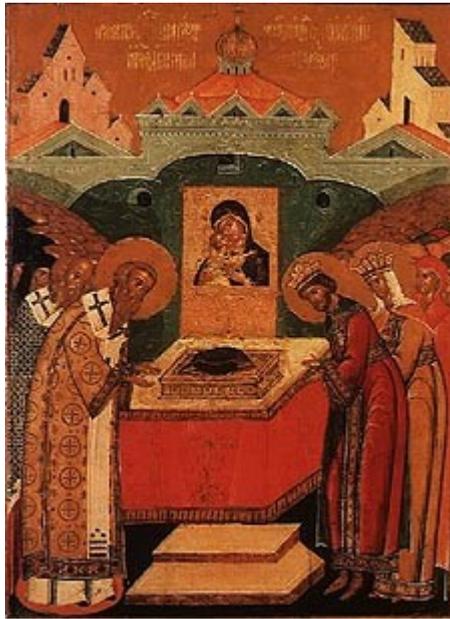


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



**THE PLACING OF THE THEOTOKOS' ROBE IN
BLACHERNAE
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

JULY 2, 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.**

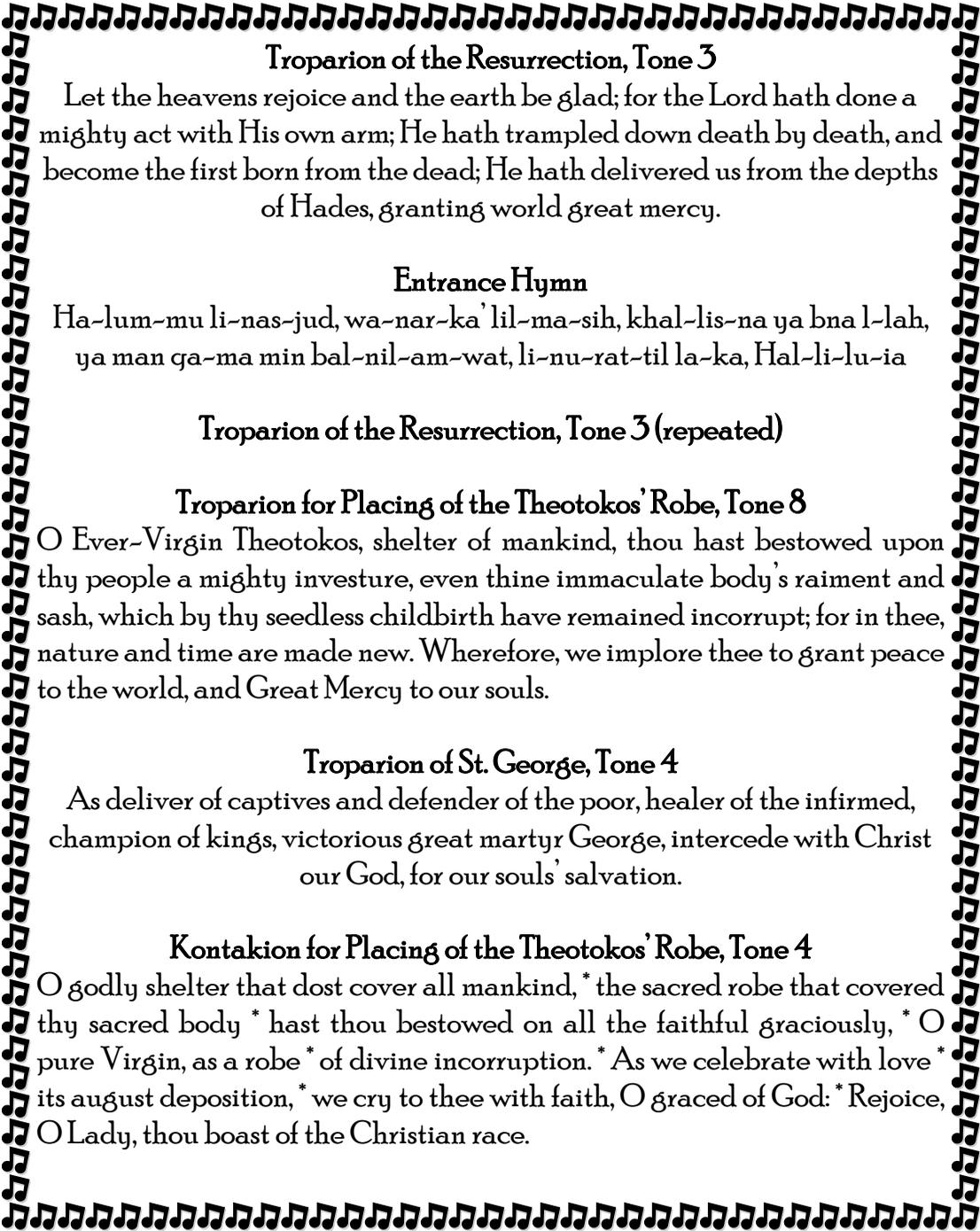
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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 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 3

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm; He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first born from the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting 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 3 (repeated)

Troparion for Placing of the Theotokos' Robe, Tone 8

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by thy seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in thee, nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and Great Mercy to our souls.

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 Placing of the Theotokos' Robe, Tone 4

O godly shelter that dost cover all mankind, * the sacred robe that covered thy sacred body * hast thou bestowed on all the faithful graciously, * O pure Virgin, as a robe * of divine incorruption. * As we celebrate with love * its august deposition, * we cry to thee with faith, O graced of God: * Rejoice, O Lady, thou boast of the Christian race.

Epistle: Paul 9:1 -7

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit doth rejoice in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

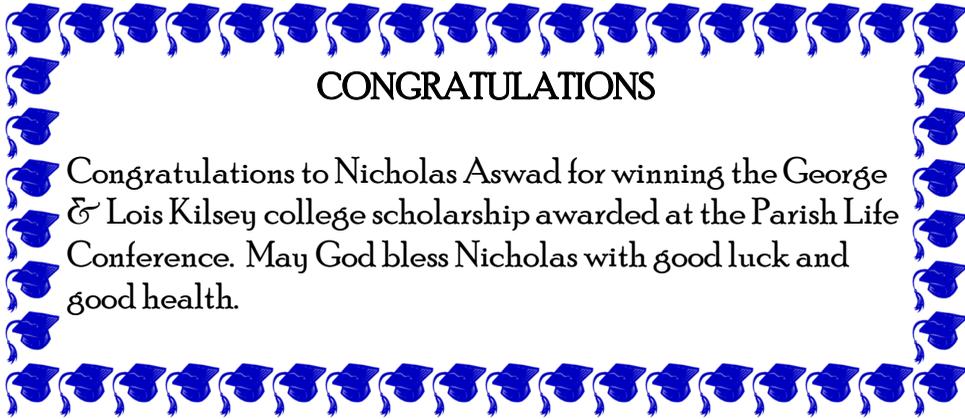
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is offered in loving memory of Elizabeth and Joseph Ghareeb. May their memories be eternal.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nicholas Aswad for winning the George & Lois Kilsey college scholarship awarded at the Parish Life Conference. May God bless Nicholas with good luck and good health.

Sixth Annual Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Night At The Lowell Spinners Baseball Game.

Today is the last Sunday that you can purchase tickets to the Sixth Annual Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church Night at the Lowell Spinners Baseball Game. The game is on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 5:35 PM at LeLacheur Park in Lowell, Please take a ticket order form in the back of the church and fill it out and either give it to Andrew Saati in person or mail it to him. For further information contact Andrew Saati at (508) 740-8728 (Cell) or andrewsaati@yahoo.com.

Creative Arts Festival Winners



Congratulations to the Sunday School students who participated in the Creative Arts Festival at the Parish Life Conference.

Hanna Saad for winning the gold ribbon in his division.

Peter Sabbouh, Jeremiah Mills, Micaelani Mills, Carolena Saati, and Leo Gogun for winning the bronze ribbons in their division.

We are proud of all of them.

We also want to thank the Sunday School teachers for their guidance.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As in prior years, we will participate in the Lowell Folk Festival which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2017. The Folk Festival is a 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. Last year's Folk Festival expenses were approximately \$6,500. 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. Memo: Folk Festival Donation. We appreciate your support and dedication.

Thank you,
Folk Festival Committee

Ron Tayebi
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