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St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral



His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of
New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace, Bishop JOHN, Auxiliary Bishop of the
Diocese of Worcester and New England

Rev. Fr. Milad Selim, Dean

Rev. Fr. Seraphim Solof, Assistant Pastor

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We are happy to welcome visitors to the Orthodox Church. We are blessed by your presence. Because the Orthodox Church understands communion to be the union of its membership, only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared properly should approach the chalice for communion. Those who belong to other “communities”, but would like to come into the Orthodox Church, should speak to one of our clergy to begin preparation. Thank you for your respect and understanding.

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Sunday May 20, 2018

St. George:

Captain: Elias Houssan

Thomas Bitar, Nicholas Hurter, Charles Rizk, Ethan Haddad, Andrew Houssan, Anthony El Nemr, Douglas Rawan, Oliver Aster.

Please dress appropriately including dress shoes and tie.

The Reading from the Epistle from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles.
(20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

Announcements

House Blessings: Fr. Milad is blessing homes and business. It is encouraged that you have as many family members present for the blessing of your home and be sure to have a candle, an icon, a small bowl of water, a Bible and a list of living and departed family members. If you would like to have your home or business blessed, please contact Fr. Milad or the Cathedral Office (508) 752 9150.

Women's Club: Bake Sale after Liturgy! Stop by and pick up some treats for you and your family! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 5, then we will take a break until September.

Men's Club: Our next meeting will be Thursday May 31, 2018 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm cookout day. Young adult and youth always welcome. \$15.00 dinner. Thank you.

Central MA Housing Alliance's Walk for Homelessness: We will be participating in the Central Ma Housing Alliance's Walk for Homelessness this Sunday starting at 2PM. We encourage everyone of all ages to come hear about the event and sign up to walk together to support the end to homelessness. The event is free to participate in.

Director of Advancement & Community Relations for Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, a non-profit community owned and operated healthcare facility, is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Advancement and Community Relations to support its mission to provide the highest quality skilled nursing and rehabilitation services to residents in Central Massachusetts. In keeping with the values and beliefs of its founders, the twelve Eastern Orthodox Christian parishes from the greater Worcester area, the Director of Advancement and Community Relations for Holy Trinity will serve as part of the senior management team, in a mission driven environment committed to serving our clients and their families, with the highest professional standard of care, compassion and respect. A letter of interest and resume may be sent to Director of Human Resources, Holy Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 300 Barber Avenue, Worcester, MA 01606 or via email to Jerry Shaffer jshaffer@htnr.net.



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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

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.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

Mother's Day Dinner Thank You: Words cannot express the warmth, love, and appreciation that I felt this past Sunday when I was honored by the parish at the Mother's Day Luncheon. The words of Fr Milad, Robert Wehbe, and Gayle Mackoul were heartwarming and humbling as well. It was an honor to serve the St. George Church School for so many years, and truly gratifying to see the fruits of my labor. Robert, you are on a path blessed by God and have an invaluable mentor in Fr. Milad. Many thanks to all who coordinated this luncheon and all those who cooked in the kitchen. I would be remiss if I did not thank Steve Husson for his love, support, and availability to me. He was always there when I needed him, Thank you Steve! And I cannot even begin to show my appreciation of the beautiful Icon of the Theotokos that was given to me by the parish. I was so overwhelmed by it's beauty, that it took my breath away. The Icon will hang in our new home and serve as a reminder of the love from the people of St. George Orthodox Cathedral, Worcester. And I can tell you right now there will never be Church Bread as good as the bread at St. George! With love and humility, I remain, in Christ, Mary Ann Kourey.

Risen from the Dead - By Fr. Milad Selim

Christ is Risen, Indeed He is Risen! This confession made by Christians around the world is meant to remind us of our hope in our own resurrection, through the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Children shout these words with joy, Deacons walk the aisles of churches with lit candles and censers announcing His Resurrection, Bishops and Priests lift up their candles and sing, "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life". This Feast of Feasts is the joy of all the world as God reconciled all of us to Himself. He died so that we may live. He died so that we no longer head toward nothingness. He died so that our earthly suffering and death can be temporary. He died so that the chains of death no longer have dominion over us. "For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him" (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

In the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, we hear in the Anaphora, or the offering, "[Christ] gave Himself a ransom to death, whereby we were held, sold into bondage under sin. And having descended into Hell through the Cross, that He might fill all things with Himself, He loosed the pains of death, and rose again from the dead on the third day, making a way for all flesh through the Resurrection from the dead." God's only Begotten Son voluntarily was Incarnate of a Holy Virgin, suffered and died on the Cross, becoming a ransom for all those in Hades. His selfless act of love freed us from the corruption of death, granting us life eternal in the presence of all those who believe.

In one of the hymns sung on the last Friday of Great Lent in the Canon of Lazarus, we hear a one-way conversation between Hell and Lazarus. Having recognized the supreme power of Jesus, Hell begged Lazarus to depart from hades saying, "I implore thee, Lazarus, rise up, depart quickly from my bonds and be gone. It is better for me to lament bitterly for the loss of one, rather than of all those whom I swallowed in my hunger." Hell was overwhelmed with the power of Christ who was able to raise a man after being dead in the tomb for four days. Hell had joyously swallowed him up, not knowing that the author of life had come with mighty power to destroy Hell. As a result, the raising of Lazarus confirmed for us the general resurrection and established our faith and hope in the presence of Christ in our own lives.

Therefore, my beloved in the Risen Lord, let us rejoice and be glad for death has no more dominion over us. God has turned it against corruption and its cause, sin, and has set a boundary both to corruption and sin. We can joyfully declare, "O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen? Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb! For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the first-fruits of them that have slept. To Him be glory and might unto the ages of ages. Amen"

(Paschal Sermon of St. John Chrysostom).

TRISAGION PRAYERS AND HOLY KURBAN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Albert A. Gammal Jr., (40 Days) loving husband, father, and grandfather, you will always be in our hearts from Margaret Gammal and family

PRAYERS OF OBLATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Dr. John Chioles with love from Sophia and Ernest Hayeck
- Anthony Moosa, God rest his soul, from Patricia B. Milhem
- Violet Salem, God rest her soul, from Patricia B. Milhem
- Albert Gammal from Michael, Ellen & Alex Samra
- Albert Gammal from Sheryl Bourisk & Paul Minda

PRAYERS OF OBLATION FOR THE HEALTH OF:

- Victor & Mary Ann Kourey from Michael, Ellen & Alex Samra

Coffee Hour: Sponsored by Margaret Gammal and family in loving memory of Albert A. Gammal Jr.

Thank You: The Women's Club gratefully acknowledges the following names of the people, for their generous sponsorship donations towards our May 5th Concert, which made it a successful memorable evening. Go Bless you all: Joseph & Lillian Eid, David & Kitty Dowd, John & Susan Haffty, Najib & Elaine Saliba, Sheryl Bourisk & Paul Minda, Kevin Mercadante, Bruce & Elaine Bartolini, MaryAnn Dowd, Samer Aleid DMD, PC, Rod Haddad, Nicholas & Ligia Masterjohn, Richard Aramony, Casey Family, Beverly DeMarco, John & Heidi Dowd, Richard & Sharon Dowd, Shirley Dowd, Leslie Dowd, Nassir Joe Sabrah, Bay State Savings Bank, Paul & Tracey Dowd, McDonough Family, and Joe & Gail Mackoul.

Food for Hungry People: Please return your donation boxes to the Narthex or give them to your child's teacher during Church School on Sunday.

Vesperal Divine Liturgy: There will be a Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension on Wednesday, May 16th at 6 PM.



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

For forty days of the Great Fast, we journeyed with Christ along the solemn road that led up the Mount of Golgotha to the Cross. There we experienced the agony of the Lord's suffering and death, followed soon by the ecstasy of His glorious resurrection. Then came forty days of exultation as we rejoiced in the victory of Christ over mankind's great enemies – Sin and Death. Now has come the time of the Lord's triumphant return to the Father, His solemn Ascension. His work on earth was done, so He prepared to go to His eternal home.



The time was at hand for Jesus to bid farewell to His beloved friends. How graphically the Gospel depicts His leaving: Christ led the Apostles to a mount towards Bethany; this was as far as they could go. The Lord spoke to them for the last time – “. . . *wait here in the city until you are clothed with power from on high . . . You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witness . . . to the end of the earth . . . Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*”

Then, as Christ blessed them, He was parted from the group, a cloud enveloped Him as He rose, and Angels came to minister to the Apostles. They, in turn, returned to Jerusalem “*with great joy,*” remembering the Lord's promise to abide with them and to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Women's Club Concert 6 PM Vespers 5pm
6 Church School 9am Orthros 9am Liturgy 10am	7	8	9	10	11	12 Vespers 5pm
13 Mother's Day Dinner Church School 9am Orthros 9am Liturgy 10am	14 Parish Council Meeting	15 Women's Club Meeting at Southgate	16 Vesperal Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM	17 Feast of the Ascension	18	19 Becoming Truly Human Workshop Vespers 5pm
20 Church School 9am Orthros 9am Liturgy 10am Church School Graduation & BBQ	21	22	23	24	25	26 Vespers 5pm
27 Pentecost Memorial Sunday Orthros 9am Liturgy 10am	28 Blessing of the Graves 9:30 am Paxton 10:45 am Brotherhood 12:00 pm Altar at Hope	29	30	31	1	2 Vespers 5pm

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**An Orthodox Christian Ministry
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➤ **Community Out-Reach** ◀

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**Small Group Ministry Leaders Training Workshop
Coming to St. George Cathedral
Saturday, May 19, 9am-12 noon**

Pew Research Center 

“The share of Americans who do not identify with a religious group is surely growing: While nationwide surveys in the 1970s and ’80s found that fewer than one-in-ten U.S. adults said they had no religious affiliation, fully 23% now describe themselves as atheists, agnostics or ‘nothing in particular.’”

-Pew Research Center

**The Small Group Leaders
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During the 3 hour workshop those in attendance will learn how to arrange a very warm and welcoming environment, how to ask great questions which will foster open and honest discussions about important life issues, and how to anticipate and deal with possible pitfalls in many small group discussions. Attention will be given to where to hold the small groups, how to invite others to attend, how often to host the groups, and what time of year is best, and who should come (and who shouldn’t!). Then with the helpful guidance and ongoing support of our staff the small group leaders will be introduced to the online and telephone support and monthly conference calls.

Note: \$25 donation per attendee is requested payable to “Truly Human, LLC” for materials.

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“More importantly for the film’s original purpose, it is the material presented in the Becoming Truly Human ministry and a wonderful genesis for the discussion which allows us to get to know people outside our parish. This ministry prepares all of us, both clergy and laity, to be a light to the people around us, wherever that happens to be across this vast continent.”

Metropolitan Joseph

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