



ST. GEORGE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH
8 Lowell Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
Very Rev. Edward Hughes, Parish Priest
Church Office Phone: (978) 685-4052
www.StGeorgeLawrence.org

HOLY EUCHARIST (COMMUNION) is ADMINISTERED ONLY to MEMBERS of the ORTHODOX CHURCH who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and recent confession of sins.

“The means to confirm and strengthen Christian Hope are prayers, especially frequent and sincere prayer, confession of our sins, frequent reading of the Word of God, and above all, frequent communion of the holy life-giving sacraments of the Body and Blood of Christ.”

St. John of Kronstad

January 1, 2017

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST
ST. BASIL THE GREAT
THE SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

Tone - 4

Eothina – 7

THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in tone 4

When the women disciples learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the Angel, they cast away parental sin, and proudly told the message to the disciples, proclaiming that death hath been spoiled and Christ our God hath risen, granting to the world great mercy.

THE TROPARION FOR THE CIRCUMCISION in Tone 1

O Most compassionate Lord, while yet God after thine essence, thou didst take human likeness without transubstantiation; and having fulfilled the law thou didst accept willingly circumcision in the flesh, that thou mightest annul the shadowy signs and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to thy goodness, glory to thy compassion, glory to thine ineffable condescension, O word.

THE TROPARION OF SAINT BASIL in tone 1

In all the earth that received thy sayings, thy melody did resound, O righteous Father, through which thou didst go about and proclaim, as worthy of God, the nature of creatures, cultivating the character of mankind, O thou of kingly Priesthood, Basil. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

THE TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE in Tone 4

As Deliverer of captives, defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings; victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE CIRCUMCISION in Tone 3:

The Master of all endureth humiliation and is circumcised for the iniquities of mankind; for he is good, and granteth salvation to the world. And in the highest the High Priest of the Creator, clothed with light, the divine initiate of Christ, Basil, rejoiceth.

THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL: Lorraine Kalil, Gebran Touma, Elaine Kevgas, Raymond Aberizk

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES and SENIOR CARE FACILITIES: Wadad Hamuae, Hanna Nakkoul, Joanne Samra (Florida) Michel Chuairy, Henry Hyder, Edward Haddad,

THOSE ILL, IN PAIN, OR SHUT IN BY INFIRMITY: Amaline Bastaty, Clara Coutermarsh, Claudette Erban, Geraldine Deschênes, Fouad Hajjar, Vivian Runions, Nassif Hamaoui, Jeanette Hamaoui, Christine Hassan, Gabriel Josiah Hassan, Caleb Hassan, Jessica Savory, Albert Hayek, Toni Orefice, Kim Goodspeed, Angela Scherer, Carole Farrell, Donna Najem Avakoff, Stephen Kamal, Jacob Malinchak, Charles Timko, Jr., William Haddad, Lila Haddad, Stacia Mullens, Sandra Widdall, Joanne Gray, Cheryl Brown, Joseph Palin, Christopher Boshar, Shaker Hajjar (Ohio), Ramy Bassit, John Ayoub.

THOSE IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, FAR AWAY, OR OTHERWISE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Brandon Touma, Tom Girardi, Warren & Elizabeth, Warren & Catherine Ferris, Carl, Lauren, Caitlin, Aalin, Aidan Bellinger, Ann Balsamo, Alice Ziady and Carol Aberizk, Maria Morales, Miguel Angel Morales, Santo Thomas Morales, Santa Maria Morales, Anderson Miguel Morales.

FOR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH & GOD'S BLESSINGS: Charles Girardi, Gianna Gehringer, Libby Morley, George Touma & family; Gebran Touma & family; Jihad, Lynn, Janelle & Jacob Hajjar; Clara Coutermarsh.

Emil Aberizk passed away on December 27th. He was buried yesterday. Our prayers go with him as he continues his new life in the Lord. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

THE TRISAGION will be sung today as a forty day memorial for Velva Kraunelis. **MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

THE PARISH COUNCIL would like to remind our members that it is important to pay the special Archdiocese Assessment of \$100. Per pledging unit in addition to your pledge.

HOME BLESSINGS began in September, and usually continue throughout the year. Anyone who would like their home blessed at this time, please contact Fr. Edward.

SPONSORS are needed for Coffee Hour. Several families can join together. Very little is actually necessary – you don't have to serve a full luncheon. If no one has sponsored coffee hour, **please remember** to leave a donation to be used for next week's coffee hour.

THE PARISH WEBSITE is a good source for information on current parish news. The website is listed at the top of the bulletin each week.

HOLY BREAD is available for those who would like to offer it in memory, or for the good health of someone, on anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, &cet. Anytime you would like to offer Holy Bread, consider buying from the Church rather than from one of the bakeries. Please contact Mrs. Ramza Touma for details.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN ARABIC

Abána ládhi fees samawát liyáta qáddas ismuk. Liyáti malakoótook. Lítakoon masheé'atook, kamá fis samá'y kadhálik 'álal 'ard. Khúbzanal jówhary á'teenal yowm; wátrook lána ma aláina, kamá nátrooku náhnu leéman lána 'aláihy. Walá tudkhílna fy tájriba, lákin nájjeena meénash shareér.