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**THE HOLY, GLORIOUS APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL**

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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.

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2**

When Thou didst submit Thy-self unto death, O Thou Deathless and Immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power; and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ Thou Giver of Life, 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 ca-ma min  
by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2 (repeated)**

**Troparion of SS Peter and Paul, Tone 4**

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace unto the world, 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 for Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2**

O Undisputed Intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, although we be sinners. Come to us, in time, with aid as we cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth. The heavens show forth the glory of God.*

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:21-12:9)**

Brethren, whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to

seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (16:13-19)**

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”

### **ALTAR BREAD**

Today’s Altar Bread is being offered for the Servant of God Fred Noonan by the Noonan, Steele and Kett Families. May Fred’s memory be eternal.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE - Today, June 29th**

A 6 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the Soul of the Servant of God Fred Noonan requested by the Noonan, Steele and Kett families. May Fred’s memory be eternal.

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the Souls of the Martyrs killed last weekend at St. Elias Church in Damascus, Syria, during the Divine Liturgy. Twenty men, women and children were killed and many others injured by a suicide bomber. May their memories be eternal and may God heal those hurt and may He console their loved ones.

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  
Karen Hopkinson  
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  
**ASSALY:** Gladys, Linda  
**BAHOU:** Juliette, Laurice, Siham  
Widad Batten  
**BEAUDRY:**  
Barbara, James "Jimmy"  
**BORAGINE:** Dorothy, Sal  
Cleopatra Bouras  
**FARIS:** George, Elsie,  
Mary T., Mary V.  
**GHAREEB:** Elizabeth & Joseph  
Elias Grivas  
George P. Habib  
**HAJJAR:** Philip & Rosalind  
**HUSSON:** Camille, Dorothea,  
Eleanor, Joanne, Robert,  
N. Mary  
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Salim Khabazeh  
**LAKKIS:** Gerges, Michel  
**LOUH:** Amanda, Nuha Shahin  
**LOWE:** George & Rose  
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Efthymios & Paraskevi  
Ray Mansour  
Robert Maria  
George Matook  
Denise McCrady  
Fred Noonan  
**NOONAN:** Frederick & Matilda  
**PANAGOPOULOS:**  
Paul & Lillian  
**SAAD:** Anisse, Hanna  
Mary Saati  
**SABA:** George W. & Mary  
Badawi Sabbouh  
Eleanor Shalhoup  
Fred Simon  
**SKAFF:** Chakeep, Judy,  
George M., Mildred,  
Arthur, Minnie,  
Nellie, Ricky, Stephen,  
T. Michael  
J. B. Taleb  
Alexa Tayebi  
Elaine Vieira  
Leon Yeghiazarians  
**ZAHARIAS:**  
Mary Ann & Charles  
**ZANANIRI:** Abraham, Henry,  
Hilda, Nahil

**LUNCHEON**

Today's Luncheon is offered in memory of Fred Noonan by the Noonan, Steele and Kett families. May Fred's memory be eternal and may God bless the Noonan, Steel and Kett Families with peace, good health and happiness. Please join us.

**THANK YOU**

A donation has been made from the Noonan, Steele and Kett families to St. George Church in memory of Fred Noonan. May Fred's memory be eternal.

**ANDREW W. ANSARA SCHOLARSHIP**

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. Please contact Lisa Ansara for more information. Application deadline is June 30th.

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 homemade 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.

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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

### 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.**

## THREE PRACTICAL PRAYER SUGGESTIONS TO HELP US GET STARTED

### 1. PRAYER FOR THE DESIRE TO FORGIVE

Jesus, you know how much I despise him/her and how I have absolutely have no desire to forgive him/her. In fact, my only desire is to get even with him/her. Yet I also know that continuing to rage against this person is no good for my body, mind, or spirit and it is certainly contrary to your word, which calls us to forgive life's hurts. So I humbly ask you to do for me what I cannot do for myself. Place in my heart a desire to forgive this person for the sake of my own well-being and for the sake of my relationship with You.

### 2. PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Jesus as you know, I have no problem focusing on the wrong that he/she has done to me, but I am reluctant to admit the wrong I may have done before, during, or after this hurt occurred. Please help me to have the courage to name my wrongdoing, and please forgive me for my sins in this situation.

### 3. PRAYER FOR THE OFFENDER

Lord, you created him/her wonderfully, just as you created me. You love this person just as you love me with all my faults and weaknesses. You know I don't love this person very much at this time, but you do. Share with me your love for him/her. Also, God, I ask you to bless this person. Sometimes I, too, am a bad person and in turn am in need of your blessing.

**IF WE FERVENTLY SAY THESE PRAYERS OVER AND OVER, WE WILL MOST LIKELY DISCOVER THAT GOD IS CREATING A NEW HEART IN US, A HEART THAT IS GROWING IN ITS CAPACITY TO FORGIVE.**

**MAY WE ALL FIND THE DESIRE AND CAPACITY TO FORGIVE AND TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS FROM THOSE WE HAVE OFFENDED!**



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