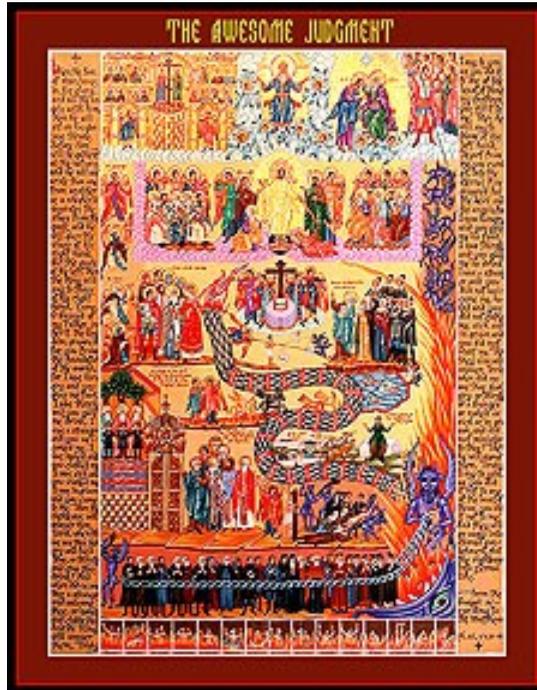


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*Lowell, Massachusetts*



*Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment*

*March 7, 2021*

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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.**

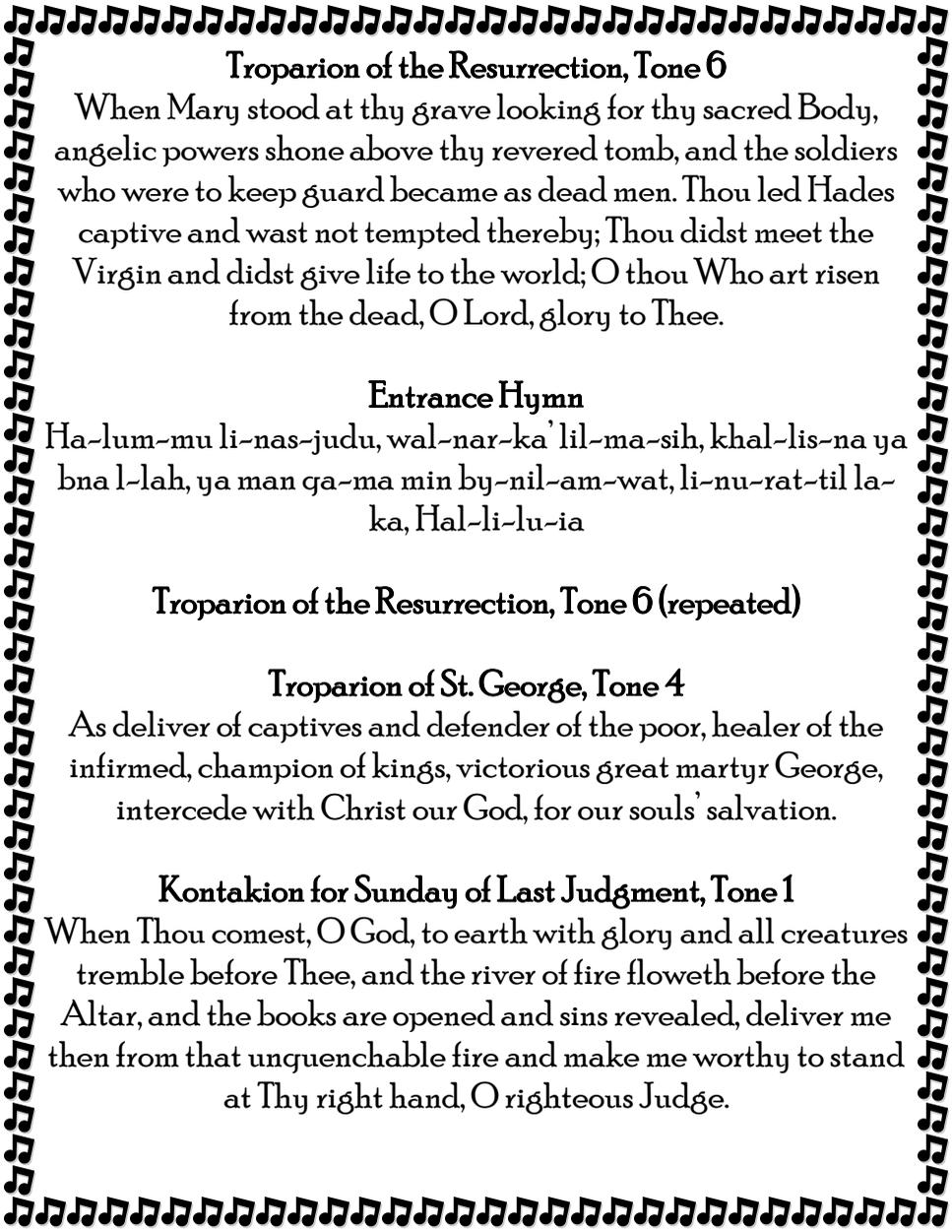
**Important Notice:** The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday 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](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 6**

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world; O thou Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Entrance Hymn**

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

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6 (repeated)**

**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 Sunday of Last Judgment, Tone 1**

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

## THE EPISTLE

**The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!**

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)**

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any one sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)**

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*Prayers are being offered for the  
Health and Safety of:*

Nora Abdelahad  
Connie Abodeely  
Virginia Andersson  
Lorice Ansara  
William Ansara  
Nel Arsenault  
Siham Bahou  
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Hanna Bahou who passed  
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Nahil Zananiri

## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the health and safety of Marwan, Carla, Gaby and Peter Sabbouh requested by Marwan Sabbouh. May God bless Marwan, Carla, Gaby and Peter with peace, good health and happiness!

## UPCOMING EVENT

Tue 3/9 6:30 Zoom meeting of the Parish Council.  
All members should be present.



## REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A MASK WHEN  
ENTERING THE CHURCH AND  
WEARING IT THROUGHOUT THE  
LITURGY.**

## LENTEN SERVICES THROUGH EASTER

Wed	3/17	7:00 pm	PreSanctified Liturgy
Fri	3/19	7:00 pm	1st Madayeh Service
Wed	3/24	7:00 pm	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vesperal Liturgy
Fri	3/26	7:00 pm	2nd Madayeh Service
Mon	3/29	7:00 pm	Regional Compline Service
Fri	4/2	7:00 pm	3rd Madayeh Service
Wed	4/7	7:00 pm	Great Compline Service
Fri	4/9	7:00 pm	4th Madayeh Service
Wed	4/14	7:00 pm	Great Compline Service in Arabic
Fri	4/16	7:00 pm	5th Madayeh Service
Sat	4/24	9:00 am	Lazarus Saturday—Divine Liturgy
Sun	4/25	9:00 am	Palm Sunday—Feast of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem—Matins
		10:00 am	Palm Sunday—Feast of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem—Divine Liturgy
		7:00 pm	Palm Sunday Evening—Bridegroom Matins

## HOLY WEEK

Mon	4/26	7:00 pm	Holy Monday—Bridegroom Matins
Tue	4/27	7:00 pm	Holy Tuesday—Bridegroom Matins
Wed	4/28	7:00 pm	Holy Wednesday—Holy Unction Service
Thu	4/29	9:00 am	Holy Thursday—Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
		7:00 pm	The Serviced of the Twelve Passion Gospels
Fri	4/30	3:00 pm	Great & Holy Friday—Service of the Descent from the Cross
		7:00 pm	Lamentation Service
Sat	5/1	9:00 am	Great & Holy Saturday—Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil
Sat-	5/1-	10:00 pm	Hajme, Matins & Divine Liturgy of Pascha
Sun	5/2		



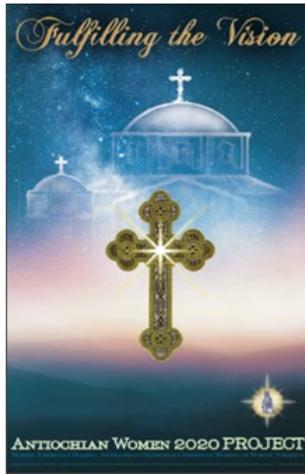
## 2021 ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN PROJECT

### *“Fulfilling the Vision”*

*“We must build on the past and build the present and the future”*

His Eminence Metropolitan Antiochian Women at their cese Convention as he prepared JECT.

Since giving the charge new cathedral at the Antio-PROJECT, His Eminence has sion for the Antiochian Village by Metropolitan PHILIP of who laid the foundation for



JOSEPH gave this charge to the luncheon at the 2019 Archdio- to outline the 2021 NAB PRO-

to begin raising funds to build a chian Village in the 2019 NAB more fully developed his own vi- building on the foundation laid thrice blessed memory and others what we have there today.

The Cathedral is the first phase of the project. His Eminence has chosen the loca- tion and will have plans to unveil soon. The Cathedral will hold 1,000 people in worship and 1,000 people in the adjoining conference room. There will be enough space to hold large gatherings of the Faithful including Parish Life Conferences, Clergy Symposiums and other groups of the Faithful. As we enter the Cathedral, to the left we will see a crypt where our Hierarchs will repose including Metropolitan PHILIP, along with Metropolitan ANTHONY Bashir, and Archbishop MICHAEL Shaheen who will be moved to the new Cathedral. To the right of the entry we will see a large baptistry for infants and for adults. There will also be a very special place for the sacred body of St. RAPHAEL of Brooklyn, which will allow the Faithful to properly venerate our great Father-among-the-Saints.

The second phase will include building a residence for our bishops, so they will have a place to stay when they come to the Village for conferences, etc., and as a place to live after they retire from active diocesan oversight. Our bishops are men of prayer and ministry. Once they retire from their diocesan duties, they have a vocation of prayer and spiritual guidance. A regular hotel-room accommodation is not suited to their special role as our Fathers-in-the-Faith. Visiting hierarchs will also have quarters in this structure so their spiritual discipline will not be hindered as they journey to the Village for conferences and symposia.

The third phase is to bring a monastic presence to the Antiochian Village in a women's monastery. A monastic presence is necessary for the growth of the Church in North America. It is the way that we will grow the church; by the holy prayers of a monastic community. We need more bishops and priests to serve the Faithful and a monastic presence is necessary to achieve this growth.

We often refer to the Antiochian Village as being our "holy mountain." A mountain is high and visible to all who look up to it. The expansion of the Antiochian Village, its cathedral with all the other facilities will announce the presence of the Orthodox in this community. It will be a beacon to draw us closer to our spiritual roots; a place of pilgrimage; and a witness to our holy Orthodox faith.

So, let's immediately start our fundraising for this inspirational building Project. Fulfilling the vision of Metropolitan PHILIP, Fr John Namie and others who have gone before us. Let us "build the present and the future."

On behalf of the entire North American Board of the Antiochian Women, I thank you in advance for your tireless labor for this worthy cause.

During the month the Ladies will read the Epistle, Collect and Usher for Communion.

### March 7th

Epistle-Arabic	Hala Abousekeh
Epistle-English	Denise Oujaimi
Collectors/Usher	Nicole Marvel / Rona Hassey



## 2021 Easter Flower Fund

You are invited to make a donation to help decorate the Church for Easter.

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All donations should be received no later than Sunday, **April 18, 2021**.

Please make checks payable to "St George Antiochian Church".

You can mail your form and donation to:

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## Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live. This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins.

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds". Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT, sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ. If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ.

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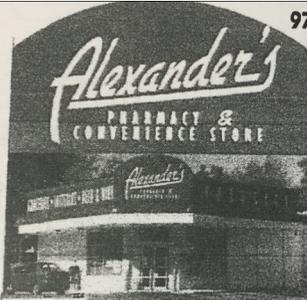
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