

THE PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we celebrate PENTECOST, it is our pious custom to sing the prayer to the Holy Spirit. The words of the hymn are: "O Heavenly King and Comforter, Spirit of truth, Who art in all places and fillest all things, the treasure of blessings and giver of life, come and dwell in us. Cleanse us from all impurity, and save, O Blessed One, our souls."



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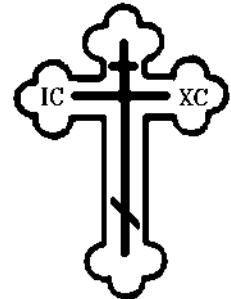
His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of
New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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

Rev. Dn. Anthony Payne



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 "communions", 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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The Hall at St. George: 508-752-9150

TONE:

EOTHINON:

VESPERS: 5 PM

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9 AM

MATINS: 9 AM

CONFESION: 9:15-9:45 AM

DIVINE LITURGY: 10 AM

Sunday May 27, 2018

St. Matthew:

Captain: Justin Wehbe

Matthew Bechara, Justin Whelan, George Ouwejian, Sean-Patrick Houssan, Zachary Aster, Joseph Houssan, Lucas Gammal, James Sassine.

Please dress appropriately including dress shoes and tie.

The Reading from the Epistle from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (7:37-52; 8:12)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

APOLYTIKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O Lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

When the High One descended, confusing tongues, He divided the nations. And when He distributed the fiery tongues He called all to one unity. Wherefore, in unison we glorify the most Holy Spirit.

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: Our Women's Club meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in Fr. Ghannam Hall at 6:00 PM, with a potluck dinner. This is our last meeting and we will resume in September 2018.

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.

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.

Book Launch Meet & Greet: Holy Trinity is hosting a Book Launch Meet & Greet by their own employee, activities assistant Diane Johnston Ashmore. Ms. Ashmore, a "1st time author", will hold her book signing for "Inspirational Gifts from the Heart" at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM. All are welcome!



Come on in and shop at the St. Nicholas Gift Shop

Great Gifts for all occasions, Baptism, Birthday, Name Day, Graduation, Engagement and much more at great prices!!! Please stop by and see us. Credit/Debit cards accepted. Gift Certificates available.

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 its 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.

Feed My Starving Children: Be sure to mark your calendar for August 4th, for our 4th Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack Event! Registration will open six weeks prior. Our goal is to raise \$22,000, register 500 volunteers and pack 100,000 meals. To donate and register, please visit our website stgeorgeworcester.org

Comedy Fundraiser: New England's Best Comedians will be at our Cathedral on June 22nd. This comedy show will benefit our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event! Doors will open at 7:00 PM, the show starts at 8:00 PM! For tickets (\$25), to donate, or sponsor, please visit funny4funds.com/events. The show will be PG-13 but only those 18+ will be able to attend. For more information, please contact Rosanne Dillon: 978-500-3305 or our Cathedral Office.

FMSC 4TH ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE: Our Calendar Raffle will take place the entire month of July. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20! Winners will have the opportunity to win again as their names are re-entered. To purchase your tickets, please see a member of our team during coffee hour or contact the Cathedral Office at 508-752-9150.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

9:00 AM

ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY

His Grace Bishop JOHN and Diocese clergy start our day with Liturgy.

1:00 PM

KEYNOTE SESSION & KIDS ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Michelle Moujaes, Executive Director of Faithtree Resources, will present on the conference theme: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

3:30 PM

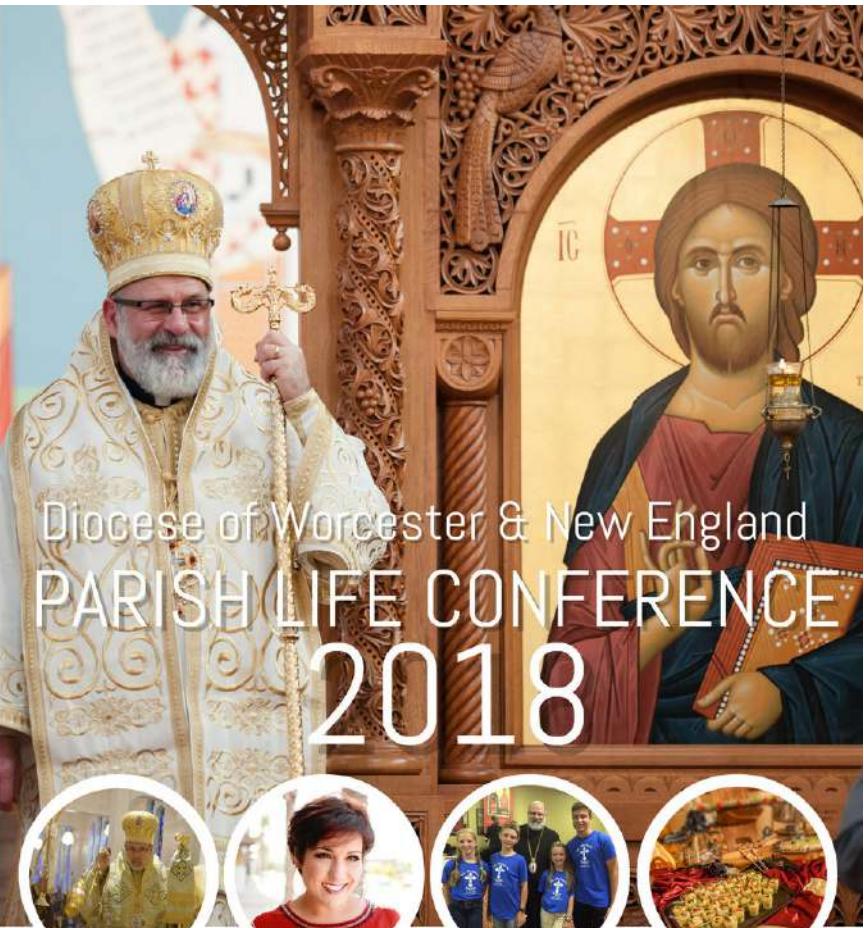
BIBLE BOWL

The topic this year is the Book of Acts, and there will be three age divisions: Pre-Teens (age 10-12), Teens (age 13-19), Adult (20+). All parishes are encouraged to send teams in each division!

7:00 PM

FAMILY DINNER & AWARDS

Fellowship, fun, and good food together. At the dinner, Diocese Awards, Scholarships, and Festival Winners will be presented.



DIVINE LITURGY
HIS GRACE
BISHOP JOHN
PRESIDING



KEYNOTE SESSION
MICHELLE MOUJAES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
FAITHTREE RESOURCES



BIBLE BOWL
WINNING TEAM WILL
REPRESENT OUR
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DIOCES FAMILY
DINNER
DINNER FOR ALL



Saturday, June 23, 2018

St. John of Damascus Church

All are invited to attend the 80th Annual Diocese of Worcester & New England Parish Life Conference. We will have activities for the whole family.

HOSTED BY THE DIOCESE MISSION COUNCIL
register online at

WWW.ANTIOCHIANEVENTS.COM/WORCESTER.HTML

TRISAGION PRAYERS AND HOLY KURBAN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Elias Ghannoum and Micahel Mikhael from Abdo and Ferial Mikhael
- Ellie Bachour from Saide Bachour & family
- Michael Ansara from Ann & Andrew Ansara & family

PRAYERS OF OBLATION IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- Al Gammal and Mike Abodeely from Ron Abdow
- Michael Ansara from Susan Ansara-Abeddy & family
- Michael Ansara from Lee Daher & family
- George Arraj from Susan Ansara & family

PRAYERS OF OBLATION FOR THE HEALTH OF:

- Mary Andrysick from Rita Somi
- Alexander and Allister Gardner, God bless both of you, on your 4th birthdays, and always from Auntie Patricia with love

Coffee Hour: Sponsored by The Syrian Brotherhood

**Blessing of the Graves on Monday May 28, 2017**

9:30 am Paxton

10:45 am Brotherhood Section

12:00 pm Altar at Hope

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.

Let us consider its meaning:

- O Heavenly King: We do not often think of the Holy Spirit as King, but He is the One who has come to reign over our hearts and souls. He has come to rule over our lives, to influence them, to inspire them, that we might live as our Lord has bid us.

- And Comforter: What a meaningful and beloved name this is! In all the difficulties of life . . . in our sorrows, mourning, pain and illness, the Holy Spirit comes to comfort and strengthen us.

- Spirit of truth: There is so much that is false in life, so much twisting of the truth on earth. So we turn to Him, Who is truth itself, in Whom there is not even the shadow of falsehood.

- Who are in all places and fillest all things: No matter where we go in life, no matter to what deep recesses we may descend or heights we may ascend, the Holy Spirit is already there.

- Treasure of blessings: He is the source of all that is good. People talk about certain places on earth as being "paradise." There is no paradise in any material place; the blessed life is in our soul.

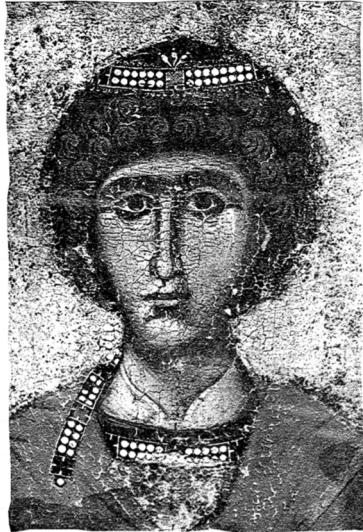
- Giver of life: All life comes from God, He is the source of life. He is in particular the source of spiritual life. At baptism, a new-born child is filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Come and dwell in us: St. Paul wrote, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that God's Spirit dwells in you? God's temple is holy, and that temple you are . . ." Jesus, too, spoke of this, saying "I will ask the Father and He will send you the Holy Spirit . . . you know Him for He dwells with you, and will be in you."

- Cleanse us from all impurity: Remember the time the Lord breathed on the apostles and said: "Receive ye the Holy Spirit . . . whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven . . . and whose sins you retain, they are retained . . ." So it is through the Holy Spirit that we are cleansed from all that defiles body and soul.

- And save, O Blessed One, our souls: Our Lord once asked, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?" We ought to be concerned with our salvation. It is the Holy Spirit that does this by inspiring us to have the strength to persevere until all things have come to pass.

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Memorial Sunday Liturgical Remembrances

St. George Orthodox Cathedral

Sunday, May 27, 2018

*Remembering in Perpetuity
the Benefactors of the St. George Endowment Fund*

*Christ is in our midst!
He was, He is, and ever shall be!*

Having just concluded the Paschal season, we remain joyously reminded of God's promise of eternal life. In that promise, we take great comfort when thinking of friends and family members, not only those who remain with us, but especially those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, now joined with Christ in His Kingdom, in a place of light and peace, where all sickness and sorrow has passed.

On Memorial Sunday, the Cathedral offers a special remembrance to the members of the Parish who have provided for the St. George Endowment Fund. In the case of those who are departed, these are the parishioners who made a bequest in their estate planning. The people we remember annually on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend understood that the Endowment Fund holds great potential for the future of St. George Cathedral. Every dollar given to the Fund remains intact in perpetuity. Only the interest generated by the Endowment is used to advance various important Parish and charitable goals.

It is therefore altogether fitting that we remember our benefactors in perpetuity. Every year, on this "Memorial Sunday," the Cathedral will offer special prayers for the health of, and in loving memory of those who made a bequest to the Cathedral's Endowment Fund. Please join us in commemorating them, and in praying for those who had the faith and good judgment to remember the Cathedral in their wills.

We remember them not only with our prayers for their health, for their eternal rest and joy in the kingdom of heaven, but also with our gratitude for their vision to help us carry on the work of the Cathedral in perpetuity through their generosity to the Endowment.

May God grant many years to the living and give eternal rest to the souls of the departed while giving comfort to their family and friends.

Prayers of Oblation for the Good Health of our Endowment Angels:

- Nora Abdelahad • Doris Abysalh • Michael and Leilah Dowd • Roger Haddad
- Anonymous • John Haffty Foundation - Fidelity Charitable Grant

Prayers of Oblation in Loving Memory of our Endowment Angels:

Charles Abdelahad	Alfred Gammal
George Abdo, Jr.	Margaret George
Salwa A. and George M. Abodeely, Sr.	Gladys Haddad
Elizabeth Margaret Abdow	Herbert Haddad
Amelia Abraham	Norma Haddad
Assad Abusamra	Edward and Marion Haddad
Joseph Abusamra	Theodore A. Haddad
Freda (Wood) Abysalh	John Haffty
James C. Abysalh, Sr.	Thomas and Rose Haffty
Michael A. Ansara	Florence and George Hayeck
Eli Aramony	Andraos El Houssan
Fred R. and Lillian Aramony	Elias Houssan
Antoinette Assad	Minerva M. Houssan
John Bayrouty	George Hyder
Louise E. Bayrouty	James Lupo
Richard Bayrouty	Raymond Mahassel
Nancy Blodgett	Minerva Maloof
Kalil and Nazira Boosahda	Michael Mikhael
Elias M. and Katherine Bourisk	Adelle and Edward Nabhan
John J. Bourisk, Jr.	Barbara Odabashian
Mary Chiavaras	Audrey Peters
Adele Dadah	Eleanor and Andrew Rawan
Hunain Dahdouh	T. Catherine Rizkalla
Gladys and Elias Dowd	James Salem
John Dowd, Sr.	Edna Salih
Simone Dowd	Russell K. Samara
Robert Eid	Rebecca Shwayri
Kenneth Ezen	Gloria and Herbert S. Swydan
Adele and Frank George	Margaret Therrien
	Anthony and Marnie Zollo

With the Saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

Memory Eternal

St. George Endowment Fund

JOIN THE ENDOWMENT ANGELS

Becoming an Endowment Angel is a simple, tangible way to fulfill your desire as a member or friend of St. George Cathedral to help secure our financial stability today - while expanding our possibilities and legacy for future generations. *It is easy, regardless of your current financial situation.*

Endowment Angels are people who have made a verifiable commitment to include the Endowment Fund in their estate plan or who have made a gift of at least \$5,000 in their lifetime. Families may also honor loved ones past with a posthumous gift in that person's name.

Endowment Angels will also receive special recognition on Memorial Sunday and in other ways under consideration, both while alive and after they pass.

HERE IS HOW TO BECOME AN ENDOWMENT ANGEL:

- * Include a simple phrase in your will or estate plan, naming the Endowment Fund. Your commitment will be verified by your attorney. This can be as simple as: "I hereby leave to the St. George Endowment Fund, 30 Anna Street, Worcester MA the sum of \$ _____, or _____ % of my estate."
- * Simply instruct your insurance agent to add the St. George Endowment Fund a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, in the amount of \$ _____.
- * Make a gift now to St. George Endowment Fund of at least \$5,000 in your name or the name of a loved one (this minimum level may be reached with several gifts added together over time).

Thank You and God Bless!

For more information on the St. George Orthodox Cathedral Endowment Fund, please fill out the following and return it to Fr. Milad Selim, any member of our Parish Council, or any member of our Endowment Committee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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TO REGISTER & FIND OUT MORE FMSC.ORG/MOBILEPACK	



ORTHODOX YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

Hosted by: Young Adult Ministry of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

AUGUST 16-19, 2018 ~ DENVER, CO

4 day, 3 night conference for Orthodox Christian Young Adults, by Orthodox Christian Young Adults. Speakers include Fr. Milad Selim, Katrina Bitar and Protodeacon Peter Danilchick. Evening events include: Thursday Night Mixer at the Viewhouse, Friday Night Dinner & DJ at the Trading Post Backyard at Red Rock Amphitheater and Saturday Night Dinner and Dancing at the Curtis Hotel.



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Monday October 1, 2018

Charles M. Dowd
Memorial Golf Tournament
Parish Dinner
after Golf

EVERYONE is welcomed!



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