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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*

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE FAST**  
**OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT**

Tone 8

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**THE TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION in Tone 8**

Thou didst come down from the Heights, O Compassionate One, That we might be delivered from suffering, Thou didst submit to be placed in the tomb for three days. Thou art our life, and our Resurrection, O Lord, Glory to Thee.

**THE TROPARION TO ST. MARY OF EGYPT in Tone 8**

Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O Mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and followed Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the Angels.

**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 Theotokos in tone 2**

O, undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, Although we be sinners, Come to us with aid in

time who cry unto Thee in Faith, for Thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos Who dost ever intercede for those who honor Thee.

**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 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; Naime Touma & family; Jihad, Lynn, Janelle & Jacob Hajjar; Clara Coutermarsh.

**MEMORIAL TRISAGION** will be offered today as a 40 day memorial for Gebran Touma by his family. Holy Bread is also offered in memory of Gebran. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

**SUNDAY: VESPERS** will be celebrated at 6:00 PM at Assumption Greek Church, Dracut

**MONDAY: GREAT COMPLINE** will be celebrated by the Deanery clergy at St. George Cathedral in Worcester at 6:30 PM.

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

**FRIDAY: PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY** will be celebrated at 9:00 AM

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

**THE FAST OF GREAT LENT** began on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and lasts until Pascha on April 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.