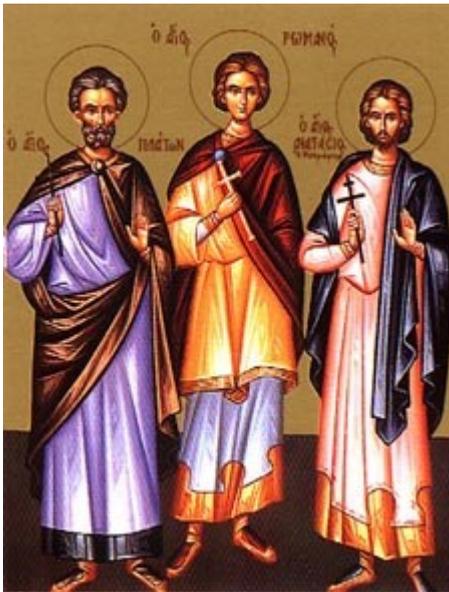
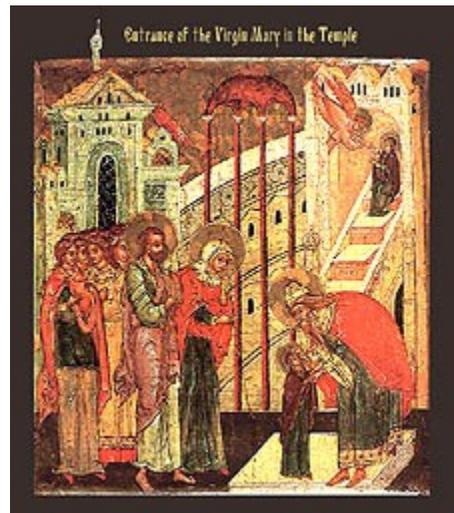


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Lowell, Massachusetts



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST &  
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LUKE**

*November 18, 2018*



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*November 25, 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](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!

**NOVEMBER 18TH**

**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 lu li-nas-judu, lil-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 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 of the Entrance of the Theotokos, Tone 4**

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious  
bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free  
of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is  
brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most  
Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for  
she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

**NOVEMBER 18th**

THE EPISTLE

*Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.*

*God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-7)**

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## NOVEMBER 25TH

### 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

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### Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1 (repeated)

### Troparion of the Entrance of the Theotokos, Tone 4

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

### Troparion of St. Katherine the Great-Martyr, Tone 5

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, \* the godly Katherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, \* who is also our support and succor and our help; \* for with the Holy Spirit's sword \* she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; \* and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

### 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 the Entrance of the Theotokos, Tone 4

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

## NOVEMBER 25TH

### THE EPISTLE

*God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.*

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-45)**

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)**

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

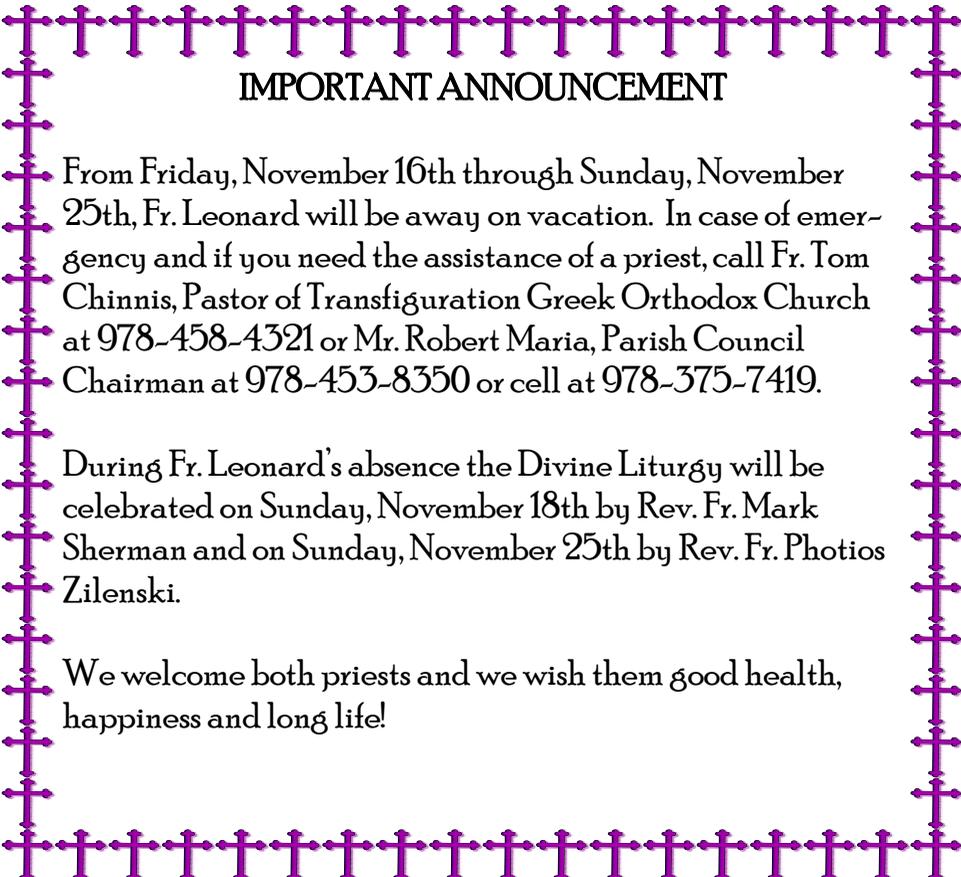
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June Behrakis  
Ed & Lillian Betor  
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Athanasia Grivas  
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Lloyd Jennings  
Joe Kadir  
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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From Friday, November 16th through Sunday, November 25th, Fr. Leonard will be away on vacation. In case of emergency and if you need the assistance of a priest, call Fr. Tom Chinnis, Pastor of Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church at 978-458-4321 or Mr. Robert Maria, Parish Council Chairman at 978-453-8350 or cell at 978-375-7419.

During Fr. Leonard's absence the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, November 18th by Rev. Fr. Mark Sherman and on Sunday, November 25th by Rev. Fr. Photios Zilenski.

We welcome both priests and we wish them good health, happiness and long life!



## MEMORIAL SERVICE - Today, November 18th

A 25 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Ollie Husson, requested by her Godchildren. May her memory be eternal.

## NATIVITY FAST

This fast is divided into two periods: The first period is **November 15th through December 19th**, when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, but with allowance for fish, wine, and oil on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. The second period is **December 20th to 24th**, when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed Monday through Friday, but with allowance for wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday.

PLEASE NOT THAT WHAT IS GIVEN HERE IS THE TRADITIONAL DISCIPLINE OF THE FAST. YOU MAY HAVE TO ADOPT THESE RULES TO YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION.

HOWEVER, EVERYONE SHOULD ADOPT SOME REGIMEN OF FASTING IN PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

## HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

### *THANKSGIVING AT PLYMOUTH*

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

## DUES

As we are closing in on the end of 2018, I wanted to send a reminder to those who have not fully paid their pledges. To get the full tax benefit, please have your donation made no later than December 9th.

For those who have not committed a pledge but would still like to submit a donation please send a check via mail to the address below or place it in the basket when you enter the church.

St. George Church  
Attn: Treasurer  
44 Bowers Street  
Lowell, MA 01854

As a way to better communicate and manage questions I have created a mailbox. Please feel free to ask questions, provide feedback or submit requests by email at [stgeorgetreasurerlowell@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgetreasurerlowell@gmail.com)

Thank you  
Mack Louh

## COFFEE HOURS

For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please put your name and the reason you 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.

## 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.

*St. George Antiochian Church  
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*Invites you to attend our  
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*Come join us for a delicious meal with  
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*Saturday, December 15, 2018 - 4:00pm*

*St. George Antiochian Church Hall*

*Tickets: Adults: \$20.00*

*Children 12 & under: \$10.00*

*Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert, Raffle*

*See any of the Ladies for Tickets*

*Or call Martha at 978-397-4376*

## ALTAR BOY TRAINING

There will be an Altar Boy training on Friday, December 7th at 6:00 pm. We will be going bowling after the training. Please let Father know if you plan on attending so we can reserve space at the bowling alley.



## WISH TREE

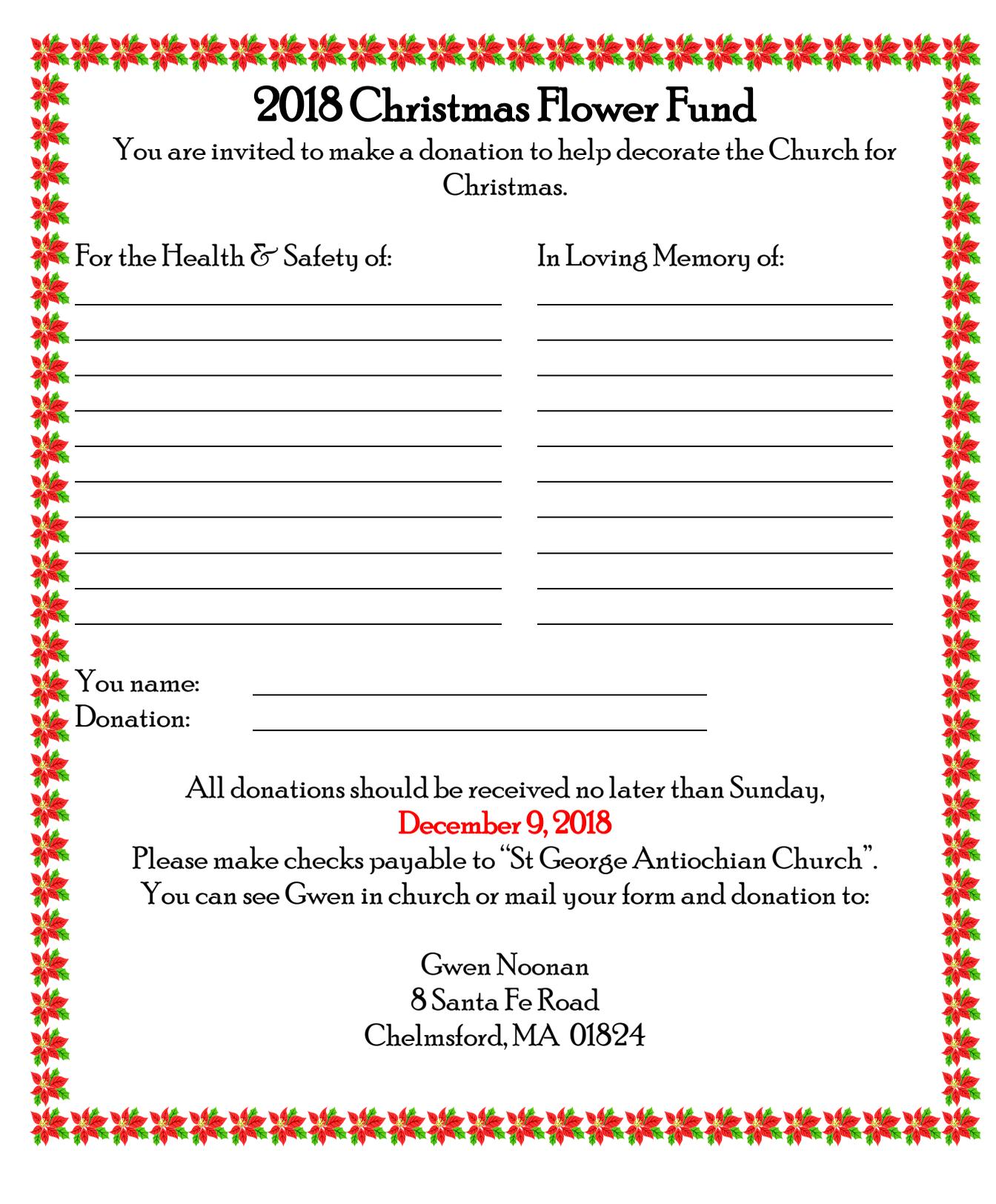
Beginning November 25th, we will once again be sponsoring the Wish Tree for underprivileged children.

See William Ansara for names and details

## 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](mailto: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.



# 2018 Christmas Flower Fund

You are invited to make a donation to help decorate the Church for Christmas.

For the Health & Safety of:

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All donations should be received no later than Sunday,

**December 9, 2018**

Please make checks payable to "St George Antiochian Church".

You can see Gwen in church or mail your form and donation to:

Gwen Noonan  
8 Santa Fe Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

## 2018 PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Once again the Ladies Society is sponsoring a Parish Christmas Card to send your Christmas greetings to your parish family and friends. It is a way of helping to raise money.

Here's how it works. For a donation of \$15.00 (or more):

We will purchase a beautiful Icon Christmas Card.

We will have your name printed on the card in the manner of your choosing.

We will address the cards.

We will mail the cards to all who gave a donation.

If you would like your name to appear on this year's Christmas card, please complete this form (please **print** names - include your address so that we may mail the card to you!) and return the form to Gwen Noonan by December 2nd. Checks should be made to "St. George Ladies Society".

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)\* as you wish them to appear on the Christmas card.

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**\*Follow the formal below:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe and family

The Doe family, John, Mary, Laura and Elias

John, Mary, Laura and Elias Doe

John and Mary Doe, Laura and Elias

John Doe

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