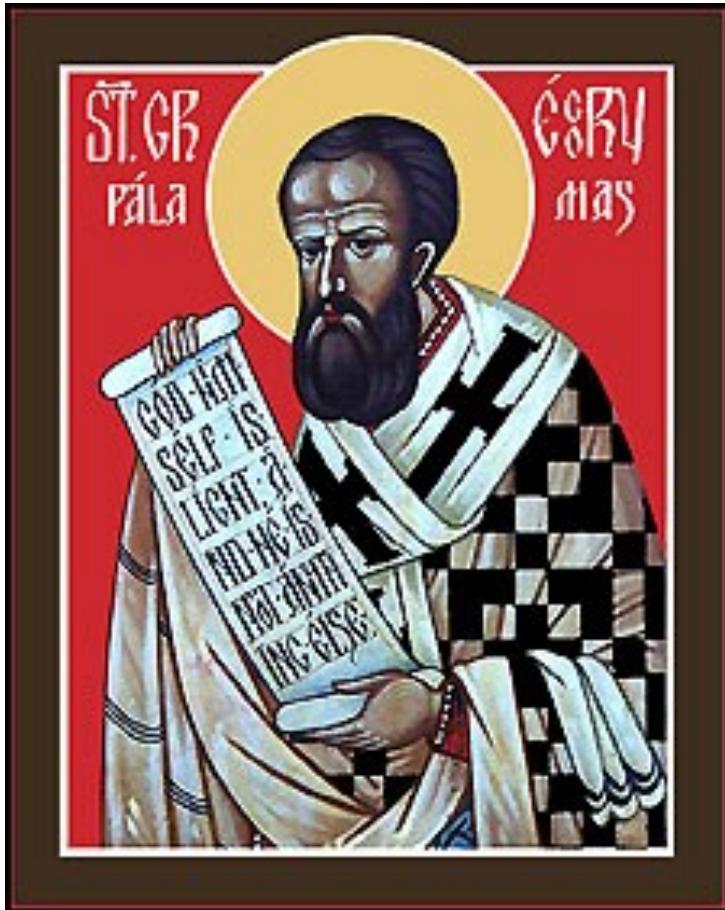


St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Lowell, Massachusetts



2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
COMMEMORATION OF GREGORY PALAMAS,
ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA

MARCH 12, 2023

ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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 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 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, malikana wa eelaheena, 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 for St. Gregory Palamas, Tone 8

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of 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 Sundays in Great Lent, Tone 8

To Thee the Champion, Leader, do I offer thanks of victory. O Theotokos, thou who has delivered me from terror; but as thou that has the power invincible. O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me. That I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for Patrick and Lindsay Kett by the Noonan, Steele and Kett Families. May God bless them all with peace, good health and happiness.

THE EPISTLE

Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and shalt preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man is no more!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

Thou, “O Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of Thy hands; they will perish; but Thou remainest; and they will all grow old like a garment, and like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and Thy years will not fail.” But to which of the angels did He say at any time, “Sit on My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet?” Are they not all spirits for liturgical ministry, sent forth to minister for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest at any time we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels was confirmed, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation, which having at first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard?

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk?’ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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

Nora Abdelahad
ANSARA: Lorice, Yvette
Nel Arsenault
BETOR: Ed, Paul & Kerrie
BORAGINE: David & Cindy, Ida
Sharon DeForest
Daniella Forsley De LaFuente
Charbel El-Hashem
George Ellis
Athanasia Grivas
Duayne Habib
Diane, David, Matthew and Alyssa Holden
Victoria Ishac
Fr. Stephen and Family
MANSOUR: Joseph, Ray
Lynn, Thomas Marcotte & Family
Clemence Maria
Karine Nabbout & Family
Gwen Noonan
Helen Poulos
Michael Saati
Bassam Taleb
Amad Tayebi
Jack Trottier
Dr. Vartan & Lisa Yeghiazarians & Family
Genia Yeghiazarians
Khouryee Jane Zbeeb

Prayers are being offered in Memory of:

Charles Abdelahad
ABODEELY: Connie, George, Miriam
Najib Abi Aad
Hayel Altali
ANSARA: Andrew, Elias John, Maurice, Michael
Arthur Anton, requested by Daniel Lynch and Socrates Anton
Phyllis Arsenault
ASSALY: Gladys, Linda Yaacoub Awad
BAHOU: Juliette, Laurice, Siham Widad Batten
James "Jimmy" Beaudry
Lillian Betor
BORAGINE: Dorothy, Sal Cleopatra Bouras
ELIAS: Ella Jean
ELLIS: Frances, Frank
FARIS: George & Elsie, Mary T., Mary V.
Pamela Jo Forsley
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Elias Grivas
George P. Habib
Emile & Teffaha Haddad
Philip & Rosalind Hajjar
Elias Hanna
Mark Holden
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Joe & Terry Husson Kadir
Salim Khabazeh
LAKKIS: Gerges, Michel
 **Amanda, Nuha Shahin
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J. B. Taleb
Elaine Vieira
Leon Yeghiazarians
Mary Ann & Charles Zaharias
ZANANIRI: Hilda, Nahil Fr. Andrew Zbeeb**

REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.

MEMORIAL - Sunday, March 12th

A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the Handmaid of God Admarose Shaheen Bennett, requested by her cousin Fr. Leonard. May Admarose's memory be eternal and may God bless the Shaheen and Bennett families with peace, good health and happiness.

A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the Servant of God Najib Abi Aad, requested by his daughter and son-in-law Tylda and William Bahou and Family. May Najib's memory be eternal and may God bless the Abi Aad and Bahou families with peace, good health and happiness..

COFFEE HOUR

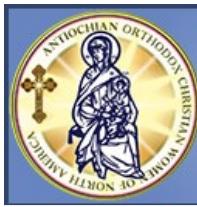
Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Tylda and William Bahou and Family in loving memory of their father and grandfather Najib Abi Aad. May his memory be eternal and may God bless the Abi Aad and Bahou families with peace, good health and happiness..

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Flowers adorning the Icon of the Blessed Virgin for the 3rd Madayeh Service are donated by Sean & Nicole Marvel for the health and safety of our families and baby. May God bless Sean & Nicole with peace, good health and happiness.

Great Lent began on Monday, February 27. We will again have Services on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The following is a list needed for Holy Week and the cost of each:
Bouquet of flowers for Cross - \$125.00
Red eggs - \$150.00

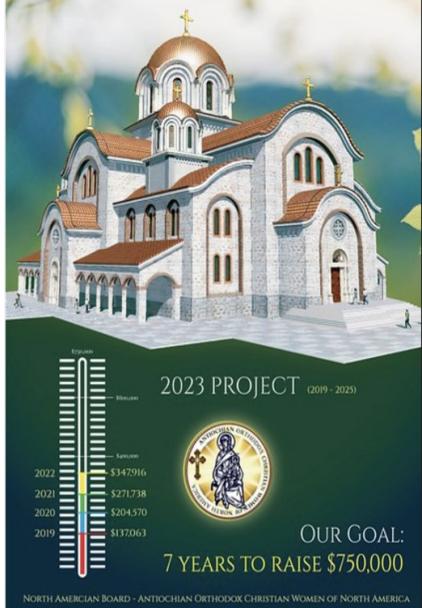


March is Antiochian Women Month

THE 2023 ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN PROJECT

BUILDING A CATHEDRAL

Fulfilling the Vision



The Antiochian Women have taken on the responsibility of raising \$750,000 by 2025 to help launch the Building an Archdiocese Cathedral project. They have already raised \$347,916 toward this goal. It is hoped that this project will bless the women of our local communities because the women have always been the visionary leaders of our parishes and Church. It is also hoped that the local efforts of the women will inspire individuals and organizations of the parishes to invest in the future of our beloved Church in North America. Please support your local Antiochian Women's Project and invest in the future of our God-protected Archdiocese.

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

March 12th

Epistle-Arabic	Nathalie Mitri
Epistle-English	Martha Stewart
Trays/Ushers	Rona Hassey Martha Stewart

LENTEN SERVICES

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|-----|------|---------|--|
| Wed | 3/15 | 7:00 pm | Presanctified Liturgy with guest speaker
Fr. Khachatur from St. Vartanantz Church |
| Fri | 3/17 | 6:00 pm | 3rd Madayeh Dinner ~ Teen Soyo |
| | | 7:00 pm | 3rd Madayeh Service |

COFFEE HOURS

For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.

ST. GEORGE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The financial requirements to be a voting member of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Lowell.

Note: You must also meet Spiritual requirements

Weddings and Baptism - Anyone wanting to get married or get Baptized will need to be in good standing for at least 1 year.

Use of Church hall by Parishioners in good standing as defined above \$100.00

Use of Church hall by non-Parishioners \$300.00 upon approval of the board

Use of Church hall by outside group \$300.00 upon approval of the board

These are necessary for St. George to be able to survive

Any questions, please see a member of the Parish Council



AFTER LITURGY
MARCH 19TH
CAN'T STAY? ORDER TO GO



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TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40"

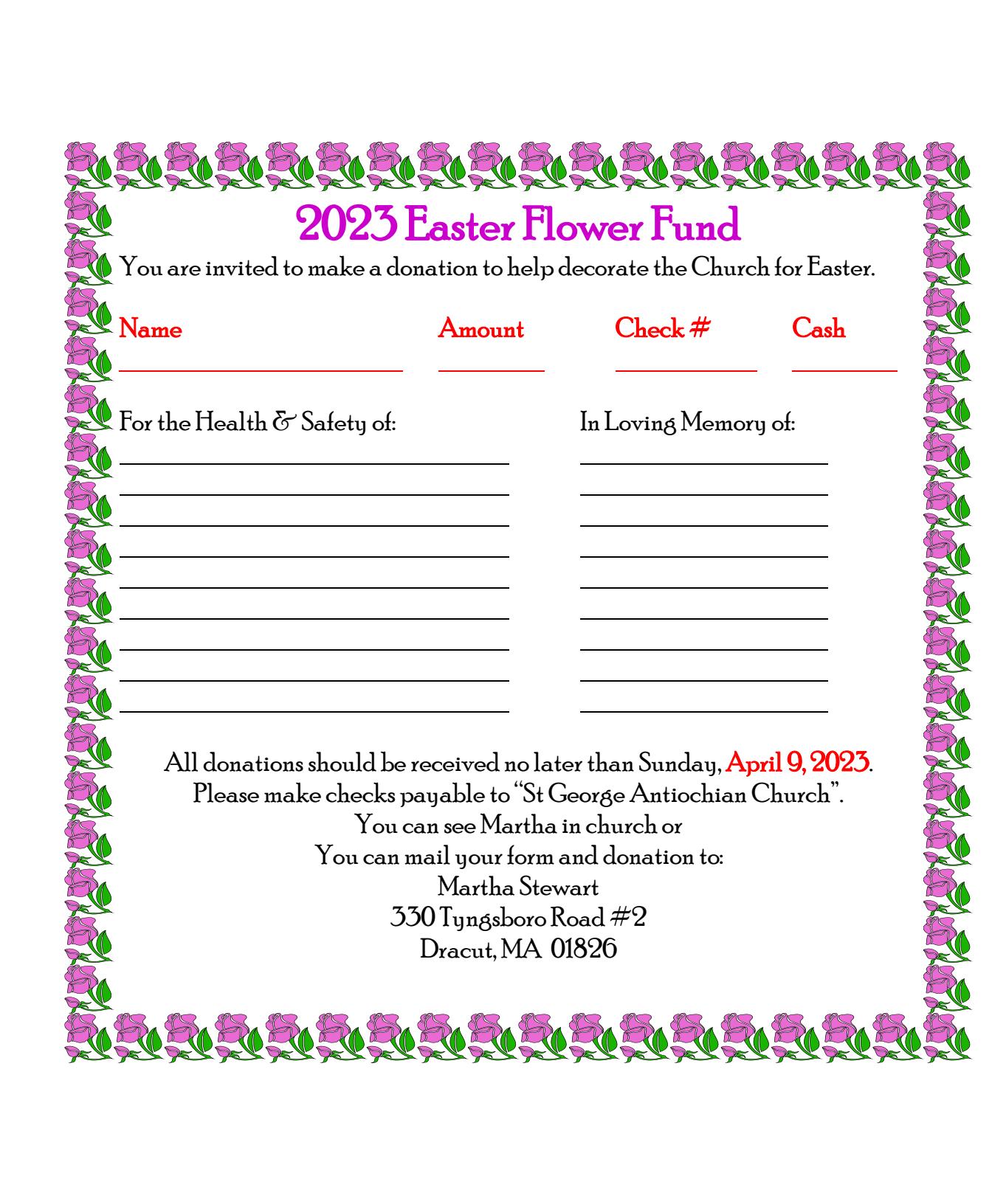
FUNDRAISER
to support the Syrians affected by the earthquake

MARCH 19TH

You can make a difference with your prayers and generosity

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Checks can be made payable to St. George Ladies



2023 Easter Flower Fund

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

Name

Amount

Check #

Cash

For the Health & Safety of:

In Loving Memory of:

All donations should be received no later than Sunday, **April 9, 2023**.

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

You can see Martha in church or

You can mail your form and donation to:

Martha Stewart

330 Tyngsboro Road #2

Dracut, MA 01826

SHOP IN HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's grocery store.

As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,

And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere.
Everything a Christian needed was in that grocery store.

All you couldn't carry,

You could come back the next day for more.

First, I got some PATIENCE. LOVE was in the same row.

Further down was UNDERSTANDING.

You need that everywhere you go.

I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST

For He was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE

To help me run the race.

By then my basket was getting full,

But I remembered I needed some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION, for salvation - that was free.

So I tried to get enough of that to save you and me.

Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,

For I thought I had everything to my my Master's will.

As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAAYER and just had to put that in.

For I knew wen I stepped outside

I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.

SONG and PRAISES were hanging near

So I just helped myself.

Then, I said, "now how much do I owe?"

He just smiled and said,

MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG TIME AGO!!

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