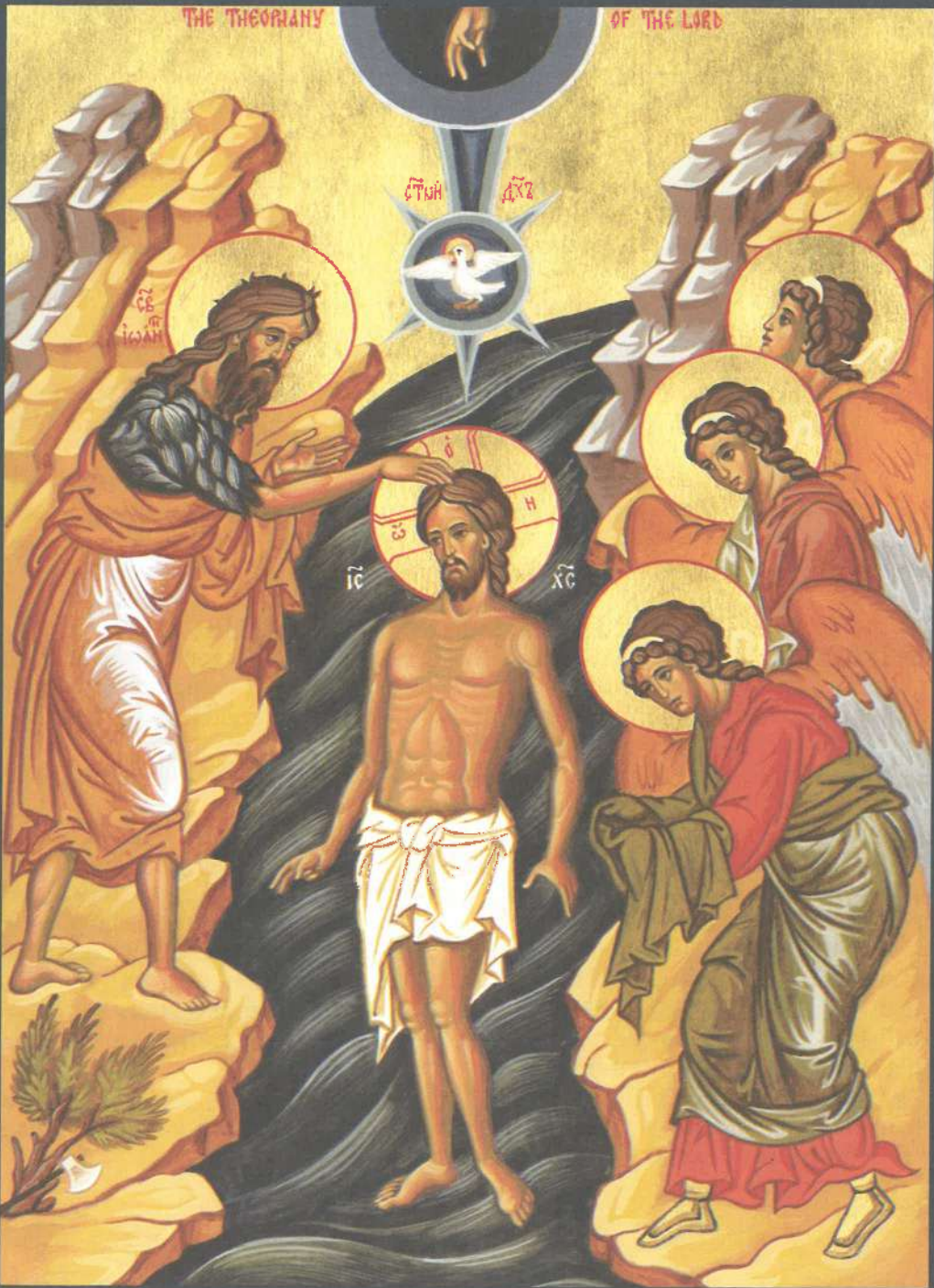


THE THEOPHANY

OF THE LORD





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Sunday, January 5, 2020
SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

Celebrants: V. Rev. Fr. Timothy J. Ferguson, Rev. Fr. Gregory Harrigle,
Subdeacon Douglas Howdy, Subdeacon James Irving, Subdeacon Angelo Niquila

While *only Orthodox Christians* may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to venerate the Cross and receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Special note: Except for those who are elderly and/or disabled, please remain standing during Holy Communion.

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VARIATION IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

- 1. RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION - Tone 4:** Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.
- 2. THE ENTRANCE HYMN:** O Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.
- 3. Repeat No. 1 above.**
- 4. APOLYTIKION FOR THE PARAMON (EVE) OF THEOPHANY - Tone 4:** - River Jordan was turned back by Elisseus' mantle once, when the fiery man of zeal Elias had been taken up; then were its waters divided hither and thither. The running streams became dry passage unto him, truly as a sign and type of Baptism, whereby we pass to the other side of the shifting stream of this fleeting life. Christ hath appeared in the Jordan River, to sanctify the waters.
- 5. APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE - Tone 4:** As deliverer 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 soul's salvation.
- 6. KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY - Tone 4:** In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize Me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

*Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)

My child Timothy, be watchful in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the season of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, and I have guarded the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will reward me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved His appearing.

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Arabic phonetics)

ABANA LLATHI FI SSAMAWAT / LI-YATAQADAS ISMUK / LI-YATI MALAKOOTUK/ LI-TAKUN MA-SHEEATUK / KAMA FI SSAMA-EE KATHALIKA ALA L-ARD/ KHUBZANA L-JAWHARI AHTINA L-YOWM / WATRUK LANA MA ALYNA, KAMA NATRUKU NAHNU LIMAN LANA ALYH / WA LA TUDKHILNA FI TAJRIBAH / LAKIN NAJJINA MINASHIRR-EER.

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Tomorrow evening at the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Theophany His Grace Bishop +JOHN will bless David Galambos as a Sub-Deacon. David is a graduate of Hellenic College where he studied the theology and history of the Orthodox Church. He also finished three years of study at the Antiochian Archdiocese House of Studies, St. Stephen's program. **Sub-Deacon David** is the grandson of our late Arch-Deacon Ely Hamity. We congratulate Sub-Deacon David, his wife Lydia, daughters Sasha and Nadia and his parents Dan and Debbie.

†Trisagion Prayers of Mercy and the Coffee Hour are offered in beloved memory of Archdeacon Elias (5 years) and Mildred (3 yrs.) Hamaty by their family. MEMORY ETERNAL!

Altar Bread, Altar Candle and Prayers of Oblation are offered for the health of:
George and Widaa Khoury and family by Jane Khoury Adamo.
Nadim, Hala, Rawan, Victor and Rita Barakat and families and children by Rula Barakat.

Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Prayers of Oblation are offered for the good health of Joseph Mitri & family by Alisar Mitri.

†THE OFFERINGS†

Altar Bread is offered for the health of:
Ibrahim and Houda, Bacem & family, Antoune & family, Adib & family, Elie & family, Nadim & family by Ibrahim and Houda Lakkis.
Robert Haddad and family.
Hamid, Salam, Nicole, Nicolas and Jana Daaboul.
Ghassan, Rita, Aya Sophia and Ava Maria Moussa.
Bassam Moussa.

Altar Bread, Altar Candle and Prayers of Oblation are offered in beloved memory of:
Ibrahim Khoury by Jane Khoury Adamo.
Canaan, Miriam and Karimeh by Rula Barakat.

Altar Bread, Prayers of Oblation and Votive Candle (5 day) are offered in beloved memory of Joseph and Alexandra Maalouf and Andrea Maalouf by their children.

Altar Bread is offered in beloved memory of:
Archdn. Elias and Millie Hamaty by Deb and Dan Galambos & family.
Elias Mitri by Alisar Mitri.
Michel Audi by Widad Audi.
Hanna, Mariam, Karam and Rose by Yacoub Fadel & family.
Samira and Fawzi Wehbe by Bassem Wehbe & family.
Farid Audy by Salam Audy & family.
Ramez Metri.

Altar Wine is offered for the health of Marie Elena Nassif and her family.

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the good health of:
Michel Melhem by our Parish Family.
Subdn. Douglas Howdy by our Parish Family; by Frank and Elizabeth Votruba & family; by John & Pat Ayoub; by George Nehme and the St. George Ushers; by Marilyn Ganame; by Michael, Christina, Luke, Brendan and Angela; by Subdn. Jim and Valerie Irving & family; by Bob and Gladys Laham.
Jackie Shahood by the St. George Church Choir; by Marilyn Ganame.
Elizabeth Votruba by Theresa and Paul & family; by Marilyn Ganame.
Debbie, with love, by Greg.

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the good health of:

David and Lydia & family, Stephen and Shannon & family and Adam & Family by Deb and Dan Galambos.

Michael, Vera, Jabar and Oula and Joyce by Vera Sassine.

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the good health of: (cont'd)

Our family, Elias, Laurde, Omar, Emad, Zana, Michael, Salam, Noor and Hanna by Elias and Laurde Audy.

Labebe, Rania, Nedal, George and Raghida and their families by Labebe.

Adib Lakis & family.

Fredy, Rima, Nabil and Nancy Audy.

Anissa Metri, her children and families.

Prayers of Oblation are offered in beloved memory of:

Archpriest John Kuchta, father of Charissa Holwey, by our Parish Family.

Rose Saba by her family.

Youssef Amine Mansour by Elias Youssef Mansour & family.

Joseph, Georgette Maalouf and Rached J. Maalouf by their family.

Herbert M. and Lorraine K. (Deban) Laham and Jeffrey L. Laham by their family.

Sonia Daly Belcher by her family.

Nora Abdalah by Mollie Feeney.

Halim by Labebe.

Nicolas Daaboul.

Michael, Matilda and Mary Hamaty.

René and Nabil.

The Parish Family of St. George offers Prayers of Oblation in beloved memory of the following brethren: Rt. Rev. Elias S. Hamaty, Mildred Hamaty, Anne (Khoury) Peters, Rizkallah Samaha, Imsurra Peters, Richard and Helen Jabour, Marian Mayah, Najla Haddad, John M. Corey, Georgette Mayah, Houda F. Touma, Dora Saliby, Ida Eid Nackel, Helenne Hanna Issa Haidar, Sara Michael, Satenig Siman, George Deraney, Rafik Issa Azar, Theodore Corey, Louis G. Salem, Roger G. Maloof, Annie Maloof Lewis, Nasim Khoury, Edward G. Kanan, Sarah E. Abraham Joseph, Abraham Lewis, George Massad Ayoob, George S. Maloof, Michael Zahlaway and Antoinette LaMorte-Malki. MEMORY ETERNAL!

◆**Votive Candle (5 day)** is offered for the health of William M. and Maryanne Malone by their family.

◆**Votive Candle (5 day)** is offered in beloved memory of Archdn. Elias and Millie Hamaty, David Hamaty and Stephen Hamaty by Deb and Dan Galambos & family.

Let us remember in our prayers our hospitalized brethren, especially: Henri Ghantous (Beth Israel); Dennis Lagerblade (German Ctr., W. Roxbury); Mahassen Fares (Hellenic Nursing & Rehab, Canton); Michel Dagher (Armenian Nursing & Rehab). Let us also remember those who are ill and/or recuperating at home: George Fares, Jack Hanna, George Elias, Eleanor Corrado, and Christine Intraversato. If a member or your family is in the hospital or recuperating at home, please call the church and let us know as soon as possible.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 5th

COFFEE HOUR PREPARATION & CLEAN UP
January –PTO
February - Adult Fellowship

-SUN. BEFORE EPIPHANY
-Orthros - 8:50AM
-Divine Liturgy - 10AM
-✠Archdn. Elias Hamaty (5 yrs.) &
✠Mildred Hamaty (3 yrs.) & Coffee
Hour
-Alexander Werner Baptism - 12Noon

Monday, January 6th

Your 2020 Pledge
Commitment Form has
been mailed. You
should have it by now.
Please return it as soon
as possible.
Thank you!

-Diocesan Theophany
Celebration w/
Bishop JOHN here w/Blessing of
Water & Blessing of David
Galambos as Subdeacon
Matins - 5:30PM
Divine Liturgy - 7PM

Tuesday, January 7th

-AA Meeting - 7-8:30PM

Saturday, January 11th

2020 Orthodox Pocket Planners are
available at the Bookstore TODAY. There
will be a limited number of these
Planners available, so if you want one,
please stop by today.

-St. Theodosius the Great of
Palestine
-Diocese Meeting for Antiochian
Women @ St. Mary's, Cambridge
9AM

-Joy/Hope Event here 3-5PM
-GREAT VESPERS w/Trisagion
for the Departed -5PM

Sunday, January 12th

-SUN. AFT. THEOPHANY
-Martyr Tatiana of Rome
-Orthros - 8:50AM
-Divine Liturgy - 10AM

❖Our beautiful 2020 Ecclesiastical Church Calendars have arrived. Please feel free to take one for your home. Thank you to Dr. Fadi Metri for once again donating these beautiful calendars; iconography & design by Kh. Erin Kimmett.

❖FROZEN SFEEHA ON SALE TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR
\$9.00 A HALF DOZEN; \$18.00 A DOZEN.

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON"

For years, John the Baptist preached along the banks of the Jordan River, urging those who listened to repent. Although scores of people answered his plea by being baptized, the Church will forever focus upon the day when John was approached by *"the One Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry."* The **BAPTISM OF CHRIST** is celebrated by our Holy Church as the Feast Day of **THEOPHANY**. It is a day of great theological significance.

Theophany is not merely a historical account of our Saviour's Baptism, nor is it simply a commemoration of the beginning of Christ's public ministry. It is rather a wonderful manifestation of God's glory, of His love for mankind, and of His mercy and compassion, as expressed in the Divine Person of Jesus Christ. He became Incarnate in order to become a sacrifice of salvation for the sake of all humanity.

This Feast Day is also remembered for the manifestation of the Holy Trinity to the world for the first time. On Theophany, God the Father speaks to us from Heaven, God the Son is baptized in the waters of the Jordan and God the Holy Spirit appears to us in the form of a dove.

In the early Church, Theophany was a day reserved for the baptism of catechumens, unceasingly repeating the words of St. Paul: *As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.* It has also been a long-standing custom to bless water on this day. Faithful Orthodox Christians look forward to having their homes blessed and sanctified with holy water during this season.

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This Is A
No Smoking
Area

CHURCH GROUNDS DESIGNATED AS A 'NO SMOKING' AREA

As a result of a brush fire started by a discarded cigarette one Sunday afternoon, the parishioners assembled for the Annual Parish Meeting voted unanimously to designate the Church grounds [*the entire property including the court yard, the parking lot and our yard area*] as a 'NO



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SMOKING' zone. It should come as no surprise that the Church does not encourage or promote smoking. Because the theology of the Church recognizes the human body as the 'Temple of the Holy Spirit', she consistently opposes any behaviors that would deliberately jeopardize the health or wellbeing of the body. For nearly fifty years smoking has been recognized as a serious health risk linked to several serious illnesses including cancer. Appropriate signs are being prepared for posting around our property. Please help promote and encourage this decision of the parish.

KINDLY KEEP ALL CELL PHONES TURNED OFF WHILE IN CHURCH. THANK YOU.

His Grace Bishop JOHN
and the Diocese clergy invite
you to

The Great Feast of
THEOPHANY

JANUARY 6

MATINS 5:30 PM
DIVINE LITURGY 7 PM
with the
Blessing of the Water

ST. GEORGE CHURCH
55 EMMONSDALE RD
WEST ROXBURY, MA



LIVING WATER: A JOY/HOPE EVENT



“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” -(Jn. 7:38)

-Join us for an afternoon of fun activities and spiritual education as we learn more about the baptism and Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ, the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the Orthodox Church, and the traditions we keep to remember this great feast.

-Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 3:00-5:00PM

-Grades 1-3 (HOPE) and 4-6 (JOY)

-To RSVP, contact Angelo Niquila at stgeorgepastoralassistant@gmail.com. For your convenience, a registration table will be available this Sunday (Jan 5) at coffee hour.

Orthodox Christian Witness Program: Spiritual Pilgrimage

Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of Worcester and New England



Participants: Clergy, laity, chaplains, counselors, therapists, physicians, parents, and Christian educators.

Program Components: Participants can choose to complete only one unit, a few units, or the entire program.

Certificate of Completion is granted to participants completing the entire program.

Suggested Donation: Although there is a suggested **\$100 per each unit** (including materials and refreshments, except lunch/dinner), anyone can participate independent of any donation.

Additional Program Available: An Interdisciplinary Consultation group is available for qualified and interested clergy, chaplains and counseling professionals.

Purpose

This program and journey is an opportunity for anyone interested to learn, to reflect, and to be transformed through the Orthodox Christian Faith in preparation for various ministries.

Goals

This spiritual pilgrimage is an interdisciplinary approach to create a cadre of leaders in the church. It is aimed to empower and equip Orthodox Christians to nourish and share the faith in 21st century by:

- *Offering frameworks and models of encountering God.*
- *Offering frameworks and tools in order to enhance and facilitate inner spiritual growth.*
- *Using Orthodox Christian theology and contemporary perspectives to encounter God.*
- *Gaining insights and methods to witness and to share the faith.*
- *Enhancing leadership skills in order to contribute effectively in parish ministry and to the world at large.*

8 UNITS OVER 4 SEMESTERS (2 Units per Semester)

I. Round Table Units (10 Thursday evening discussions/Semester)

Offering frameworks and models of encountering God using four lenses:

- The Sacraments and the Liturgy (Sem. 1)
- Parables and the Scripture (Sem. 2)
- Relationships within the Body of Christ (Sem. 3)
- Courage to Live - The Fruits of the Spirits (Sem. 4)

II. Retreat Units (3 Saturdays/Semester):

Offering frameworks and tools in order to enhance and facilitate spiritual growth in the following areas:

- Growing in Christ - Healthy Attachments and Detachments (Sem. 1)
- Christian Hospitality - True Self and the Inner Kingdom (Sem. 2)
- Walking the Walk - Mentorship (Sem. 3)
- Free Will and Christian Choice (Sem. 4)

Program Interdisciplinary Leadership Team

Bishop John of Worcester and New England, D. Min. in Pastoral Care, Antiochian House of Study Instructor of Priestly Formation and Pastoral Care.

Archpriest Antony Hughes, M.Div., Pastor St. Mary Orthodox Church Cambridge MA, prison Chaplain, post graduate studies in Counseling and Pastoral Care, Internal Family System (IFS) Level 1.

Ioana Popa MD, BCC, Psychiatrist, Certified Internal Family System (IFS) Practitioner Level 1,2,3, Board Certified Life and Organizational Leadership Coach, Counselor Hellenic College Holy Cross, Brookline MA, pursuing a Master in Theological Studies.

Richard J. Robbat Ph.D. Curriculum & Instruction, Superintendent of Schools, Teacher, Antiochian Archdiocese Departments of Lay Ministry and Stewardship.

Sebastien Falardeau, MA, PhD candidate in Theology, Chaplain Franciscan Children's Hospital, Master in Theology, Master in Practical Theology (Spiritual Care), Internal Family System (IFS) Level 1.

Orthodox Christian Witness Program: Spiritual Pilgrimage SPRING 2020 SEMESTER

ROUND TABLE: "Courage to Live - Fruits of the Holy Spirit"

- **10 Thursday evening discussions - anyone can register**
- **Dates and Time:** Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm
 - o **Jan: 23, 30**
 - o **Feb: 6, 20, 27**
 - o **March: 12, 19, 26**
 - o **April: 2, 9, 23 (snow day alternative)**
- **Location:** Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of Worcester and New England Chancellery:
*2 Lydias Path
Westborough MA, 01581*

RETREATS: "Free Will and Christian Choice"

- **2 Saturday day-long retreats - anyone can register for one retreat or both**
- **Dates and Time:** Saturdays 9:00am-4:00pm
 - o **Feb 22**
 - o **March 21**
- **Location:** *Emmaus House
New Ipswich MA, 02139*

**For questions or to register please email at
IP.AlongtheJourney@gmail.com or call at 617-274-8336**



ORTHODOX SCOUTING AWARDS



CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting offers these awards to any Orthodox Christian boy or girl who is registered as a Cub Scout, Brownies, Girl Scout Junior, Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls, Camp Fire, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts USA.

All eligible Scouts from our Parish are encouraged to earn these awards which will be awarded by His Grace Bishop JOHN during St. George Weekend.

If you are a scout that is potentially interested, please contact Fr. Timothy, Angelo Niqula or Khalil Samara for more info.

SAINT GEORGE



ST. GEORGE AWARD
for Grades 1, 2, and 3

CHI-RO



CHI-RO AWARD
for Grades 4 and 5

ALPHA OMEGA



ALPHA OMEGA AWARD
for Grades 6-12

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