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#### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Monday**: emailed to Fr. Leonard at [fatherfaris@comcast.net](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

**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.

**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.

**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 Easter in 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 chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

**The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)**

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)**

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

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

Nora Abdelahad  
Robin Abodeely  
Elias AbouFarah  
**ANSARA:** Lorice, William, Yvette  
Ray Beaudry  
**BORAGINE:** David & Cindy, Ida  
Bob Gendron  
Julie Grillakis  
Athanasia Grivas  
Duayne Habib  
Victoria Ishac  
Ray Mansour  
Clemence Maria  
Elaine Maria  
Doha and Salim Mitri  
Gwen Noonan  
Helen Poulos  
Tom Saad  
Laurence Skaff  
Amad Tayebi  
Nancy Husson Tafe  
**Yeghiazarians:** Dr. Vartan, Lisa &  
Genia

### Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

Charles Abdelahad  
**ABODEELY:** Connie, George  
Adam Aiken  
**ANSARA:** Andrew, Elias  
John, Maurice, Michael  
**ARSENAULT:** Phyllis, Lionel  
**ASSALY:** Gladys, Linda  
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Widad Batten  
**BEAUDRY:**  
Barbara, James "Jimmy"  
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Mary T., Mary V.  
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Elias Grivas  
George P. Habib  
**HADDAD:** Emile & Teffaha  
**HAJJAR:** Philip & Rosalind  
Elias Hanna  
**HUSSON:** Camille, Dorothea,  
Eleanor, Joanne, Robert,  
N. Mary  
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Salim Khabazeh  
**LAKKIS:** Gerges, Michel  
**LOUH:** Amanda, Nuha Shahin

**LOWE:** George & Rose  
**MANOLIS:**  
Efthymios & Paraskevi  
Robert Maria  
George Matook  
Maurice Matte  
Denise McCrady  
Bassam Moussa  
Fred Noonan  
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Leon Yeghiazarians  
**ZAHARIAS:**  
Mary Ann & Charles  
**ZANANIRI:** Hilda, Nahil

## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for all our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers who are living or deceased. May God bless them all with good health, happiness and long life and for those who have gone to their eternal reward, may their memories be eternal!

Today's Holy Bread is being offered in memory of Elizabeth Ghareeb and Matilda Noonan, offered by the Noonan, Steele and Kett families. May Elizabeth and Matilda's memories be eternal.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE - Today, May 11th

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servants of God, Our Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers, requested by Fr. Leonard. May their memories be eternal.

## NEXT SUNDAY - May 18th

A 5 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God Joanne Husson, requested by the Husson, Andre and Saad families. May Joanne's memory be eternal.

## REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:

**Christ is Risen!**  
Al-Masih Qam!  
Kristos Anesti!  
Kristos A Inviat!  
Kristos Voskresy!  
Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!

**Truly, He is Risen!**  
Hagan Qam!  
Alithos Anesti!  
Adeverat A Inviat!  
Voyistino Voskresy!  
Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee

## THIS WEEK

Tue 5/13 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

## COFFEE HOURS

**We would like to see a coffee hour each week.** For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and 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.



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