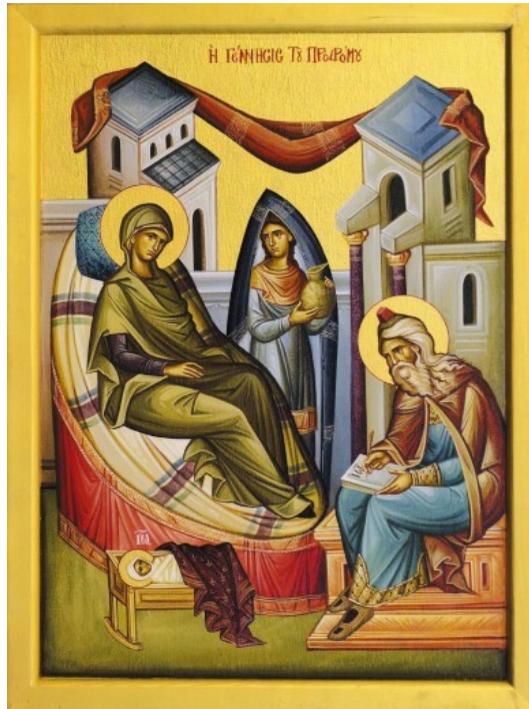


*St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church*  
*Lowell, Massachusetts*



*3rd Sunday after Pentecost and  
Leavetaking of the Forerunner's Nativity*

*June 25, 2017*

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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

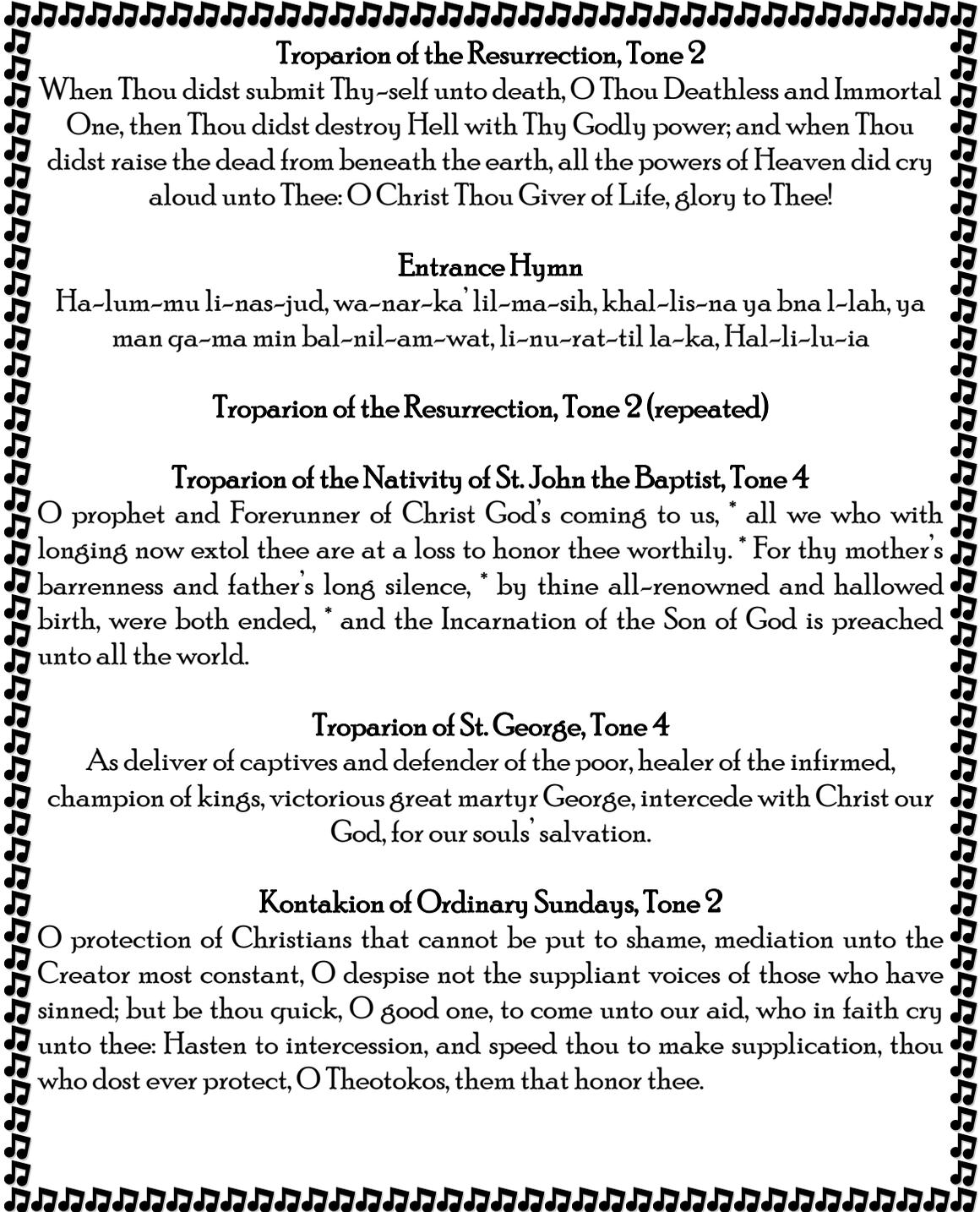
**Important Notice:** The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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](mailto: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 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-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 2 (repeated)

### Troparion of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Tone 4

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, \* all we who with longing now extol thee are at a loss to honor thee worthily. \* For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, \* by thine all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, \* and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

### 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 Ordinary Sundays, Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me sorely.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans**

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

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## Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew**

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."





## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is given in memory of the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Fred Simon, requested by his wife, Elaine, and his daughters and their families.

May God bless Elaine, her daughters and their families with peace, good health and happiness. May Fred's memory be eternal!



## MEMORIAL TODAY ~ June 25th

A 40 day Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Fred Simon, requested by his wife, Elaine, and his daughters and their families. May Fred's memory be eternal.

## COFFEE HOUR



Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the Simon Family in memory of the Servant of God, Fred Simon. May his memory be eternal and may god grant his Family peace, happiness and long life!

**FINAL UPDATE**  
**Annual Raffle and Cocktail Party-May 19, 2017**  
**Income and Expense Report**

**Income:**

Ticket Sales (225 Tickets x \$65.00)	\$14,625.00
Donations:	\$725.00
Wine baskets including scratch tickets, 4 red sox tickets raffle	\$1,030.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$16,380.00</b>

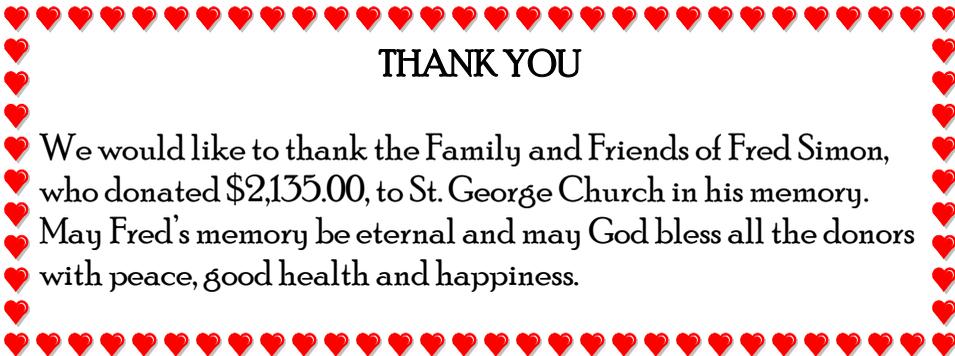
**Expenses:**

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

**Total Expenses:** **\$7,325.00**

**Net profit:** **\$9,055.00**

Special thanks to Victor Forsley for his generous donation to the Annual Raffle/Cocktail Party.

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**THANK YOU**  
We would like to thank the Family and Friends of Fred Simon,  
who donated \$2,135.00, to St. George Church in his memory.  
May Fred's memory be eternal and may God bless all the donors  
with peace, good health and happiness.



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