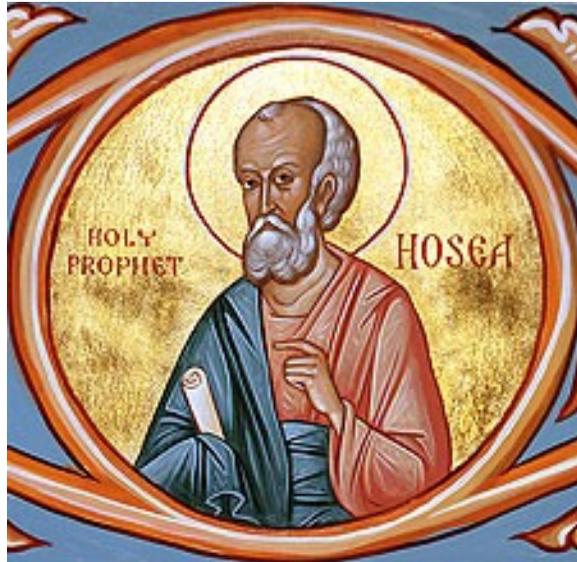


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Lowell, Massachusetts



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October 17, 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 you have left the Church.

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.

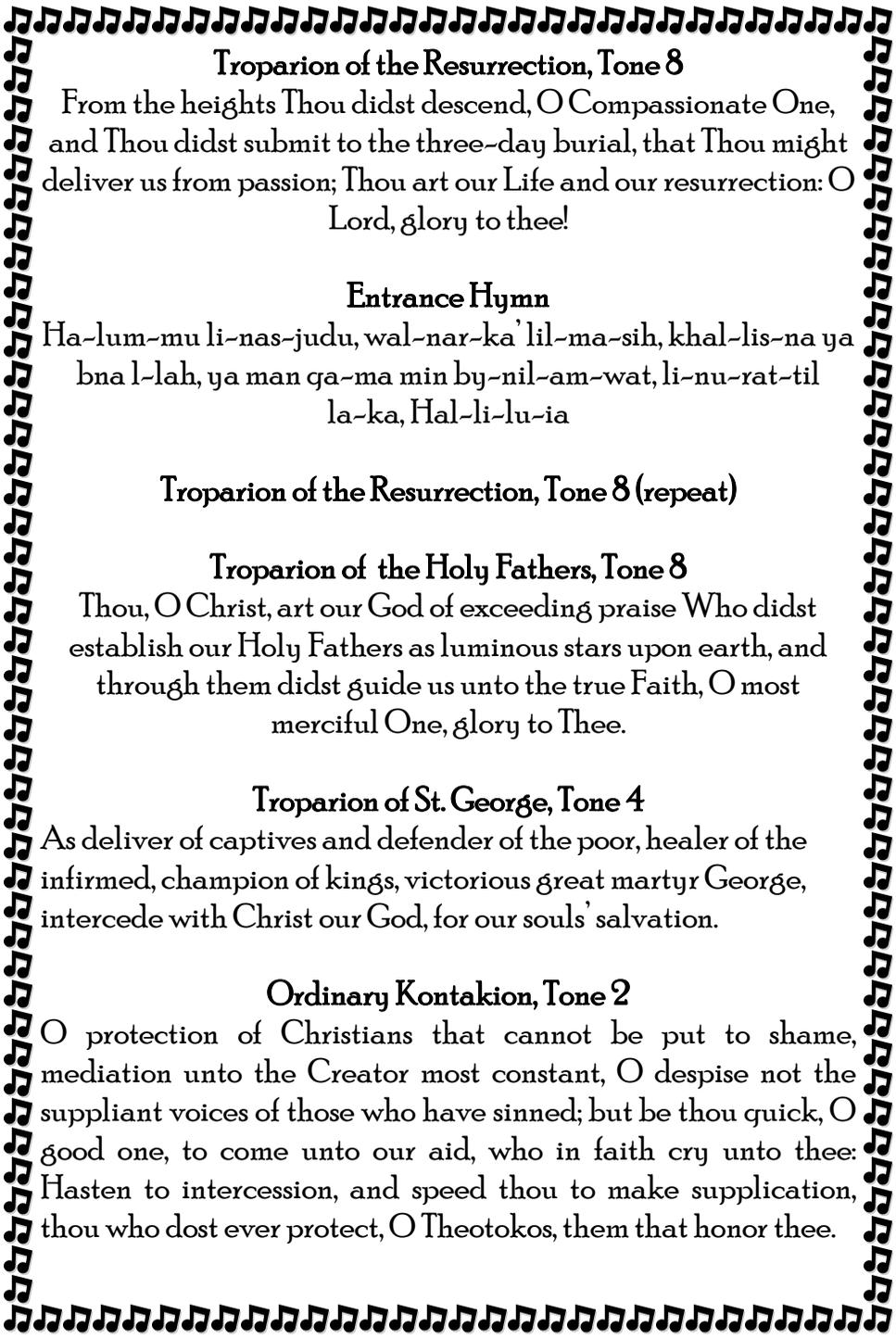
Thank you,

Father Leonard

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be

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 8

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One,
and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might
deliver us from passion; Thou art our Life and our resurrection: 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 8 (repeat)

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
infirm, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George,
intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

Ordinary Kontakion, 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.

THE EPISTLE

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

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

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

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute 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)

Let Us Attend. 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."

*Prayers are being offered for the
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Connie Abodeely
Virginia Andersson
Lorice Ansara
Yvette Ansara
Nel Arsenault
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ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Nuha Shaheen Louh, requested by her children and their families. May Nuha's memory be eternal!

Today's Altar Bread is being offered the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Yousef El-Hin, the father of Rosette Louh, requested by his daughter Rosette and her husband Fadi Louh and Family. May Yousef's memory be eternal!



MEMORIAL

TODAY - October 17th

A 6 Month Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Handmaid of God, Nuha Shaheen Louh, requested by her children and their families. May Nuha's memory be eternal!

A 6 Year Memorial Service will be offered for the repose of the soul of the Servant of God, Yousef El-Hin, the father of Rosette Louh, requested by his daughter Rosette and her husband Fadi Louh and Family. May Yousef's memory be eternal!

COMING UP

Sun 10/17 9:30 am

We welcome back our Sunday School children for another year of learning about their faith. Classes will be held every other Sunday from 9:30 am until 10:15 am. If you haven't already enrolled your children please do so today.

Remember it is the duty of every parent to teach their children about the Faith and to bring them to Church faithfully. If you have any questions, please speak with Marwan Sabbouh, the Sunday School Superintendent.

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