

*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church*  
*Lowell, Massachusetts*



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: SUNDAY OF  
THE SAMARITAN WOMAN  
& AFTER-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST**

*May 22, 2022*

# ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 you have left the Church.

**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!

### **Third Antiphon**

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate  
Him flee from before His face.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon  
those in the tombs, bestowing life!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon  
those in the tombs, bestowing life!

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death;  
and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

### **Entrance Hymn of Pascha**

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

### **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.

### **Troparion for Mid-Pentecost, Tone 8**

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true  
worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and  
drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

### **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 Pascha, Tone 8**

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of  
hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-  
bearing women, saying, Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and  
resurrection upon those that are fallen.

## THE EPISTLE

*O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

**The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. (11:19-30)**

In those days, those apostles were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. New of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples, determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)**

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well,

drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

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

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Nel Arsenault  
Siham Bahou  
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*Prayers are being offered in Memory of:*

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**ZANANIRI:** Hilda, Nahil



## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of Handmaid of God, Denise McCrady, requested by her sister Debbie Koravos and Family. May Denise's memory be eternal.

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in memory of Handmaids of God, Nahil and Hilda Zananiri, requested by the Zananiri, Hassey, Lichtenstein and Murray Families. May Nahil and Hilda's memories be eternal.



## MEMORIAL - Today, May 22nd

A 3 Year Memorial is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Denise McCrady, requested by her sister Debbie Koravos and Family. May Denise's memory be eternal.

A 4 Year Memorial is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Handmaids of God, Nahil and Hilda Zananiri, requested by the Zananiri, Hassey, Lichtenstein and Murray Families. May Nahil and Hilda's memories be eternal.



## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the Choir Ladies for the health and safety of St. George parishioners and their families. Please join us for breaking bread together and coffee! May God bless the Ladies with peace, good health and happiness!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for the  
**Andrew W. Ansara Memorial Scholarship**  
**First time applicants only.**

Eligible applicants must be a graduating senior in high school, continuing his/her education as a college student already in a degree program. The applicant must also be in good standing with St. George Church. See Fr. Leonard or any member of the Ansara family for further details. Application deadline is June 5th.



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There is something special for the children too!!

Art activities will be provided for the children while we all enjoy breakfast and fellowship with one another. Boys will have the opportunity to make their own tarboosh and girls will have the opportunity to make their own cone hat. All the supplies will be provided. We encourage all the boys to wear black/dark pants and a white shirt and the girls can wear a dress of their choice.

Please see one of the ladies from the Ladies Society for tickets.

Lastly, I will be sending out another email asking for some help in donations for the children's barbecue.

Thank you for your support of the Sunday School children and activities we have provided for them this year.

Yours in Christ  
Denise Oujaimi

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**5th: Last day of Sunday School!!!**

We will have a barbecue for the children following Divine Liturgy AND feature Emad, the Balloon Twister (may he can make St. George's sword out of balloons and do some magic tricks, too!!) **All children are welcome to attend if they are in Sunday School or not.**

## **The Commandments of the Church**

The Church has set nine rules which all Orthodox Christians should obey, and She calls these rules Her Nine Commandments.

### **The First Commandment of the Church:**

Let everyone pray to God every day with contrition and compunction of heart, and be present at the Services of the Church every Sunday and on all Feast Days.

The First Commandment concerns Prayer. When we pray, we must pray with contrition, which means deep sorrow for our sins, a sorrow we feel because we love God. Compunction means repentant regret that we have sinned against God. When we repent, we not only regret the evil we have done, but we also resolve to mend our ways.

This Commandment teaches that every Christian must say his own prayers every day; and that he must attend Church Services both on Sundays and on those days which the Church holds especially in remembrance. The only acceptable excuse for being absent from Church is sickness; either of oneself or of some one else whose condition requires our care.

We break this Commandment whenever we come to Church late and also whenever we leave Church before a Service has ended with the closing of the Holy Doors and the Curtain.

### **The Second Commandment of the Church:**

Every Christian shall keep the Four Fasts appointed for each year. He must also fast on the 14th of September (at the Elevation of the Cross), on the 29th of August (the remembrance of the Beheading of the Forerunner), and on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year (excepting those Wednesdays and Fridays which are excepted by special rules.

### **Explanation:**

#### **THE FOUR FASTS ARE THESE:**

1. The Fast before the Nativity of Christ, which begins on the 15th of November and lasts until
2. Christmas.
3. The Great Fast of Forty Days, which Christ endured (St. Matthew 4:2). The Great Fast extends over the forty days preceding Palm Sunday; on the following Monday begins the Fast in honor of Christ's Passion, which lasts until Easter.
4. The Fast of the Holy Apostles, which begins on the Monday after All Saint's Sunday (one week
5. after the Feast of Holy Pentecost) and lasts until June 29, the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul.
4. The Fast before the Repose of the Theotokos, which begins on the first day of August and lasts until the day of the Feast, August 15h.

The 66th Canon of the Holy Apostles forbids us to fast on Saturdays and Sundays.

### **The Third Commandment of the Church:**

All the Clergy, and especially our Confessors, must always be treated with due respect, because they are the servants of God and because they intercede for us with God.

**Explanation:**

Respect and love for the Clergy should be rooted in our hearts and expressed in our behavior.

When we meet one of our Clergy on the street, we pay respect to our Bishop, we place the right hand palm upward on our left palm; and we bow to kiss his hand when he lays it upon our right hand. We may also greet a Priest in this way. At a Service, we kiss the hand of the Bishop or Priest whenever we receive anything from his hand (Holy Communion, Antidoron), and when we reverence the Cross which he holds for us to kiss. When a Bishop or a Priest enters a room, well-mannered people, in it, rise and remain standing until he is seated or bids them to sit.

We must have respect also for Monks and Nuns, because they have dedicated themselves completely to the service of God and the Church; and also for the President and other Officers of the Parish, because the respect we show for them is respect we owe to the Parish as well as to themselves.

**The Fourth Commandment of the Church:**

We must confess our sins four times a year before a Priest, who has been ordained lawfully and in the Orthodox manner.

**Explanation:**

The Orthodox Confession explains that this Commandment sets four times a year as a satisfactory average. Those who want to make spiritual progress should go once a month; but even the least careful people must confess once a year, and those who confess only once a year must do so during the Great Fast (in preparation for Easter).

After our seventh birthday we must never go to Holy Communion without first going to confession.

When we go to Confession we must be truly sorry for every wrong thing we have done; and we must be firmly resolved to amend our way of living. Furthermore, since we seek forgiveness from God for our own misdoings, we must freely and sincerely forgive everyone who has offended us in any way.

When we fall since, we should send for the Priest, that we may cleanse ourselves by Confession and receive Absolution (release us from our sins). Then we should be anointed with Prayer Oil, and received Holy Communion, for the healing of soul of body. This we do, not because we fear death, but because it is our duty to care for the body which God has given us.

**Notice particularly that we are strictly forbidden to receive Sacraments from Clergy who are not Orthodox Clergy ordained lawfully and in the Orthodox manner. To this law no exception is possible for any Orthodox Christian at any time.**

**The Fifth Commandment of the Church:**

Every Orthodox Christian is forbidden to read or listen to the teachings of heretics or of any other persons who have not been authorized by the Orthodox Church to teach and preach religion.

**Explanation:**

A heretic is any person who claims to be a Christian but does not belong to the Orthodox Church and does not believe in the Orthodox Faith. Instead of being Orthodox, he holds to the teachings of men who mistakenly believe that everyone has the right to explain the Holy Scripture and Christian Doctrine as seems best to him or her.

**The Sixth Commandment of the Church:**

Every Orthodox Christian must pray to God for people of every condition and station.

**Explanation:**

From our earliest years we are taught to pray for others as well as for ourselves. We pray for our parents; relatives; friends and benefactors; for those whom we have harmed and for those who have harmed us; for the poor, the sick, the sorrowing, and the afflicted among us and everywhere; for all the dead whom love and duty require us to remember; and for the conversion of all mankind to the Orthodox Faith. It is also our duty to pray for our Bishops as well as for our Pastors; for our country and those who govern us; for all the Orthodox dead and not merely for our own departed; and for the conversion of non Orthodox Christians.

**The Seventh Commandment of the Church:**

Every Orthodox Christian must keep whatever special fasts and supplications his Bishop may appoint.

**Explanation:**

To turn aside the just anger of God; a Bishop may appoint special fasts and supplications; as, for example, in time of war or when there is a famine or any other disastrous happening.

**The Eighth Commandment of the Church:**

Neither Clergy nor laymen must ever dare to use the money or the property of the Church for their own personal needs or purposes.

**Explanation:**

To steal from the Church is to steal from God. Therefore, nobody must ever turn to his own personal use or profit anything that belongs to the church. The Church's property is to be used only by and for the Church.

**The Ninth Commandment of the Church:**

Marriages must not be celebrated on days forbidden by the Church. Furthermore, Orthodox Christians must abstain with all their might from all Pagan and unchristian customs and ways, including attendance at and participation in forbidden pastimes.

**Explanation:**

This Commandment forbids us from degrading our religious life and standards of the Orthodox community by unreasonable or sinful concern for worldly interests. For everything that a Christian may properly do, there is a proper time; and only at its proper time should it be done. For things which are heathenish and unchristian, and which degrade those who participate, there is never any time that is proper; and they must not be done at all.

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