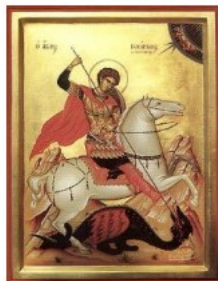


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*June 15, 2025*

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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

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**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.

**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 li-nas-judu, wal-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man qa-ma min by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 8 (repeated)**

**Troparion of all Saints, Tone 4**

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the 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 all Saints, Tone 8**

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

**THE EPISTLE**

*God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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

Nora Abdelahad  
Elias AbouFarah  
**ANSARA:** Lorice, Yvette  
Ray Beaudry  
**BORAGINE:** David & Cindy, Ida  
David Ferris  
Bob Gendron  
Julie Grillakis  
Athanasia Grivas  
Duayne Habib  
Clemence Maria  
Elaine Maria  
Helen Poulos  
Tom Saad  
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  
**ARSENAULT:** Phyllis, Lionel  
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Efthymios & Paraskevi

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Mary Ann & Charles  
**ZANANIRI:** Abraham, Henry,  
Hilda, Nahil

## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for all our beloved Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers, requested by Fr. Leonard. May all their memories be eternal!

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Servants of God, Fred Noonan, Joseph Ghareeb, Frederick Noonan, Richard Steele and Robert Kett, requested by the Noonan, Steele and Kett Families. May their memories be eternal.

## MEMORIAL

A Memorial Service is being offered for all our beloved Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers, requested by Fr. Leonard. May all their memories be eternal!

## 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 30th.

## 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.

## REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 25-27, 2025. The Folk Festival is great way to exhibit our ethnic pride by selling our natural home-made ethnic food to the Lowell community.

The Folk Festival is St. George's biggest fundraiser each year. This year's Folk Festival expenses are approximately \$8,000-\$10,000. We welcome all donations from our parishioners and friends to defray these expenses. Our goal is to defray all expenses and make this a very successful event with a huge profit. Please help us to achieve this goal.

If you would like to donate this year, please make your check payable to St. George Church or go online and make your donation.

<https://giving.myamplify.io/app/giving/St9999948>

We appreciate your support and dedication.

**We are also in need of volunteers for all shifts. If you have already volunteered thank you, and please consider working an additional shift. A sign-up sheet will also be posted in the marida. You can also contact any one of the folk festival committee members to sign up.**

Thank you,

Joseph Awad  
Parish Council Chairperson

Please send your donations to:

Saint George Antiochian Church  
Attention: Folk Festival  
44 Bower St.  
Lowell, MA 01854

## What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who  
wants to catch you before you fall  
but instead picks you up,  
brushes you off,  
and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who  
wants to keep you from making mistakes  
but instead lets you find your own way,  
even though his heart breaks in silence  
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who  
holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail...


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