St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church Lowell, Massachusetts



New Sunday or Anti-Pascha

SUNDAY OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED "THE TWIN"

Мау 5, 2019

ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

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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. <u>Church Office Hours:</u> 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.

<u>Important Notice</u>: 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 guestions, please call Fr. Leonard.

Thank you, Father Leonard

<u>Prayer Requests and Bulletin News</u>: 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.



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 Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3

 Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm; He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first born from the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting world great mercy.

 Entrance Hymn

 In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

 Fil maj-amce-üïce ba-rec-qoo Ilaha al rrub-ba min ya-na-bec üïce is-ra-cel

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 Mondation for Thomas Sunday, Tone 7

 While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

 Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8

 Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection upon those that are fallen.



ALTAR BREAD

Today's Holy Bread is being offered by the Noonan, Steele and Kett Families for the Health

and Safety of Marangelie Quinonez and family for all her loving support.

Epistle Acts 5:12-20

Great is the Lord, and great is His power. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good. The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Gospel John 20:;19-31

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this. He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them. "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

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Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safetu of:

Nora Abdelahad Connie Abodeelu Lorice Ansara Phullis Arsenault Siham Bahou Ray & Barbara Beaudry June Behrakis Ed & Lillian Betor David and Cindy Boragine Ida Boragine April Bouras George Ellis Athanasia Grivas Veronique, Annabelle & Chloe Groff Duayne Habib Rosalind Hajjar & Familu 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 Denise McGradu Fred Noonan Helen Poulos Julia and Brian Sapienza

Amad Tayebi Jack Trottier Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians & Familu

Genia Yeghiazarians

Prayers are being offered in Memory of: Charles Abdelahad George Abodeelu Lissa Kowalski George Lowe

Miriam Abodeely Toula Anasoulis Andrew Ansara Elias Ansara John Ansara Maurice Ansara Michael Ansara Gladys Assaly Linda Assaly Yaacoub Awad Juliette Bahou Laurice Bahou Widad Batten James "Jimmy" Beaudry Dorothy Boragine Sal Boragine **Cleopatra Bouras** David Burs Robert Coviello Linda Deeb Austin Dufault Fred Ead Ella Jean Elias Frances Ellis Frank Ellis George & Elsie Faris Mary T. Faris Mary V. Faris Elizabeth & Joseph Ghareeb Elias Grivas George P. Habib Philip Hajjar Dorothea Husson Eleanor Husson

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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! Hagan Qam! Alithos Anesti! Adeverat A Inviat! Voyistino Voskresey! Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee

THIS WEEK

Wed. 5/8 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

St. George Antíochían Church Ladíes Society 60 Bowers Street, Lowell Church Hall Come and enjoy a wonderful Spring Luncheon with Family and Friends Sunday, May 19, 2019 - Following Liturgy Tickets: Adults: \$20.00 - Children 12 & under: \$10.00 Fish and/or Steak Tips No tickets will be sold at the door Appetízers, Dínner, Raffle prízes See any of the Ladies for Tickets or call Martha at 978-397-4376



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