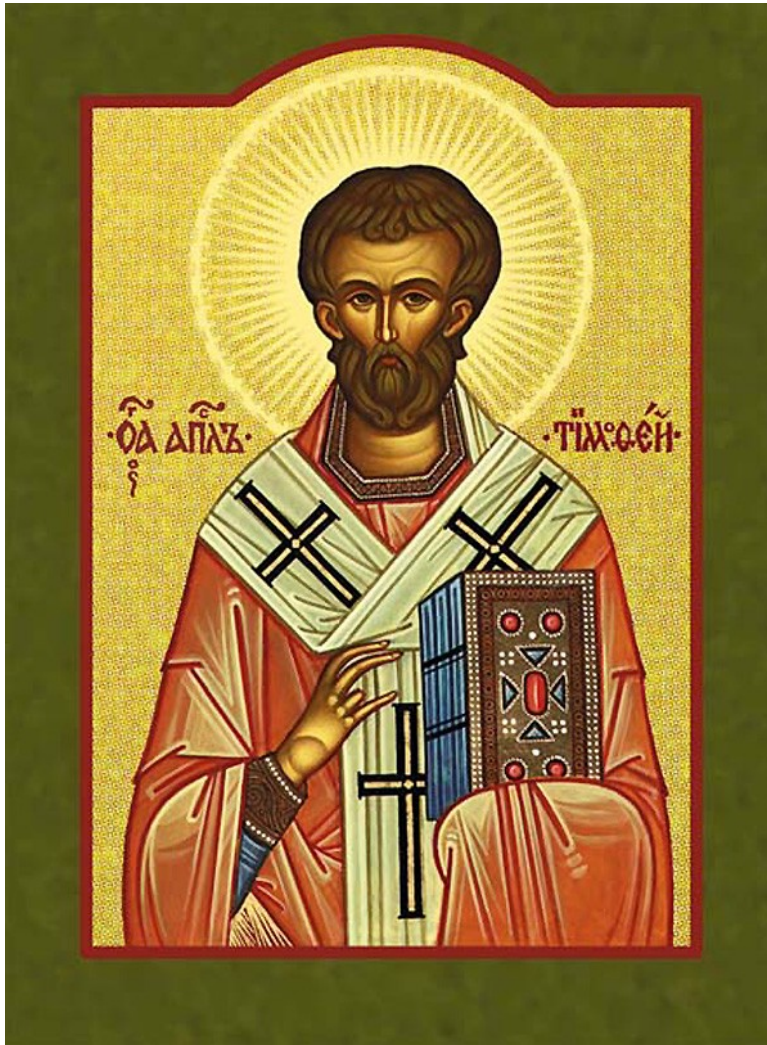


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



Thirty Second Sunday after Pentecost

January 22, 2012

ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Every third Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 22, 2012

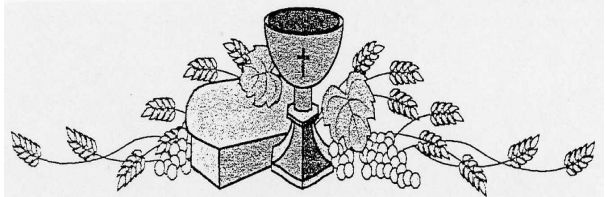
Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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.





Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world great mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 7 (repeated)

St. Timothy in Tone 4

Since thine early youth, thou hast longed with fervor for the things of the Lord; leaving the world and its pleasures, thou becamest an example of the monastic life.

John most blessed, thou builtst thy hut at the door of thy parents' house and overcame the devil's guiles. Wherefore, Christ, Himself, has glorified thee as thou deserves.

Troparion of St. George in 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 the Presentation in 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.



Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy

TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public readings of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.



Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

At that time: He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safety of:



Charles and Nora Abdelahad
 George & Connie Abodeely
 Mindy Abodeely
 Thomas Archibald
 Gladys Assaly
 Baby Brooke Marie Benjamin
 Anthony Bertos
 Ed & Lillian Betor
 David and Cindy Boragine
 Sal and Ida Boragine
 Toma and Miriam Calache
 Jacque and Camilla Cloutier
 and Family
 David DeForrest
 Ghassemian Family
 Elias Grivas
 Duayne Habib
 Rosalind Hajjar & Family
 Mary Howie
 Lloyd Jennings
 Siham Khadij
 Joe Kadir
 Rose Lowe
 Marcotte Family
 Sgt. Peter Marcotte
 H. John and Clemence Maria
 Florence Mourlas
 Colleen Olivieri
 Ryan O'Malley
 Paul Panagopoulos
 Rita Priolisi
 Joni Finegold Sachs
 Freda Sadak & Family
 Minnie Skaff & Family

George & Anna Stewart
 Peter, Jacqui, Amanda, and Peter Vitello
 Joseph and Mae Vitello
 Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians & Family
 Leon & Genia Yeghiazarians
 MaryAnn Zaharias
 Nahil Zananiri
 Sean and Family
 Scott and Family
 Simon
 Fr. Andrew Zbeeb,
 Requested by the Parishioners of St. George
 Charles Panacopoulos,
 Requested by Fred & Elaine Simon
 Rita Beaudry, Requested by Fr. Leonard
 Fr. Stephen, Presbyteria Kelley, Alec and Zack
 Lawrence and Lynda and Michael Lawrence,
 Requested by Fr. Leonard
 Ella Rose Gaska, Requested by Fr. Leonard

ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is offered for the health and safety of Paul and Lillian Panagopoulos on their 52nd wedding anniversary, today.
 May God bless Paul and Lillian with peace, good health and happiness!!

Today's Altar Bread is offered by Connie Abodeely and Family for the health and safety of George Abodeely.
 May God bless the Abodeely Family with peace, good health and happiness!!

May God Grant You Good Health and Long Life!!!



Prayers are being offered In Memory of:



Delia Moses Abdinoor
Mazen Alwarad
Toula Anasoulis
Andrew Ansara
Elias Ansara
John Ansara
Maurice Ansara
Linda Assaly
Juliette Bahou
Laurice Bahou
James "Jimmy" Beaudry
Dorothy Boragine
Dr. Christos Daoulas
Isa Elias
Rose "Joanne" Elias
George Faris
Mary T. Faris
Thomas Gelardares
Elizabeth Ghareeb
Joseph Ghareeb
Armenuhi Ghassemian
George Habib
Philip Hajjar
Mary Hassey
Eleanor Husson
N. Mary Husson
Terry Husson Kadir

Fr. Vartan Kassabian
George Kouloheras
Elena Lawrence
George Lowe
Elsie Faris Mansor
Faye Maria
Jalil Matta
Brian McCoy
Nafie Moses
Hanna Saad
Mary Saati
George W. Saba
Mary Saba
Elaine Salameh
Eleanor Shalhoup
Janice Simon
John Simon
Judy Skaff
Nellie Skaff
Richard "Ricky" Skaff
Stephen Skaff
T. Michael Skaff
Robert and Julia Wonneberger
Charles Zaharias
Ann Attick, requested by Lynne Wade
Anthony Pandolfo, requested by Fr. Leonard

May their Memory be Eternal!!!



MEMORIAL SERVICES

Today, June 22

A memorial service is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Servants of God, Camille and Ann Coury and for the Handmaid of God Barbara Abodeely Requested by George and Connie Abodeely.

May their memories be eternal!

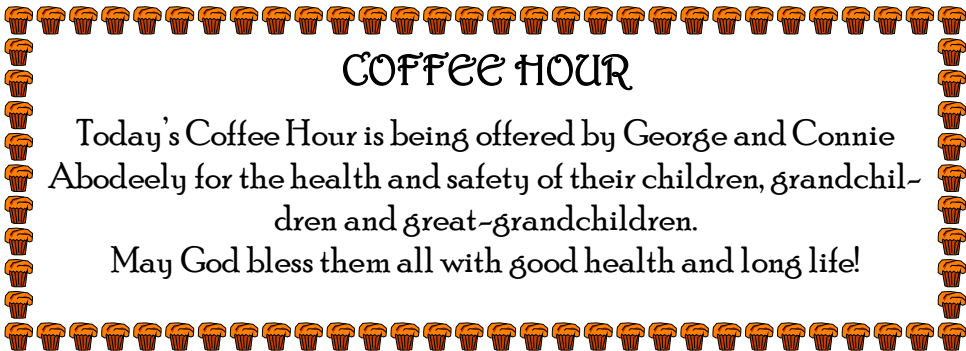
Next Sunday, January 29

A memorial will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God Terry Husson Kadir

COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being offered by George and Connie Abodeely for the health and safety of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May God bless them all with good health and long life!



2012 Parish Life Conference

June 21 - 24, 2012 ■ The Cliff House in Ogunquit, Maine
Hosted by Saint George, Norwood ■ StGeorgeNorwood.org/PLC2012



BOOK YOUR ROOM TODAY!

Rooms are filling up fast, so don't wait. Call 207.361.1000 or visit their website at www.CliffHouseMaine.com/attendees User Name: PARISH Password: pa986B

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Visit our website at www.StGeorgeNorwood.org/PLC2012 for conference details including easy on-line registration and sponsorship info.

NEW ENGLAND'S GOT TALENT!

Watch for details on this exciting Parish Life Conference Event.

We will be holding fundraisers this spring to keep PLC ticket prices down... visit our website for details on attending these fun pre-conference events.

Exciting location. Fresh ideas. Old friends. And traditional Norwood flair.

- Amazing room rate! \$149 (regular rate \$310)
- All rooms feature private decks with ocean views -- first come first served, so don't wait!
- An easy drive from the Boston area, the Cliff House is located just minutes from the villages of Ogunquit and York, Kittery shopping outlets, golf courses and more.





Antiochian Women
Diocese of Worcester and New England

2012 Pre-Lenten Retreat
Saturday, February 11, 2012

with featured speaker **His Grace Bishop JOHN**

Relationships

**“Discovering
Myself In God
and in
My Neighbor”**



Saturday, February 11, 2012 / Saint George Church, 6 Atwood Avenue, Norwood, MA
9am Divine Liturgy / 10am Registration & Coffee
10:30 Session 1 / 12:00 Lunch / 1:00 Session 2 plus Q&A

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Home Parish _____

_____ # attending. Enclosed is my payment in the amount of \$ _____ @ \$15 per person

Please make checks payable to: Antiochian Women - DOWNE
Mail registration form & check to: Erin Kimmitt, 17 Austin Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Deadline February 1st

BLESSING OF HOMES- WHY IS A HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS BLESSED?

We all know that when a monument is unveiled; when a building is opened; when significant undertaking is begun, it is customary for a ceremony of dedication to be held. So too, our Holy Orthodox Church has special blessings for those moving into a new home, a newly constructed or renovated home, a place of business, as well as the annual blessing of the home during the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6. With these rites the home is dedicated or rededicated and sanctified as an abode of a Christian believer under the Holy Trinity.

In the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 19: 1-10 we read of the time our Blessed Lord visited the home of Zacchaeus, the rich publican. When Jesus entered Zacchaeus' house he said: "today salvation has come to this house since he too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save what is lost."

Therefore, during the services for the Blessing of homes, the priest prays that God will grant sanctification, blessings, purification, and health to those whose home is blest. He also prays for their spiritual and temporal welfare throughout the year. The Holy Orthodox Church sanctifies the lives of her faithful, to consecrate them, and to insure their salvation by every means at Her command.

During the Blessing of homes, please adhere to the following guidelines

1. Have as many family members there as possible.
2. Set up a place for prayers, in the dining room or kitchen, with an Icon and candle.
3. Take this time to get to know the priest better, asking any questions you may have.
4. Please don't feed the priest! We don't want to play favorites, and we also don't want to gain weight by eating everything that is offered to us.

Remember the priest will be making many visitations. A lengthy social visit may not be possible at this time. In order to make it possible to visit as many homes a possible, you may prefer a Season other than Epiphany for a visitation. This year I will also be Blessing homes between Easter and Pentecost and between the Feast of the Holy Cross, September 14 through October 1, 2012.

Dear Father Leonard,

Yes, I/we would like to have my/our home blessed in 2012. The most convenient days and times are as follows:


Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Best season: After Epiphany (January 6)
 (please circle one) After Easter (April 15)
 After the Feast of the Holy Cross (Sept.14)

Best day: Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

Best time: AM or PM



St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Teen Soyo

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Where: Parish Hall

When: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Cost: \$12.00 per person,
\$6.00 for children 12 and under

Tickets will be sold every Sunday through February 5th. See Denise Oujaimi or Teen Soyo members for tickets.

We will have spaghetti, eggplant parmesan, meat and vegetarian sauce, salad, bread, beverages and dessert.

Come join us for a fun evening out with the family for fellowship and delicious food while supporting the teens of our Parish!