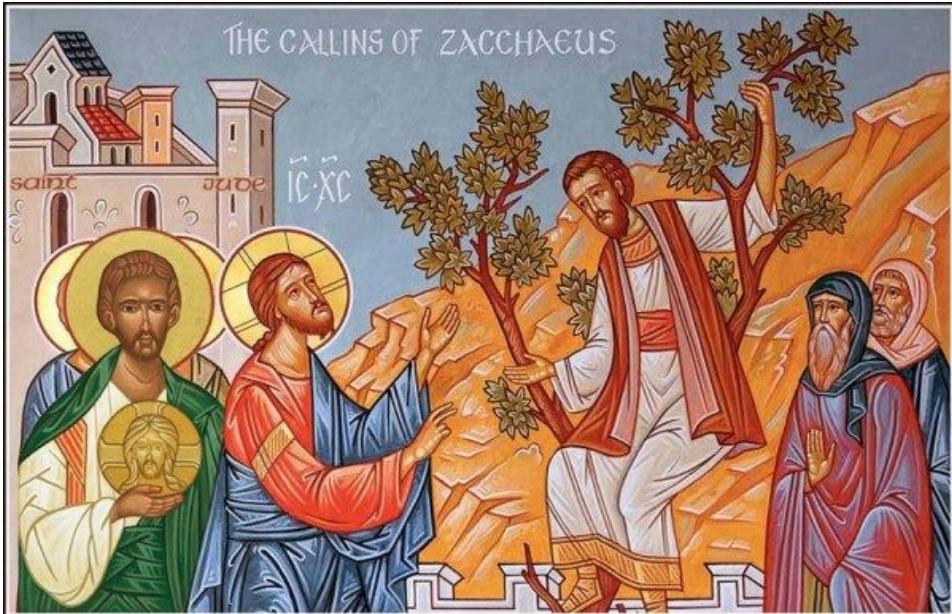


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



**PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST**

February 2, 2020

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 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.**

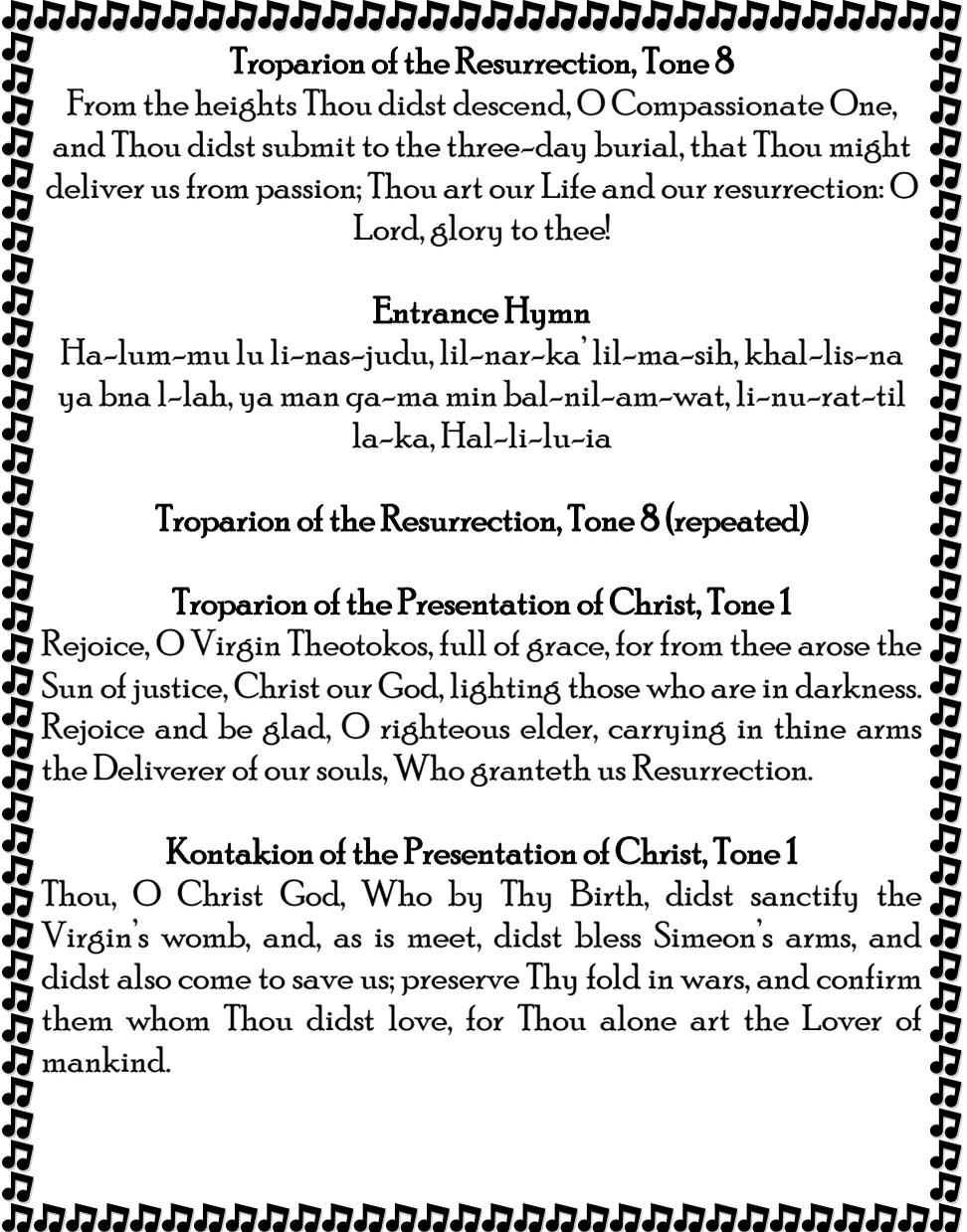
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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 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 the Presentation of Christ, Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the
Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms
the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ, Tone 1

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the
Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and
didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm
them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of
mankind.

THE EPISTLE

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:7-17)

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:22-40)

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel." And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him

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

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Connie Abodeely
Phyllis & Nel Arsenault
Siham Bahou
June Behrakis
Ed Betor
David and Cindy Boragine
Ida Boragine
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ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Servant of God Paul Panagopoulos, Sr. May Paul's memory be eternal.

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of the Servant of God Dr. Elias Nabbout and for the health and safety of his family. May Elias' memory be eternal.



MEMORIAL— Today, February 2nd

A Two Year Memorial is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Paul Panagopoulos, Sr. requested by his wife, Lillian, children and grandchildren. . May Paul's memory be eternal.



COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council in honor our newly elected Parish Council members. May God bless them all with peace, good health and happiness and also in honor of Sayidna Bishop's celebrating our Heirarchical Divine Liturgy. May God bless Bishop John with good health, happiness and long life!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TODAY, FEBRUARY 2, FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TO THE TEMPLE, HIS GRACE, BISHOP JOHN IS WITH US TO CELEBRATE THE HEIRARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY AND GIVE THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND AND RECEIVE SAYIDNA JOHN'S BLESSING.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NEW PARISH COUNCIL!!!**

We would like to congratulate our newly installed Parish Council and ask the Prince of Peace to bless them with peace, health and spiritual happiness during this coming year. We pray that they will continue to work for the “Glory of God” and for St. George Church. As we begin this New Year, 2020, let us all commit ourselves to working together as one family so that we may continue to achieve great things for our beloved community.

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If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.

Thank You,
Parish Council

SAVE THE DATE - Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the Teen SOYO

Saturday, February 29 4:00 pm~ 7:00 pm

The Teen SOYO will be selling tickets after church, during coffee hour. Please support this event and help make this another successful event for our teens. If you are unable to attend this event, but would like to support the event, with a donation, please reach out to Azar Louh or Carla Sabbouh.

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