

St. George Antiochian  
Orthodox Church  
Lowell, Massachusetts



**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
& SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
GREAT-MARTYR PROCOPIUS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE**

*July 8, 2018*

**ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
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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.**

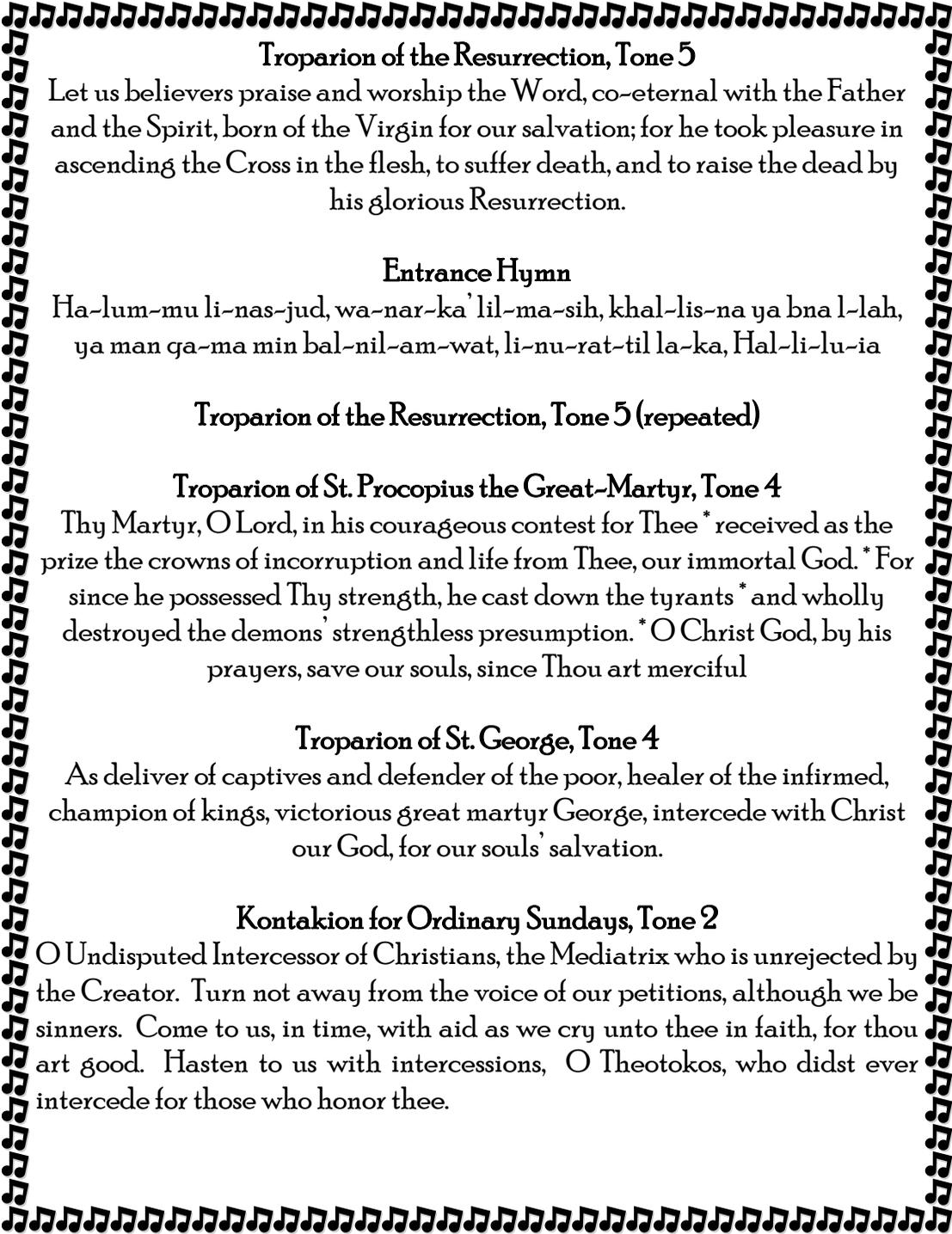
**Important Notice:** The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

### 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 5 (repeated)

### Troparion of St. Procopius the Great-Martyr, Tone 4

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee \* received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. \* For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants \* and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. \* O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful

### 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

*Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.*

*Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)**

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)**

Let Us Attend. At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.





## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the health and safety of the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families and in memory of the Servants of God, Arthur and Mildred Skaff, requested by the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families. May Arthur and Mildred's memories be eternal and may God bless the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families with peace, good health and happiness!

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## MEMORIALS - Today, July 8th

A Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of the Servants of God, Arthur and Mildred Skaff, requested by the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families. May Arthur and Mildred's memory be eternal!

## NEXT SUNDAY—July 15th

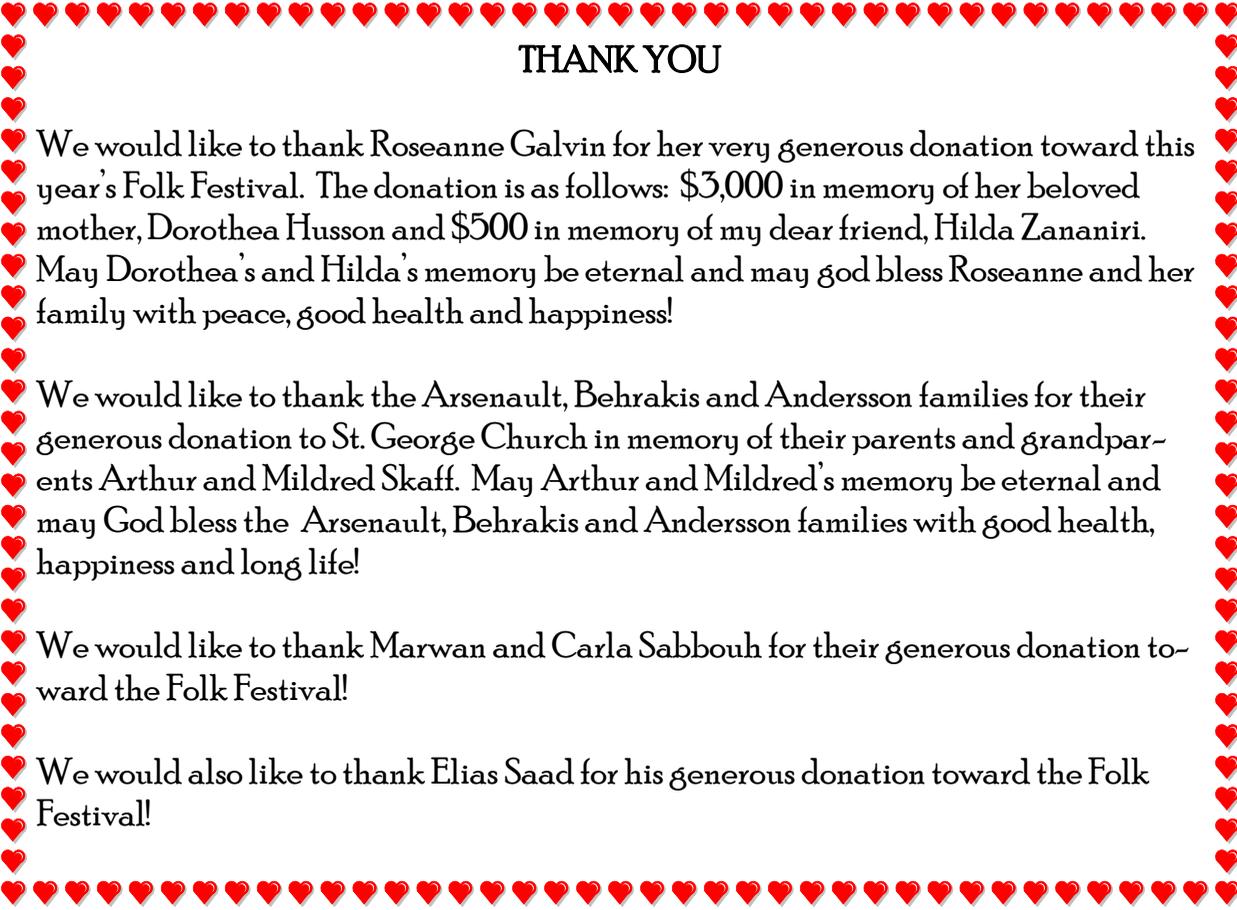
A 40 Day Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the souls of the Handmaids of God, Nahil and Hilda Zananiri, requested by their family. May Nahil and Hilda's memory be eternal!

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## COFFEE HOUR

Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored for the health and safety of the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families and in memory of the Servants of God, Arthur and Mildred Skaff, requested by the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families. May Arthur and Mildred's memories be eternal and may God bless the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families with peace, good health and happiness!



## THANK YOU

We would like to thank Roseanne Galvin for her very generous donation toward this year's Folk Festival. The donation is as follows: \$3,000 in memory of her beloved mother, Dorothea Husson and \$500 in memory of my dear friend, Hilda Zananiri. May Dorothea's and Hilda's memory be eternal and may god bless Roseanne and her family with peace, good health and happiness!

We would like to thank the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families for their generous donation to St. George Church in memory of their parents and grandparents Arthur and Mildred Skaff. May Arthur and Mildred's memory be eternal and may God bless the Arsenault, Behrakis and Andersson families with good health, happiness and long life!

We would like to thank Marwan and Carla Sabbouh for their generous donation toward the Folk Festival!

We would also like to thank Elias Saad for his generous donation toward the Folk Festival!

## COMING SOON

### Let's Party

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! FUN EVENING, MUSIC, RAFFLE  
IN HONOR OF HILDA ZANANIRI**

This year we will be celebrating our 35th annual Cocktail Raffle fundraiser on September 21st at the Andover Country Club. Please help us make this a joyous and successful.

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