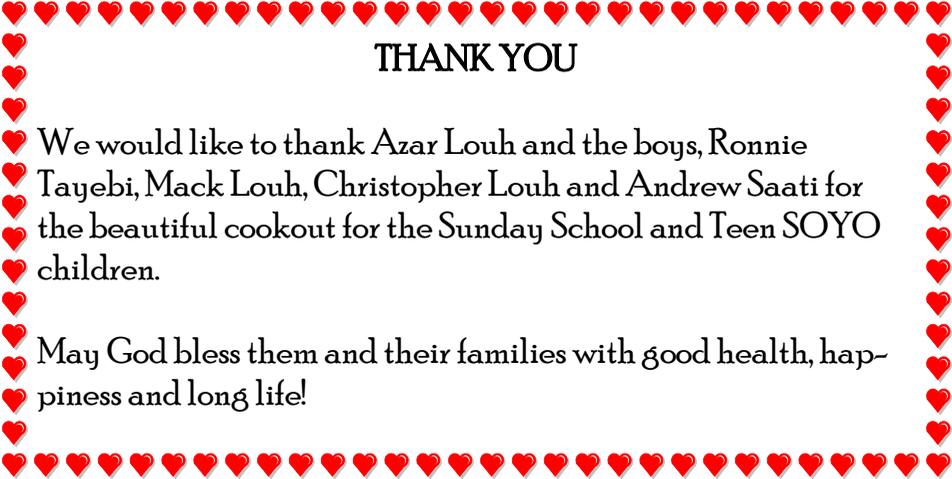
A 40 Day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the Soul of the Servant of God, Zaven Bogosian, requested by Fr. Leonard. May Zaven's memory be eternal.

A One Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the Souls of the Servants of God, Edmond Solomon and Mary V. Faris, cousin and aunt of Fr. Leonard, requested by Fr. Leonard.



COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Elias and Ines Saad in memory of their beloved uncle, Jack Sleiman. May Jack's memory be eternal and may God bless Elias, Ines and family with good health, happiness and long life!



THANK YOU

We would like to thank Azar Louh and the boys, Ronnie Tayebi, Mack Louh, Christopher Louh and Andrew Saati for the beautiful cookout for the Sunday School and Teen SOYO children.

May God bless them and their families with good health, happiness and long life!

COFFEE HOUR ITEMS

Thank you all for hosting your coffee hours throughout the year. We ask that after coffee hour is over please clean the coffee pots, clean off the tables, hall counters, kitchen counters, pick up any food or trash on the floor, garbage disposed of, and take any food and drinks, left over, with you. Please do not leave anything in the refrigerator. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Lowell Transitional Living Center serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner to over one hundred people at each meal daily! I volunteer to help serve dinner the first Tuesday of every month. Won't you join me? If you'd like to help in this very rewarding experience, see Lisa Ansara or email me at lisaansara17@gmail.com.

As you are aware, feeding over 100 people a hot, full meal is expensive! If you'd like to donate towards the meal, checks can be made to LTLC and given to Lisa. It costs approximately \$350 for each dinner so any and all donations are appreciated.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

During Liturgy, the Priest or Deacon says,
“With the fear of God, and with faith and love, draw near!”
Let this be the way believers approach the Church to worship.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT CHURCH:

- Remind yourself why you are here: Jesus Christ. You have an appointment every Sunday morning at 10:00am with Him, so you should not be late. Would you be late to any other
- appointment? Get extra rest so that you can make it to Church on time.
- Shut off all beepers, phones, and electronic devices. NO text messaging!
- As we sing in the Liturgy, “Let us lay aside all earthly care.”
- When entering the Church, venerate/kiss the icon at the entrance, cross yourself in prayer, and light a candle.

YOU MAY NOT ENTER THE CHURCH AT THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the reading of the Epistle and the Holy Gospel
- During the Sermon
- During the Entrance of the Gifts (bread and wine)

If you arrive during the above mentioned times, please wait in the Narthex (back) until the particular period is over.

When you enter or exit the Church, use only the side aisles. No one is to use the middle aisle at any time during the service, except for the Communion line.

YOU SHOULD NOT BE SEATED DURING THE FOLLOWING MOMENTS:

- The singing of the Great Doxology (“Glory to Thee who has shown us the Light”)
- At “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit...”
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the reading of the Holy Gospel
- During the Entrance of the Gifts
- During the Consecration of the Gifts
- During the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father”)
- While the priest and deacon are distributing Holy Communion
- Any time the priest blesses you with his hand or the cross

CONDUCT IN CHURCH:

It is important to keep a reverent attitude and demeanor in Church at all times.

- Be on time! The proper time to arrive is before the service begins before the bells are rung.
- Should you have an emergency and think you will be late to Church, still come, pray, and give thanks to God for all things!
- You are there to pray, so focus on the prayers and hymns of the Liturgy
- Do not cross your legs while seated; please be firm while standing
- Do not stand with your hands in your pockets or your arms crossed
- Do not chew gum; absolutely no eating or drinking
- Do not talk during the Divine Liturgy, especially during the Gospel reading and in Communion line (wait until Coffee Hour to say hello)
- If your child is being disruptive and you cannot contain him, please calmly take your child out of the Church and calm him down without disturbing others and then RETURN to the Church.

Communion is not the end of Liturgy; do not leave until Liturgy is completely over and you have kissed the cross. You may not go to the Hall during Liturgy.

MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

The sign of the Cross is extremely powerful due to the reminder it gives of Christ's sacrifice. Tracing the sign of the Cross on ourselves serves as the accepting of that sacrifice and the blessing to emulate it in our everyday life. Making the sign of the Cross is the reception of the blessing bestowed on you by the Bishop or the Priest. It is the pious custom of devout people to trace themselves with the sign of the cross at important parts of the Divine Liturgy. The fingers put together first touch the forehead, then the chest, then the right shoulder, and finally the left shoulder (the heart). This can only be a reminder that we should love the Lord our God with all our mind, our soul, our strength, and our heart.

WHEN TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

- At the beginning and end of prayers and services
- Upon entering Church and leaving Church
- At the mention of the “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”
- When offering glory or blessedness to God
- At any prayerful invocation of God
- When the priest exclaims “Peace be to all”
- When the priest blesses the faithful with his hand or cross
- When the priest censures the people
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- During the Trisagion Prayers or Hymn (Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy...)

After receiving Holy Communion (after you have taken a few steps away from the chalice)

BOWING YOUR HEAD:

There are certain times in the service when parishioners should bow their heads:

- When the priest exclaims “Peace be to all”
- At the exclamation “Bow your heads unto the Lord”
- When the priest blesses the faithful with his hand or cross or censer
- When the priest or deacon bows toward the people during the services
- During the Entrance of the Holy Gospel
- When the Holy Gospel is read
- During the Entrance of the Gifts
- During the Consecration of the Gifts
- When you feel you need to focus on the service as to not get distracted

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

To receive Holy Communion a person should:

- Prepare by prayer, by repentance, ultimately by receiving the Sacrament of Confession
- Prepare by fasting from food and drink (except for those with medical reasons) upon rising in the morning
- Refrain from smoking or chewing gum upon rising in the morning
- Ask forgiveness of anyone you have wronged
- Offer forgiveness to anyone who has wronged you
- Approach the chalice with reverence and thanksgiving, with arms crossed or hands folded with one's mind on Christ
- Say your name to the priest as you approach the Holy Chalice
- Tilt your head back and open your mouth as wide as you can

You should NOT receive Holy Communion if you arrive to Church after the reading of the Gospel.

CHURCH ATTIRE:

Use Good Judgment! Common Sense!

We should offer Christ our "Sunday Best", not our everyday or common wear. Our dress should always be becoming of a Christian, and exemplify Christian values.

- No Jeans, No T-Shirts, No Tank-tops, No Sunglasses on head (or baseball caps)
- No Gym Shoes, No shorts, No Sandals, No Flip-Flops
- Dresses and skirts must fall below the knee and must be worn loosely; not tight
- Ladies' blouses should not be revealing and must cover the chest and shoulders
- Excessive make-up must be avoided. Women who wear lipstick should make sure lips are dry before receiving Communion, kissing cross or the priest's hand.
- This attire is to be for all ages!
- This attire is to help us realize how to respect our bodies, the Church, and to properly offer up prayer for our sins
- This attire is to help us NOT become a distraction to others who are trying to focus themselves

Help lead others to salvation, NOT sin.

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