



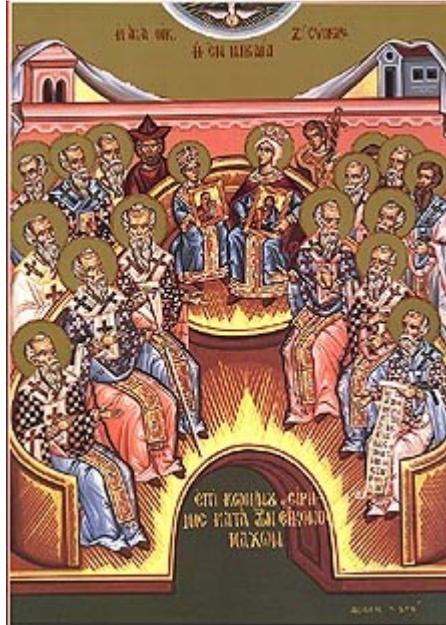
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Lowell, Massachusetts



**SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
& FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

OCTOBER 15, 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.**

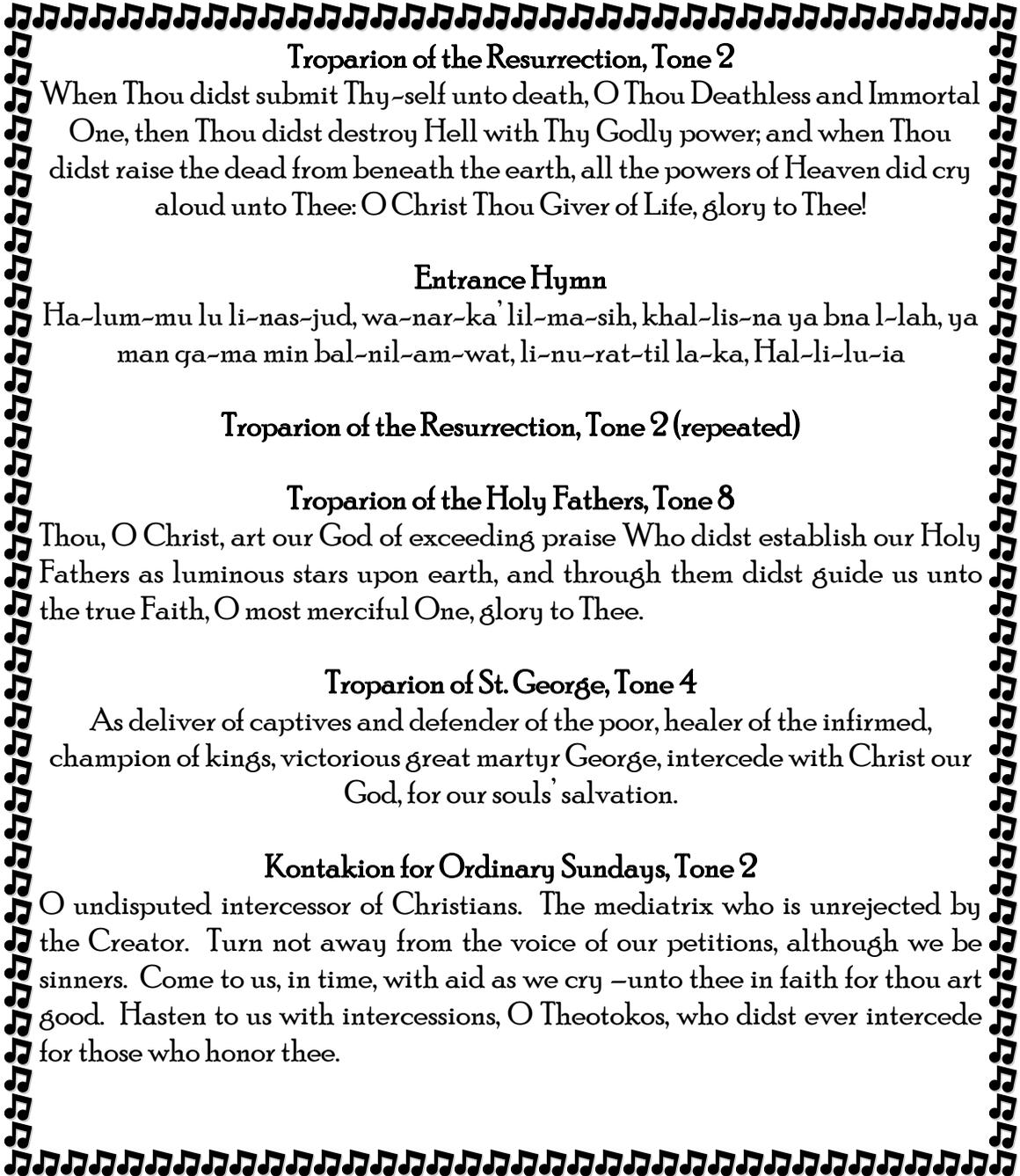
Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday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

A decorative border consisting of a continuous line of musical notes, resembling a treble clef staff, framing the entire page. The notes are black and vary in height, creating a rhythmic pattern around the text.

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 lu 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 Holy Fathers, Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

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

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



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 MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!
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ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered by Alan Hamwey and family in memory of the Servants of God, Charles and Annie Hamwey. May their memories be eternal and may God bless Alan and Elaine Hamwey and family with peace, good health and happiness.



MEMORIALS - Today, October 15th

An 11 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God Charles Hamwey and a 10 Year Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Annie Hamwey, by their son, Alan and family. May their memories be eternal.



COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Alan and Elaine Hamwey and family in memory of Charles and Annie Hamwey and for the health and safety of the Hamwey Family. May Charles and Annie's memories be eternal and may God bless the Hamwey family with peace, good health and happiness.

Special Olympics AWARENESS DAY



**Troparion of Saint Thekla
the Protomartyr**

O Glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, you were enflamed with the love of your Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. You despised the passing earthly pleasures, and offered yourself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ your Groom to grant us His great mercy.



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As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to sponsor the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. Approximately 345 athletes and coaches participate in our camp each year. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

Special Olympics Awareness Day is your opportunity to support this ministry and enrich the lives of our teens who participate in helping others. Your generosity makes this ministry possible.

Today, our teens will request your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the 37th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp, which will be held at the Antiochian Village, in the summer of 2018. Please be generous as our teens need to raise in excess of \$74,000 to run this worthwhile program.

As an expression of our teens' gratitude for your support of this important ministry, you will receive an icon bookmark of Saint Thekla the Protomartyr. Because of her many sufferings for the Faith the Church counts Saint Thekla as a "Protomartyr". And because she converted so many people to Christianity she is also known as an "Equal-to-the-Apostles". Her Feast Day is September 24th.

Thank you for your financial support. Please make checks payable to your local teen SOYO group.

For More Information: <https://teensoyo.org/special-olympics>
For online donations: <https://teensoyo.org/product/donate/>

While I know there have been many 2nd tray collections this past month, SOYO very much needs your help and support in making this year's collection successful, as we need to raise nearly \$80,000 for this summer's SOYO Special Olympic's Ministry.

TEEN MONTH

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| Epistle: | Chantal Oujaimi |
| Usher/Collector: | Gaby Sabbouh |
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