



St. George Antiochian  
Orthodox Church  
Lowell, Massachusetts



**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF  
CHRIST**

*December 16, 2018*

**ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH**  
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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-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 4 (repeated)**

**Troparion of the Forefathers, Tone 2**

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, 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 of the Preparation of Christ's Nativity, Tone 3**

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to \* God the Word ineffably, \* Who was before all the ages. \* Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing \* the gladsome tidings; \* with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him \* Who is willing to be gazed on \* as a young Child Who \* before the ages is God.

## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Nora Abdelahad  
Connie Abodeely  
Kathy Ansara  
Lorice Ansara  
Phyllis Arsenault  
Siham Bahou  
Ray Beaudry  
June Behrakis  
Ed & Lillian Betor  
David and Cindy Boragine  
Ida Boragine  
George Ellis  
Athanasia Grivas  
Veronique, Annabelle & Chloe Groff  
Duayne Habib  
Rosalind Hajjar & Family  
Sam Halperin & Family  
Lloyd Jennings  
Joe Kadir  
Nabil Khoury  
Fr. Stephen and Family  
Rose Lowe  
Marcotte Family  
Lynn Marccotte  
Thomas Marcotte  
Clemence Maria  
Robert Maria  
Megan MacDonald  
Fred Noonan  
Helen Poulos  
Chakeep Skaff  
Julia and Brian Sapienza  
Amad Tayebi  
Jack Trottier  
Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians &  
Family  
Michael Wade  
Genia Yeghiazarians

*Prayers are being offered in Memory of:*

Charles Abdelahad	N. Mary Husson
George Abodeely	Terry Husson Kadir
Miriam Abodeely	Lissa Kowalski
Toula Anasoulis	George Lowe
Andrew Ansara	Efthymios & Paraskevi Manolis
Elias Ansara	George Matook
John Ansara	Anthony Matysczak
Maurice Ansara	Nafie Moses
Michael Ansara	Kay Moulton
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Frances Ellis	Stephen Skaff
Frank Ellis	T. Michael Skaff
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Mary T. Faris	J. B. Taleb
Mary V. Faris	Elaine Vieira
Elizabeth & Joseph Ghareeb	Robert & Julia Wonneberger
Elias Grivas	Leon Yeghiazarians
George P. Habib	Charles Zaharias
Philip Hajjar	Mary Ann Zaharias
Dorothea Husson	Hilda Zananiri
Eleanor Husson	Nahil Zananiri





## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered by Dalia and Ron Tayebi, in memory of the Handmaid of God, Lara Nassar. May Lara's memory be eternal.



## MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ Today, December 16th

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Lara Nassar, cousin of Dalia Tayebi, who passed away in Lebanon. May Lara's memory be Eternal.

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Servants of God, Mary Ead, Amy Faris, Mary Faris and Adele Miskar, grandmother and aunts of Fr. Leonard. May their memories be eternal.



## COFFEE HOUR

Today's coffee hour is being sponsored by Dalia and Ron Tayebi, in memory of the Handmaid of God, Lara Nassar. May Lara's memory be eternal and may God bless Dalia and Ron with peace, good health and happiness.

## COMING UP

Wed.	12/19	6:30 pm	Adult Education class at the Rectory
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