St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

Lowell, Massachusetts

The Great Feast of Pentecost

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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 the "Coffee Hour". **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 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!

Troparion of the Resurrection, 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

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-jud, wa-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man qa-ma min bal-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 7 (repeated)

Troparion of Pentecost, Tone 8

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of Pentecost, Tone 8

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

Epistle: Apostles 2:1-11

Their voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safety of:

Nora Abdelahad
Connie Abodeely
Lorice Ansara
Ray Beaudry
Ed & Lillian Betor
David and Cindy Boragine
Ida Boragine
Miriam Calache
George Ellis
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Lloyd Jennings
Joe Kadir
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Charlie Kanavos
Rose Lowe
Marcotte Family
Thomas Marcotte
Eric Soucy
Amad Tayebi
Jack Trottier
Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians & Family
Genia Yeghiazarians
Christian Yianopoulos
Nahil Zananiri

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

Charles Abdelahad
George Abodeely
Miriam Abodeely
Mazen Alwarad
Toula Anasoulis
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John Ansara
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MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!

ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of the Servant of God, William Pruitt, requested by Michael and Mary Saati. May William's memory be eternal and may God bless Michael and Mary and their family with peace, good health and happiness.

MEMORIALS–June 4th

A 2 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, William Pruitt, requested by Michael and Mary Saati and Family. May William's memory be eternal.

NEXT WEEK—June 11th

A 6 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Stephen Skaff, requested by his parents, Sharkey and Laurence Skaff and family. May his memory be eternal.

COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Michael and Mary Saati and family, for the health and safety of their family and in memory of William Pruitt. May the Saati's have good health, happiness and long life and may William's memory be eternal.

COMING UP

Sun	6/11	After Liturgy	**Parishioner Appreciation** - Gentlemen that tend to the Vestry - Current and Former Ladies that bake Holy Bread for Sunday Liturgy
Wed	6/14	6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting

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 r 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.

Applications are now being accepted for the "St. George Ladies Society" Scholarship. Eligible applicants must be female, 22 years of age an older, be a member in good standing in the church, be actively involved in the worship, service, and social life of the church, be applying for, or registered in, an academic or trade study program, and demonstrate financial need. See Fr. Leonard or Martha Stewart for further details and an application. Application deadline is June 18th .

THANK YOU

SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO HILDA ZANANIRI FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL COCKTAIL PARY AND RAFFLE. MAY GOD BLESS HILDA WITH GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND LONG LIFE TO CONTINUE WORK FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND ST. GEORGE CHURCH!!!

SAVE THE DATES

Lowell Folk Festival

July 28, 29 and 30, 2017

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2017. Please save these dates as we all depend on your help that weekend. If you would like make a donation towards the Folk Festival expenses please see Azar Louh, Mack Louh, or Ron Tayebi.

THANK YOU

Special Thanks to Gary Aswad for donating 4 Red Sox tickets.
Special Thanks to Rhonda Murray for donating 2 Scratch Tickets and Wine Baskets.
Many Thanks to our Parishioners and Friends for supporting our Raffle and made it a big success, and having an evening filled with lots of fun.

UPDATED
Annual Raffle and Cocktail Party–May 19, 2017
Income and Expense Report

Income:	
Ticket Sales (225 Tickets x $65.00)	$14,625.00
Donations:	$525.00
Wine baskets including scratch tickets, 4 red sox tickets raffle	$1,030.00
Total Income:	**$16,180.00**
Expenses:	
Money prizes	$3,500.00
Cocktail party expenses, including pastries and flowers	$3,010.00
D.J. music	$500.00
Tickets and envelopes printing, and stamps	$315.00
Wine baskets including scratch tickets, 4 red sox tickets	
Total Expenses:	**$7,325.00**
Net profit:	**$8,855.00**

Sixth Annual Saint George Church Night at the Lowell Spinners (Red Sox Single A Minor League Affiliate) vs. Auburn Doubledays (Washington Nationals Single A Minor League Affiliate) on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 5:35 PM at LeLacheur Park. The stadium is located at 450 Aiken Street Lowell, MA 01854. It will be Harry Potter Night and a promotional item will be given out. Entrances to the park open at 4:35 PM. Five dollar parking is available near the ballpark in various parking lots.

We have reserved 70 tickets in the Premium Box Seats Section along the left field line at $9 each. All seats are chair seats with cup holders. Tickets will be sold on a first come first basis. Ticket requests and payments are due no later than July 5, 2017. Please mail both the Ticket Request Form and a check made payable to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church to Andrew Saati.

Andrew Saati
33 Pine Hill Street
Lowell, MA 01852

You may also give Andrew your check and Ticket Request Form at any coffee hour. Tickets will be mailed out at least two weeks before the game day.

For all questions, please reach out to Andrew at (508) 740-8728 or email him at andrewsaati21@yahoo.com.

Ticket Request Form (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

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