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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

March 19, 2017

THE ADORATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

Tone -6

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THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in Tone 6

Angelic powers did stand above Thy tomb, and they that guarded were as dead, And Mary stood at Thy grave searching for Thy precious body. Thou didst conquer Hades, and was not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst bestow life. O Thou that art Risen from the dead, O Lord glory to Thee.

THE TROPARION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, and to Thy faithful kings, grant victory over the barbarians. And by the power of Thy Cross, protect all those who follow Thee.

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.

THE KONTAKION of the Annunciation in Tone 8:

To thee, our captain Queen of war, the battle trophies won, Thy people rescued by thine aid from peril, dedicate as our offering of thanksgiving O Theotokos, as thou hast might which

none by war can overcome from all forms of danger hast thou delivered me, that I may cry unto thee, Hail, O Virgin unwedded bride.

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

THOSE ILL, IN PAIN, OR SHUT IN BY INFIRMITY: 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, and 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 Bellingier, 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.

SUNDAY: VESPERS will be celebrated at 6:00 PM at St George Antiochian Church in Lowell

MONDAY: GREAT COMPLINE will be celebrated by the Deanery clergy at St. George parish in Lowell at 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY Parish Council meeting 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY will be celebrated at 6:00 PM followed by a covered dish supper in the hall.

FRIDAY: GREAT VESPERS for the Great Feast of the Annunciation with the 4th Stasis of the Akathist Hymn at 7:00 PM

SATURDAY: DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated at 9:00 AM for the Annunciation., **VESPERS** will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 PM.

THE FAST OF GREAT LENT began on Feb. 27th and lasts until Pascha on April 16th. We Orthodox are abstaining from meat, milk, dairy products, eggs, fish, olive oil and alcohol. (Olive oil and alcohol are allowed on weekends) (Fish is allowed as well on Annunciation, March 25.) May God strengthen and preserve us to complete the Fast in peace.

CREDIT CARDS are now accepted at St. George. If you prefer, we are able to accept all major credit cards in lieu of cash. However, if you prefer not, cash will always be gratefully accepted as well.

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 the 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.